**MELKSHAM AND DISTRICT SKITTLE LEAGUE**

MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD AT SPENCERS SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB ON 10TH JULY 2018 AT 7:30 FOR THE SEASON 2017/2018

**WELCOME:**

 The meeting was opened by our president Mr J Self. The president thanked all those in attendance and congratulated the committee for another successful year.

**APOLOGIES:**

 LADIES: Holt Ladies, The Comrades and Cons A.

 MENS: Cons D,Staverton B and Holt Slick 50’s.

**PRESENT:**

 LADIES: Anova Ladies, Armstrongs Angels, Awdrys Angels, The Better halves, Breakaways, Bottoms Up, Broughton Sports, The Chasers, Cons C, Cons D, The Flying Chicks, The Georgians, Lacock Ladies, Liberal C, Liberal Castaways, Liberal Ladies, Liberal Quackers, Nomads, The Royals, SAL Ladies, Semington A, Spencers Ladies, Tipsy Skittlers, The Unpredictables and West Ashton.

 MENS: Avon D, The Bees, Cons A, Cons B, Cons C, The Comrades, The Drifters, Forest Rangers, Good, Bad & Ugly, Lacock, Legion E, Melksham Casuals, Melksham Rovers, MUDS, The Saracens, Seend B, Semington A, Semington B and Spencers A.

 As passed at a previous AGM non attendance or submission of apologies would incur a £5 fine these will be issued with the final accounts at the end of the 2018/19 season:

 LADIES: Hilperton A and Semington B

MENS: The Animals, Avon A,Cavaliers, The Pilot, Seend A, SeendC, Spencer’s B, Staverton A and SteepleAshton.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 2016/2017:**

 The minutes of the AGM held at Spencer’s Sports and Social Club on the 11th July 2017had been circulated to all the captains with the June newsletter and were approved by all and signed by the chairman.

 **ALL IN AGREEMENT.**

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES:**

 There were no matters arising from these minutes.

**SECRETARIES REPORT:**

 Secretaries Report was conducted by Mr R Richards the Fixtures Secretary as this position is still vacant.

 (Please see attached sheet).

**FIXTURES SECRETARTIES REPORT:**

 Fixtures Secretary Mr R Richards report on the season’s highs and lows and league winners, runners up and relegations.The new fixture’s secretary for the season 2018/19 Mr A Bainton also provided a report.

 (Please see attached sheet)

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

 Treasurer Mrs C Shaftoe supplied copies of the accounts to all present and followed with her report.

 (Please see attached sheet.)

 Cup entries were down again this year and the monies collected were reduced from last year due to the cancellation of the Vic Missen Cup.

 The skittle dinner which took place at Spencer Sports and Social Club on the 9th June 2018, was a great success it appeared that everyone enjoyed the evening and more stayed to dance the night away with the committee than usual. 108 people attended the dinner which was like last year’s numbers. Mr Powell from Tolchard who kindly supports the league with a donation to the winning teams of bottles of wine said he enjoyed the evening and thanked

 us for the invitation. He is happy to continue to support the league next year if we are happy to oblige, this has been put forward to the committee for them to discuss at their next meeting.

 We have now booked Spencer’s Sports and Social Club for next season’s meal which will be held on the 8th June 2019.

**HONORARIUMS:**

 The Treasurer and Fixture Secretary were happy with the honorariums to remain the same for another year, everyone was in agreement.

 **PROPOSED: MR K WATHEM SECONDED: MRS E GREATWOOD.**

**ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENTS:**

 At present our Vice Presidents are Mrs R Catt and Mrs J Webb who were elected again.

 Mr Self our president suggested that the resigning Chairperson Mrs S Banks be put forward to share the President’s position with himself being the representative for the women’s section of the MDSL and the resigning Fixture Secretary Mr R Richards be put forward as a Vice President. Both agreed.

