

# WARGRAVE & DISTRICT SNOOKER CLUB

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 8pm

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

Dom was able to join later and had helpfully sent an update on finances prior to the meeting. We also discussed (by group chat afterwards) a couple of items related to the email on re-opening, which have been included in these minutes.

### 1. Previous Minutes (26 April 2021)

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

### 2. Financial Update

As previously indicated, Wokingham have determined that we are liable for a restart grant. This is for £8000 and has now been paid into our account. This means that we are in profit for the year.

This has underpinned the committee's decision to renew existing members at no cost for the coming year. It was decided also to reduce the table cost back to £2 per hour session (equivalent to the pre-pandemic pricing of £1 per half hour token).

There was some discussion of whether we should replace the boiler, but this has pros and cons. The newer ones are not as long-lived, and we may be forced to move away from gas at some point, so this was again deferred. There are, however, some other items of expenditure that were deferred last year (e.g., cloth renewal) and these are covered under Facilities below.

### 3. Facilities (and Re-opening)

PPE. Graeme confirmed that we are well stocked, with all sanitising points refilled and plenty of towels, masks, wipes, etc.

Skylight. We took the opportunity to inspect the new skylight glass (double-glazed) and flashing. Martin Macro has indicated a likely date of early June (2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>) for the final piece of work. Steve W. continues to liaise with him and will confirm nearer the time.

**Action: SW**

Ladies' Toilet. Graeme has taken some details of the heater in the men's toilet and will source an equivalent one for the ladies' loo.

**Action: GB**

Light meters. Steve W. to confirm the order for the meters. We need to ensure token compatibility. The tokens we use are L2. He will also discuss with the manufacturer the specification, especially given our adoption of low-energy bulbs. Steve will confirm costs by email.

**Action: SW**

Cloth Refurb. The next table to be done is the far table (near the toilets) and Steve W. will arrange this. New cushions are not needed yet.

**Action: SW**

Re-opening. In preparation for reopening, the following have been done:

- The deep clean was performed on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Additionally, the cleaners have restarted their regular weekly clean.
- The “dry run” took place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and all is working.
- Thanks to Darren, we now have plenty of blue bags.
- The booking system has been updated to indicate that doubles are permitted. (This follows updated guidance from WPBSA).
- Bar stocks have been replenished and barrels ordered. Thanks to Kieran Cabbage for being available to let West Berks into the club.

Glene will send an email to members indicating that we are re-opening from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, also mentioning that doubles are permitted and that we are now selling alcohol. The restriction around the “rule of 6” applies.

#### **4. Memberships**

Glene's email offering a free renewal in the year 2021-22 has been well received, judging by comments received.

#### **5. Bar Matters**

Considerable progress has been made on disposing of the out-of-stock items.

Following Graeme's issuing of the new bar rota, a couple of barmen have become unavailable. Chris Satchwill has indicated that he is stepping down at the end of the current rota and is heartily thanked by the committee for helping the club with these duties for many years.

In addition, David Browne is unfortunately unwell at present, and has asked to be removed from the rota for the time being, although he hopes to return when better.

Please can the committee think of others who might be interested in taking up bar duties, as we could use a couple more on board.

**Action: ALL**

## **6. Competitions**

One of the singles matches (Sandom v McGovern) has now been played. The other remaining players have indicated willingness to play when allowed. We still intend to complete the singles comp. Glene has taken away the old competition charts and will print sign-up sheets before next meeting.

**Action: GS**

## **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 will not 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 indicated our willingness to support the Village Festival, which in fact has been postponed by a year, to be held in 2022.

All the above carried forward.

## **8. Web Site**

Daz will ask Jerry Barnwell to remove the notice indicating that we are closed.

**Action: DC**

## **9. AOB**

### Wargrave News

It was agreed that the best time to put in an article would be just after we have re-opened (maybe June issue) to promote awareness that we are open, and maybe encourage new members.

**Action: DH**

### AGM plans

The view is that we should probably wait until we can hold a physical meeting and roll the previous AGM and current one into one meeting, since that would make more sense. This was mentioned in the last email to go out to members.

### Booking System

Dustin suggested that we might want to keep the booking system in place after we return to “normal”. We will review this when we know what the rules are.

### Cricket Club

Daz received an approach from Andy Meader on behalf of the Cricket Club, who are looking to hold an event on 11 July, that would involve participation from multiple clubs in the village. We are in principle keen to support this and await further details. C/F.

Coaching. Dustin has made progress in identifying a qualified coach to run some sessions for us. The costs look like working out at around £10 per person for 2 hours (in a group session). We may well offer a subsidy from Club funds. These will initially be targeted at youngsters but could be extended to include adults. He would like to meet with us on 25<sup>th</sup> May, time TBD, to discuss costs and format, etc. Dustin will coordinate this.

**Action: DH**

Pool Table. The idea of a pool table was mooted. This could be a good way of attracting more youth to the club but could also generate more noise. We agreed to ask opinion at the AGM before going further with this idea.

### **10. Next Meeting**

We will hold the next meeting at 8pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June at the Club. Steve W. will be accessing remotely.

Steve Wallace, Club Secretary