

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE RICHMOND PLACE CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 2nd JULY 2008.

PRESENT: Hon. Officers and Committee Members.
Members of 61 teams signed the register.

Prior to opening the meeting Mr Brian Thomas – Busbars, winners of the Charity Cup presented a cheque for £3250 to Mrs Wendy Holton who represented the Skittle League's nominated Charity – Echo.

The Chairman then welcomed all present and opened the meeting at 7.35pm.

ROLL CALL: 10 teams – Antelopers, G.W.R.S.A. "A", Military G.P.O, Pyoneers, St Austell, Team Herdy, The Romans, Vaga, Westend and Woodpeckers failed to be represented.

It was proposed and seconded that they be fined as per Rule 20. This was carried.

APPOINTMENT OF SCUTINEERS:

Mr J. Cresswell, (Wellies) and Mr M. Davies (Busbars) were proposed and seconded

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of Monday 4th July 2007 were agreed. It was proposed by Mr M. Oliver (Evans S.C.) and seconded by Mr S. Bishop (Richmond H.U.S.C.) that the minutes be signed as a true record. This motion was carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS AND AUDITORS REPORT:

Mr. A. Marchant outlined the contents of the accounts for the year 2007/2008. He reported that the Auditors had suggested that although the Skittle league were on a fairly sound footing it may be necessary to obtain further income next season in light of increased expenditure.

It was then proposed by Mr M. Wallace (M & B SAGS) and seconded by Mr S. Haggett (Wellies) that the report be accepted. This was carried unanimously.

CONSTITUTION OF THE LEAGUE FOR SEASON 2005/2006

Mr. S. Bedford reported that 72 teams had applied to join the league. From last season, Military "B" had not re-applied, a team from the Lads Club – "Lads Club Leg Ends" have applied to join the league, they were unanimously accepted to join the league.

The Secretary indicated that the format of the league would remain the same as the previous season, with 16 teams in Division One and 14 teams in the other four Divisions

The above constitution was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

1. President: Mr G Ayers had completed his 3 years as President and was thanked for his contribution to this role.

Mr D Prosser who had served on the Executive Committee for many years was nominated by Mr J. Cresswell (Wellies) and seconded by Mr F Jones (Richmond Lions) to become the new President for the next three years. On a show of hands this nomination was carried unanimously.

2. Vice Presidents: As Mr S Bedford was relinquishing his role as Secretary it was proposed that he be enrolled as a Vice President, this was carried unanimously.

3. Secretary: Mr. J Martin was proposed by Mr M Wallace (M & B SAGS) and seconded by Mr S Bishop (Richmond H.U.S.C.) to become the new Secretary. The motion was carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer: Mr A. Marchant was proposed by Mr J Cresswell (Wellies) and seconded by Mr S Bailey (Oakapples) to continue as Treasurer.

5. Assistant Secretary: Mr R. F. Jones was proposed by Mr T Wheatstone (Brewers Creeps) and seconded by Mr M Oliver (Evans SC) to continue as Assistant Secretary.

The final two proposals were carried unanimously.

It was unanimously agreed to remain with Phillips & Co as our Auditors.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Although Mr M Davies (Busbars) had joined halfway through the previous season, he, along with Mr B Thomas (Busbars) wished to formalise their joining of the Executive Committee.

The Secretary reminded the meeting that the Committee would welcome further members to join the Executive Committee.

NOMINATION OF CHARITY 2008/2009

The Secretary informed the meeting that he had one outstanding charity nomination carried over from the previous season. This charity was The Little Princess Charity which undertook the making of "Hair Pieces" for young cancer sufferers. As there were no further nominations from the floor the Secretary proposed that the Little Princess Charity become the nominated charity for the forthcoming season. This motion was seconded by Mr A Marchant (Richmond Northend). A vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Secretary thanked those present for their generous donations for last years charity and hoped that the sum of over £3000 could be achieved again.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1 (a) That the registration fee per team remains at £30.00.
This was carried unanimously.

1 (b) That the signing on fee per player be increased to £2.50.

This was carried unanimously.

1 (c) That the registration fee per team for the Summer Cup remain at £5.00.

The motion was carried

1 (d) That the signing on fee per player for the Summer Cup remains £1.00 per player

The motion was carried.

1 (e) That the singles/pairs entrance fees be increased from 25p to 50p per player.

This was carried unanimously.

2. The Committee had suggested that the relegation and promotion of teams be cut from 4 to three. The Secretary explained that this proposal was put forward as only three cups are presented to each division, (winners, runners up and third place) and as the lower divisions only had 14 teams a change of over half the division members was thought to be fairly excessive. Mr S Bishop suggested that the relegation and promotion remain unaltered. This amendment was voted on and was carried unanimously. Therefore there will be no alteration.

3. Motion submitted by Lads club Loyals that in addition to a fine of £30.00 for not fulfilling a fixture a further penalty of one point deduction is made. (This will apply to rule 15). Although the general feeling was for the extra penalty to be administered, (Lads Club had experienced one match being called off twice at the last minute), it was felt that the club involved would have the right to appeal against the extra penalty. As long as this was made clear then there were no other objections and the motion was passed.

There being no other business the President closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Mr D Prosser (President)