

WARGRAVE & DISTRICT SNOOKER CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 13th October 2020 at 9pm (by video/phone conference)

Present:	Darren Cabbage (DC)	Chairman
	Dom Matthews (DM)	Treasurer
	Steve Wallace (SW)	Secretary
	Graeme Blythe (GB)	Committee
	Glene Sandom (GS)	Committee
	Dustin Handcock (DH)	Committee
Apologies:	Steve Barton (SB)	Committee

The meeting was again hosted by Dom as a video conference.

1. Previous Minutes (8 Sept)

No corrections had been received by the secretary and the meeting approved these. Actions updates are included in their appropriate sections.

2. Financial Update

Over the previous two months, our operating profit for August was £532 and for Sept £511. We had to close for almost a week during September, owing to the fire detection system problem.

Dom has finalised the accounts for financial year ending 31 May 2020, to be forwarded to Richard Arnold for approval. Carried forward.

Action: DM

Discussions with Trustees

Dom approached the Trustees and requested a rent reduction, which they have graciously agreed. We have thanked them for their understanding and support. This will result in reduced payments for the next two quarters. The treasurer's current prediction is that we can survive to the end of this financial year, providing there are no further lockdowns.

Insurance

We now have a copy of this year's liability insurance certificate on display in the club.

3. Facilities

Bruce Glasby has swapped the light meters on middle and far tables. This has avoided the need to replace the faulty meter for a while. Steve has forwarded Bruce's invoice to Dom.

Sanitiser cartridges still awaited. Graeme still monitoring.

Action: GB

Graeme is periodically removing personal details from the sign-in (track-and-trace) book for entries more than 21 days old.

Table light bulbs.

The light bulbs on the tables are of different types, reflecting the fact that we have sourced different bulbs over the last few years. As a short-term fix, Steve W has moved bulbs around so that the bulbs on each table are at least the same. Steve will source some newer LED light bulbs of equivalent power to the old ones and we will put these on one table to see if it makes a difference.

Action: SW

Roll-up games.

We have had a couple of members suggest that members should be allowed to turn up un-booked, to allow a more spontaneous approach. Since the bar tables are seldom booked anyway, it was decided to remove these from the booking system and allow members to roll up un-booked, provided we are not full (10 people being the limit). Dom will adjust the booking system and Steve W will word a suitable email.

Action: DM/SW

4. Memberships

We now have 60 paid-up members. The committee continue to work on encouraging those who have lapsed to renew.

Some of the contact details are insufficient, as we haven't had paper forms. We have started to add the missing details. Since 25th Sept, we have added a column for contact information to the form used to record who has paid a membership at the bar.

Glene has a list of members from last year who have not yet renewed. He will send to the committee to see if we know why they haven't renewed.

Action: GS

5. Bar Matters

Dom has restocked with bottles and Steve Barton continues to keep us well stocked with Rebellion, which is proving to be both popular and easier to use. It also gives us higher margins. He has also managed to get us set up with a trade account, which is more convenient and gives us a discount.

The new rota is due soon.

Action: GB

6. Competitions

Glene will organise a Friday or weekend to finish the singles and Wellavize competitions. Glene will organise trophies when required.

Action: GS

We might look to have a snooker ladder in place of the regular competitions.

7. Events

Social events are obviously held in abeyance. The items that will need to be discussed when there are fewer restrictions in place include the following, which are noted only so we won't forget to discuss them when the time comes:

- an evening donated to the auction of promises (for Simon Holburn)
- a commitment to host the CAMRA crowd on a Thursday evening
- an outing to a snooker event

We have indicated our willingness to support the Village Festival. Of course, we don't yet know what will be allowed, but we intend to participate in some fashion if this is permitted.

8. Web Site

The action to contact Jerry Barnwell is carried forward.

Action: DC

9. AOB

Wargrave News

The article for the Wargrave News was submitted in time for the September issue and was well received. We hope that this may generate some interest from potential new members.

AGM plans

Whilst there are some practical challenges, the committee agreed that it should be possible to organise a mechanism whereby people can volunteer for committee and give the membership the chance to elect committee and officers. Dom knows how to set this up and will knock up a prototype.

Action: DM

10. Next Meeting

This will again be hosted by Dom at 9pm on Monday 23rd November.

Steve Wallace, Club Secretary