

Cardiff Conservative Snooker League AGM 2023

Minutes (5th July 2023)

Committee Members: RH, KB, KRB.

All 2022-2023 teams were represented by captains or their representatives.

1. Minutes from the previous meeting were confirmed and accepted.
2. RH delivered the Finance report. There had been a £311 balance carried over from last year. That balance now stands at £266.17, so there has been a £50 expense this year in terms of prize money in competitions related to incomings. There may be an adjustment in future prize monies related to this figure. John Hicks recommended a £5 increase in the entry fee for teams for the League. This topic was pushed back to be addressed under A.O.B. Also subject to Proposals, there could be a new tournament in the coming season that might impact on finances through prize money.
3. Committee Officials: The current members of the committee were retired, but no requests to join or nominations were received, so re-election of officers followed for another year.
4. Additional Responsibility Payments: there were no recommended changes to committee payments. Regarding league fees, JH advised an increase by £5 (see later). There would be no change for tournament entries. KRB queried whether more entries would come from a flat rate of £10 to enter any and all tournaments, but the meeting preferred the current system.
5. Teams for the new season were confirmed by all representatives – the previous sides have all declared a willingness to participate in 2023-2024. No new teams are currently known to be planning to enter.
6. Wednesday August 16th is the scheduled meeting to register team players, pay fees, to allow calculation of handicaps. Competition entries are NOT expected until late in September at this point. The plan is to begin the 2023-2024 season on September 4th.

Proposals:

1. Cathays Cons is to close imminently. The intention to remain local to that venue was outlined by John Hicks. The meeting voted to permit transition of home venue for the former Cathays Cons side to Mackintosh Sports & Social Club.
2. Regarding a point for winning matches, in addition to frames won, in league play, the vote was rejected by 2 votes to 8 against. The later parts of proposal 2 saw RH outline which players would be affected. By a vote of 9 in favour, the vote was passed that, for each season when a player enters the tournaments, and does not

win two of those events, 7 points should be returned to that player for the subsequent season's tournaments. Part 2c of the proposal was disappplied as a mechanism for reducing the handicap now exists.

3. Ben Griffiths outlined his request for a Scotch Doubles competition alongside existing tournaments. It was established this would be a handicapped event. RH expressed some concern over numbers of entries, and the meeting discussed communication on shots, which will need to be worded by the committee before play begins. The vote in favour of running this tournament was carried by 9 votes in favour, provided that at least 12 pairs apply to enter.
4. The proposal to increase semi finals of tournaments to best-of-five format, and finals to best-of-seven format was amended to 5 and 5, and that amended version of the proposal was passed for all events – query regarding the doubles event on this? The vote for part b of proposal 4 (doubles partnerships to come from only the same team) was rejected and the status quo remains. Players are free to form pairs outside of clubs if the choose to.
5. The proposal of an amended handicap review structure by Fraser Ingram was rejected in favour of the existing system by 2 votes to 6 against.
6. Adrian Poynter's alternative to committee discretion in terms of exceptional circumstances for reducing or increasing a handicap was passed by 8 votes to 1, and the values will now be drawn at 10% clear of the current top and bottom figures. Proposal 6B was to amend the format of the Ricky Fenton Christmas Cracker, and the meeting voted 2 against, 6 in favour, to shift the format to 2 doubles matches and one singles, but still retaining the aggregate score method of judging the winning side.

Any Other Business:

1. There were concerns raised that teams would be free to join from any club if the precedent of a new venue is set for the league by the former Cathays Cons side. Taff's Well is already an example of a club where the home venue is not a Cons club. KRB suggested that there is a condition this can only be accepted if there has been prior member of the league and from a Cons club. John Hicks requested that this might be subject to a unanimous vote from team captains, but ultimately the meeting voted with 9 in favour of potentially allowing teams to enter from a non-Cons club venue if they originated and previously played from a Cons club location, and a majority vote by captains during the AGM.

RH closed the meeting.