 **ALL IN AGREEMENT.**

**MANAGEMENT RESIGNATIONS:**

 Due to circumstances Mrs V Newman, Mrs C Shaftoe and Mrs S Banks will be resigning from their positions on the committee as from this evening. We wish them well and thanked them for they service to the MDSL. All will continue to play skittles as members of the league.

**RE-ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE:**

 Mr C Shaftoe was asked if he wished to continue for another 3 years of service with which he declined.

**ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE:**

 Mr A Bainton, Miss P Rankin, Mr A Hillier, Mrs P Hillier, Mr R George, Mrs F George, Mrs J Webb, Mr Stubbs, Mrs Stubbs, Mrs C Annal, Mrs A Hall, Ms A Shepherd and Mr J Cameron have put themselves forward to make a new committee, they were co-opted onto the committee at a previous meeting and now stand for election. Mr A Hillier has put himself forward for Chairperson and Mr A Bainton is willing to take up the position of Fixture Secretary. The Treasurer and Secretary positions are still vacant these will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

We wish them every success with the new season.

 **PROPOSED BY: MR R RIVERS SECEONDED: MR J ROACH.**

**PROPOSALS**

 1: LADIES AND MEN VOTE :- To change the promotion and demotions from 2 up 2 down to 3 up 3 down for the season 2018/2019.

 **PROPOSED BY: K WATHEM – LEGION E.**

 **COMMENTS – B Smith from Semington A asked why Ken felt it would be a benefit to the league and the teams, Ken replied It seems that a lot of team’s yoyo up and down the divisions and therefore it could be an opportunity to encourage other teams. After a small discussion most of the members present couldn’t see the benefits.**

 **AGREED: 5 AGAINST: 13 MOTION DENIED.**

 **2:** MENS VOTE :- To change the ruling that allows the 2 lowest scoring players in the leg to play again, when the team can only field 10 players in the game. The suggestion is that in place of this rule it would be fairer to add the two lowest scores to the leg instead of them playing again.

 **PROPOSED BY: P ALEXANDER – THE SARACENS.**

 **COMMENTS – Ryland commented that this would not work in front pin first or nomination as many scores are ducks and at least by playing again the team get an opportunity for another go.**

 **Andy Bainton agreed and added that this would only benefit division 2 players as the lowest score more than likely would not be a duck and therefore could boost the score as much as a person playing.**

 **Mr Pattenden also commented that this could penalize a team how has 12 players and therefore may encourage teams not to field the full 12 players.**

 **Mrs Hillier suggested that a cap be put on the score at 4 pins, but on further discussion it would lead to the scores already being decided for the A N Other and therefore the conclusion of the game may be affected before the final leg is completed but was not ruled out for further discussion by the committee at the next meeting and a proposal for next year.**

 **AGREED: 4 AGAINST: 13 MOTION DENIED.**

 3:MENS VOTE :-Change to Rule 14 Men’s Section from ‘Each team will play home and away in their divisions. Players should attend by 8:15 and commence no later than 8:30pm. The men play 4 legs with 1 point for each leg plus 3 points for the aggregate’. To **’Each team will play home and away in their divisions. Players should attend by 8:15 and commence no later than 8:35pm. Failure to meet this will result in a point being deducted from the league standing, unless the reason for the lateness can be explained and accepted by the opposing team. The men play 4 legs with 1 point for each leg plus 3 points for the aggregate’.**

PROPOSED BY: The Committee

 **COMMENTS – Mr D Stevens asked how it was possible to stop people writing a fictious start time, which Andy Bainton replied that the teams must agree otherwise the score sheet shouldn’t be signed. Deducting a point should make teams sit up and understand that if teams have some shift workers they would rather play off maybe the last two legs rather than all their legs because they would be late of work. Mr Pattenden pointed out that some players work away and aren’t back in time to clean up to be out by 8 and therefore will be late to arrive. In answer the committee commented that it would help that the games are at least started on time if all the players aren’t in the room that have until the end of the second leg to appear. If a valid reason is accepted by the opposing team them this must be written on the score sheet if the game is started later than 8:35pm. S Taylor asked maybe we should move the regulation to the 3rd leg rather than the second leg to arrive late, again this was up for discussion at the next committee meeting and could be a proposal for next year.**

 **Finally, the President suggested a quick telephone call to the opposing captain the night before may be a good way of agreeing on lateness.**

 **AGREED: 12 AGAINST: 5 MOTIONCARRIED.**

An amendment to the rule will be attached to the first newsletter of the season.

