

WARGRAVE & DISTRICT SNOOKER CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14th September at 8pm

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

1. Previous Minutes (12 July 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

Year Ending May 2021. Dom has corrected a couple of minor inaccuracies in the draft accounts, which didn't make a material difference.

The final accounts will be passed to Richard Arnold for approval. Hopefully he will be able to approve them in time for the AGM.

Action: DM

Year Ending May 2022. For the current year, there was a loss for the quarter of £2,300. It needs to be understood, however, that the insurance costs that have been paid are for the full year and won't appear in subsequent quarters. Adjusting for this, we are more like £800 down. In addition, summer is usually a quiet period. In summary, the committee is not unduly concerned at this point.

Dom asked that barmen should please sell tokens rather than use the meter key to keep the lights on.

3. Facilities

Light meters. No problems have been reported. Graeme will dispose of the old kit responsibly.

Action: GB

Ladies' Toilet. The new heater has been made functional by Henley Heating & Plumbing, who identified that a safety tag needed to be removed.

Television Reception. This has been poor. The existing booster was out of warranty. Darren arranged for Paul Parnell to inspect the TV and he fitted a strengthened booster, which appears to have fixed the issue.

Television Upgrade? Our present TV is HD, but we would need to upgrade to HD Freeview. Boxes for this start at £35. If we spend a bit more (probably in the region of £120) we can get a box that will

allow us to pause, record and access on-line content. We agreed to buy the better box and Dustin will source this for us.

Action: DH

Relaxation of restrictions.

The latest proposal is to have two tables bookable on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. On the other two nights, Thursdays and Fridays, there will be only roll-ups. Changes will be made to the booking system.

Action: DM

This needs to be advertised to members.

Action: SW/GS

Darren has noticed that water is accumulating in the cellar. He is monitoring to establish the source of the water, at which point we can decide the appropriate action.

Action: DC

4. Memberships

Membership is now at a healthy 93. Everything in our database has been updated, except for Matthew Hunt, for whom we are missing details. Steve knows him and will ask him to provide contact details.

Action: SW

5. Bar Matters

Guinness. After many phone calls, this is now installed and working. Darren took the lead on this one and he has also provided some instructions for barmen.

Darren has another local beer supplier lined up (Loose Cannon). We will be taking some to try.

6. Competitions

Last year's Comps. All finals have been played. Congratulations to the winners, who are: (Singles) Dustin Handcock; (Doubles) Jerry Barnwell and Jarno Seegers; and (Wellavize) Glene Sandom. Berkshire Trophies can hopefully get the trophies done in time for the AGM.

This year's comps. We have about 20 signed up for the singles and 11 for the doubles. Glene will send an email trying to drum up some more business.

Action: GS

7. Events

Social events can now be resumed.

CAMRA social. We have been approached by Brian Jones to host a CAMRA social, which will be on 2nd November. Darren will be their contact and barman on the night.

Village Festival 2022. We have confirmed our willingness to support the Village Festival, to be held in 2022. We agreed on £10 ticket price, to include a free pint, and will donate to the festival our bar profits. We need to create an appropriate description of the event, to counter-act the "spit and sawdust" image. Steve (W) and Dustin will create this.

Action: SW/DH

We still owe an evening donated to the auction of promises (for Simon Holburn). Dom will speak to him to see if he wants to hold this, given that restrictions have eased.

Action: DM

Laurie Cabbage wants to use the premises to hold a party evening, with her parents manning the bar. Darren will pay £25 towards lights.

8. Web Site

At our request, Jerry's team have implemented a new page under the "About" heading, to be used for policies and other documents, leaving the existing "minutes" page for the committee meeting minutes.

9. AOB

AGM plans

The view is that we can now hold a physical meeting and roll the previous AGM and current one into one meeting. We have decided to aim for 9 November. The sign-up sheet for officers and committee has been posted.

Steve will draft some notes on what is required for the AGM.

Action: SW

Coaching.

The procedures have been completed and uploaded to the new section of our web site.

An issue has arisen regarding insurance. The coach needs to have third party liability insurance. This has now been arranged and Dustin will forward the info to Steve W.

Action: DM

Note that, should juniors wish to join as individual members, the present minimum age (stipulated by our constitution) is 14 years old.

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. C/F.

Communications. We need an article on the web site and the Wargrave News, etc. Dustin and Darren will handle this.

Action: DH/DC

10. Next Meeting

This will be at 8pm on Tuesday 19th October.

Steve Wallace, Club Secretary