

Cardiff Conservative League AGM 2025

1st July, at County Conservative Club

Committee Members: Robert Hayes, Keith Burgess, Kevin Brown.

Absent teams: Docks Cons, Fairwater Cons.

KRB recapped the minutes of the 2024 meeting.

KB declared intention to confirm whether VH intended to continue his valued sponsorship of the Cons League.

RH explained the costs involved in 4-5 years of web hosting, as agreed with Cardiff & District Snooker League.

Committee officials announced their resignations from elected office, as per procedure, but all were willing to continue in role. Geoff Shepherd and Neil Ash proposed / seconded re-election of KRB. Lee Cornock and Geoff Shepherd proposed and seconded the re-election of KB, and Geoff Shepherd and Dave Standage proposed and seconded the re-election of RH. All were passed on the nod.

Teams were asked to declare their intention to enter next year's league. Confirmation was received from Elites, Caerphilly, Taff's Well, Roath, Chieftains, Park (as Fairwater Oddballs), Dragons, Blakes, and Taff's Well Barons. Uncertainty over Docks and Fairwater Falcons.

Eassa Din has submitted an application for a new team. There was a concern raised that this would not be a team playing from a Conservative club, as league rules require. Park was announced as a new venue for this side to use. Name was to follow, but a welcome was extended to the new team.

A reminder was issued by KB that players need to be members of the club out of which they are playing, as well as members of the League.

RH reminded teams that cancellation of league fixtures is not permitted. There was a request to clarify how to proceed when there is a player shortage ahead of a fixture. RH confirmed that the away side, if not a full side, can put their players into any of the five fixtures, so can choose their opposition even if lacking players.

There was a debate over which date to take as the starting point of the 2025-2026 league. Captains expressed a preference for September 8th. Registrations will be taken on Wednesday 20th August at County Conservative Club, and competition entries will be taken one month after the League begins.

RH reminded the members that Rule 5.7 reads that there is a financial penalty for a team not fulfilling a fixture, but this is not currently enforced, and not enforceable in the eyes of the committee. It was agreed to remove the phrase 'financial penalty' from the rule. Two options for an alternative sanction were proposed, and by 6 votes to 3, a preference was voted for players being barred the following season from individual and paired competition entry, rather than a suggestion of a higher entry fee for the following season's League.

Vince Haines' continued sponsorship of the league was confirmed by KB.

AOB was requested. Geoff Shepherd queried the continuation of the scotch doubles tournament, which will continue subject to sufficient entries being made.

Meeting concluded.