 4) NEW RULE:- ‘ ***There should be a minimum of 21 days to play a cancelled game, if alleys are not available within this time then at least a date needs to set within the time frame or confirmed at the earliest date after the 21 days have passed. Fixture Secretary should be notified of the date the game is due to be played. If the game is cancelled again without good cause, then both teams will have to accept a point’s penalty at the discretion of the committee’.***

**COMMENTS – Mr Raines commented that if the proposal will be difficult to adhere to as most alleys are used every week and open dates are short, Andy Bainton replied that all we want to do is stop games being played at the end of the season this makes the fixture secretary’s job hard when cups need engraving and league tables need to be produced at the end of the season. We understand it is hard to find a alley as clubs have different things going on every week but does it have to be your alley can’t it be played elsewhere. It was suggested that finding a different alley was hard to and with cup games needing to be played to it was difficult. Mr S Taylor did comment if we go to a different alley our clubs will be losing out on bar takings and now some clubs rely on this as part of their income.**

 **Mrs Newman also added that before some teams have played 2 games in one night to get them in and found this hard to achieve as you would have to start earlier and can sometimes be out quite late which is not helpful to early workers or the sticker ups. Again, Andy stressed if a date has been given to the fixture secretary it can be played outside of the 21 days.**

 **AGREED: 11 AGAINST: 4 MOTION CARRIED.**

 This new rule will be attached to the first newsletter of the season.

 5) LADIESVOTE :- The Ladies section should be split back to 3 divisions like the men’s league. This would leave more dates and alleys free to arrange cup matches. More teams would entre the cups and therefore bring more revenue to the league.

 **PROPOSED BY – MRS GIDDING – LACOCK LADIES.**

 **COMMENTS – Ryland disagreed with the taking of more revenue as 2 divisions bring in more but understands that some teams may be more interested in entering cups if there were more open dates, however there would be more than required and some teams could have at least 4 weeks without a game which before some teams have criticized. The overall feeling within the room was that the 2 divisions work well, and it would be a step back if we passed this motion.**

 **AGREED: 3 AGAINST: 19 MOTION DENIED.**

**MATCH FEES:**

 It was recommended by the treasurer that the match fees should stay the same.

 **PROPOSED: MRS S BANKS SECONDED: MR J SELF.**

**TEAM RESIGNATIONS:**

No team resignations

**TEAM APPLICATIONS:**

 No team applications.

**TEAM PLACINGS:**

 LADIES – 30 Teams - Premier - 15 1st Division –15

 MENS – 31 Teams- Premier - 11 1st Division - 10 2nd Division - 10.

 Ladies start back week commencing 27th August 2018 as this is a Bank Holiday Ryland has tried to work out that all Monday teams play away to hopefully stop cancellations. This gives 3 open dates at Christmas and the league will finish on the 15th April 2019.

 Men start back week commencing 10th September. This will leave 3 open dates at Christmas and the league should finish on the 2nd April 2019.

**CLOSING REMARKS:**

 Once again it was stressed to the members of the skittle league that a treasurer and secretary are required for the league to continue Mr Hillier stated that this would be discussed at the meeting to be held after the AGM and agreed on.

 Mr Bainton thanked the resigning committee members for all their hard work.

 The President closed the meeting again thanking all those who came to the meeting, the resigning committee members for all their hard work and wished the new and existing members of the committee success for the following season and asked fellow members to help them as much as possible in the up and coming new season.

 Meeting closed at 9-00pm.