

WARGRAVE & DISTRICT SNOOKER CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Weds 26th January 2022 at 8pm

Present:	Darren Cabbage (DC)	Chairman
	Dom Matthews (DM1)	Treasurer
	Steve Wallace (SW)	Secretary
	Graeme Blythe (GB)	Committee
	Glene Sandom (GS)	Committee
	Steve Barton (SB)	Committee
	Danny Malone (DM2)	Committee
Apologies:	Dustin Handcock (DH)	Committee

Danny was warmly welcomed to his first committee meeting.

1. Previous Minutes (14 Sept. 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

The AGM was held (finally) in November and the audited accounts for the financial years ending May 2020 and May 2021 were passed unanimously.

Dom reviewed the half-year figures. We are presently down about £4000. Some of this was due to waiving renewal fees, and some to declining bar margins, which in turn was partly due to price increases and partly due to wastage. We also have an extra cost (POS infrastructure). It was agreed to wait for full-year figures before deciding whether any pricing actions are required.

Crisps and chocolate are now 75p, as these were previously loss-making.

3. Facilities

Light meters. One of the new meters (nearest to the bar) has been misbehaving. Coins are getting stuck before reaching the container. Dom knows how to “fix” the runner. However, we are having repeated issues. It will still be under warranty. Steve W. will speak to the supplier (SP Wales) to see what they advise next. Dom can take pictures of the inside of the box if required.

Action: SW

We need to dispose of the old equipment responsibly. C/F.

Action: GB

Television Upgrade? Our present TV is HD, but we would need to upgrade to HD Freeview. Boxes for this start at £35. The more expensive option will cost us about £170 (revised figure from Dustin). We agreed to buy the better box at the higher price and Dustin will source this for us.

Action: DH

Darren noticed water accumulating in the cellar. Since cleaning it thoroughly, however, there has been no sign of any further leakage.

Contract Cleaning. There does not seem to be much difference in the club after it has been cleaned. We wonder whether it is really being done thoroughly. We have never given them a specification, so Steve W will ask them to specify exactly what they are doing.

Action: SW

Security of Club. A member reported finding their cue case opened and the cue in parts scattered about the club. It may be worth reminding members that only the cues along the left-hand wall are for general use. An email reminder will be sent.

Action: DM

Electrical Problem. The fuse box RCD sometimes trips because of a current leak. It happens when the heating comes on, but this does not necessarily mean a faulty boiler. Bruce Glasby has done PAT testing and other investigations and cannot find a problem. Nor could we reproduce the issue for Henley Heating & Plumbing. The next step is to ask Bruce to put the heating on a separate circuit.

Action: SW

Hostel Trustees. Our new contact (replacing Peter Mayes) is Christine Walker, who has provided email and phone numbers, which will be sent to committee and put behind the bar.

Action: SW

Boiler Quote. HH&P are going to give us a quote for a new boiler. They visited last Friday, and we hope to receive the quote this week. Danny and Glene provided names of two other suppliers, which Steve will contact, namely Peter Hanks and Berkshire Gas.

Action: SW

4. Memberships

Membership is now running at 110. Dom has done sterling work on memberships, whilst Glene has been very busy. Danny has agreed to take over the membership duties. We thank Glene for his efforts to drive up the membership to a decent level. Dom and Glene will do a handover to Danny.

Action: DM1, GS, DM2

5. Bar Matters

Rota is working fine. Bar stocking is OK. Barmen need reminding to clean drip trays please. Rebellion kegs will continue.

6. Competitions

This year's comps. These are slightly behind, but Glene is chasing people up. The Wellavize draw has now been done and posted. The finals dates have been pushed out to avoid a crush in March.

Action: GS

7. Events

CAMRA social. This was held and was very successful.

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 provided an appropriate description of the event, to counter-act the “spit and sawdust” image. We await further information regarding the ticket day, expected 2nd April.

Action: DH/SW

Simon Holburn Event. Simon bought the use of the club at auction of promises. This has been scheduled for 12th February. Bar coverage will be Dave Browne, assisted by Steve B. Graeme will provide access earlier in the day. Simon is aware that no food can be taken into the snooker hall.

Action: GB

Guinness 6 Nations.

Given our status as Wargrave’s premiere Guinness serving venue, we are well placed to open for this event. Steve W. will request bar volunteers.

Action: SW

8. Web Site

Nothing new to report.

9. AOB

AGM. This was held and well attended by previous standards.

Coaching. Andy Meader has asked us to facilitate snooker coaching to meet the “skills” requirement for D of E participants. This can be done on certain Saturdays. Darren is leading this activity and will solicit help from Glene and Dustin.

Action: DC

Communications. We need another article on the web site and the Wargrave News, etc. Dustin and Darren will handle this. C/F.

Action: DH/DC

Ladies’ Nights. In response to enquiries from some ladies, as to which night would be best, we are going to suggest they consider Mondays or Wednesdays, as these are quieter nights.

Fire Regulations. Graeme will remind barmen of the procedures for fire safety. In particular, they need to open the fire door to the corridor and be aware of the procedures in case of fire.

10. Next Meeting

This will be at 8pm on Weds 30th March.

Steve Wallace, Club Secretary