MELKSHAM AND DISTRICT SKITTLE LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD AT SPENCERS SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB ON 9TH JULY 2019 AT 19.30 FOR THE SEASON 2018/2019

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: Semington B

 MENS: The Animals, Semington A, Holt, Lacock, Staverton B, Staverton A and Avon D

 **Committee** Ted & Joyce Stubbs, Julie Webb, Alex & Carolanne Annal

PRESENT:

LADIES: Anova Ladies, Armstrong Angels, Awdrys Angels, The Better Halves, Breakaways , Bottoms Up, Broughton Sports, The Chasers, 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 Aston.

MENS: The Bees, Cons A, Cons C, The Comrades, The Drifters, Forest Rangers,

Good, Bad & Ugly, Legion E, Melksham Casuals, Melksham Rovers, MUDS, The Saracens, Seend B, 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 2019/2020 season:

Ladies: Cons C

Mens: The Pilot, Cavaliers, Cons B

Con’s B have resigned from the league

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 2017/2018:

The minutes of the AGM held at Spencer’s Sports and Social Club on the 10th July 2018 had 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.

MANAGEMENT RESIGNATIONS:

Anne Shepherd has resigned

 Ryland Richards

MANAGEMENT ELECTIONS:

 **Pauline Rankin - Treasurer**

Proposed by Andy Hillier Chairman

Seconded by Jamie Cameron

Ryland Richard to become a life member all agreed

SECRETARIES / FIXTURES SECRETARTIES REPORT:

Fixtures &Secretaries report was read out By Mr A Bainton, on the season’s highs and lows and the league Winners, Runners up and relegations.

Both Singles and Pairs competitions were up on last year.

Teams sending emails with the score sheet is a great help, please can more teams do this, but please remember I still need the signed sheets. (Several weeks can be sent together)

Still on with the score sheets can all teams fill them out correctly – START TIME and SIGNED

The Men’s pairs had a small problem, we were a sticker up short so a huge Thank You to Julie Webb who stood up to do the job.

I would like to say a Huge Thank You to Ryland Richards, Julie Webb and Faye & Richard George.

Thank you to Stuart Taylor for the Website. [www.melkshamskittlesleague.co.uk](http://www.melkshamskittlesleague.co.uk)

Also Thank You to Forest Community Centre for the Free Drinks given to the sticker ups on Competition’sheld at the Centre

TESASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Miss P Rankin supplied copies of the accounts to all present and followed with her report. Please see attached sheet. We will purchase another Cup with the money we have

Saved on Postage this year.

Both Cup entries and the Presentation Dinner were up this season 2018/2019.

Please when sending payment to either the Bank account or direct to Pauline Rankin can you enter the name ofyour skittle team.

Spencer’s Sports and Social Club have been booked for next season’s presentation.

HONRARIUMS:

 These were increased by 5% from last year

RULE Changes

 Rule 11

 Ladies

 Return to the old rule of Ball cannot be thrown over the line.

Rule 14

 Men’s Section – Paragraph 2

 Players should attend by 8.15pm and commence no later than 8.35pm.

AGREED 12 AGAINST 3

Rule Amendment To Replace Rules 17 & 19

Home and away games shall be played. If games are postponed they must be re-arranged between the teams within a (3) three week period (notice to be given to the Fixture Secretary) and played within a

Six (6) week period of the original date. Where games are postponed in the last four (4) week period of the season they must be re-arranged and played within two (2) weeks of the end of the season. In the event of a Team failing to comply, the Committee shall have power to deduct points from the defaulting Team, award the points from the League game in question to the opponents or otherwise deal with them except the award of the aggregate. Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Committee shall have power to order a League game to be played on a neutral alley or on the opponent’s alley if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances. In the event of the Home club alley being unavailable the fixture must be reversed subject to the opponent’s alley being available) notice to be given to the Fixture Secretary). A defaulting Team shall be deemed to have been unable to raise a side and dealt with in accordance with that laid out above. A team unable to raise a side for more than five (5) matches in a season may be removed from the League or relegated to a lower division at the following A.G.M.

AGREED 36 AGAINST 1

Rule 20

Results sheets must be signed by both teams. The date and the time of commencement must be stated. The Home Team to send League and Cup Sheets to the Fixture Secretary. A fine of £1 will be incurred for lateness if not received by the following Monday.

All in favour

Rule 25

All Trophies will be held for one (1) year. The winners are expected to keep these trophies in a reasonable condition especially when returning to the Fixture Sectary be the end of the second week in March.

All in favour

Rule 29

Teams gaining honours in the League and Cup Competitions will be allocated Trophies or Prize Money.

All in favour

Cup Competitions - Rule 5

Delete the second last line under rule 5 “Elimination for a breach of the rules will rest with the Committee”
 and Add “All Cup games must be played on the fixed date, whether this is early round games arranged by the Fixture Secretary or later rounds games agreed and fixed between Teams. If games are not played on or before fixed and agreed dates.Then the defaulting Team shall lose the tie.

All in favour

Ladies and Men’s Captains Cup

Ordinary skittles apply.

Team Captain or in case of illness designed Vice Captain are expected to enter.

The number of legs played will be at the discretion of the Fixture Secretary or, if he is not available at the specific Cup Match, then at the discretion of the duty Committee members present at the time.

Semi-Final and Final will be five (5) Legs.

All in favour

Mixed pairs and Ordinary

Each Pair to consist of (1) female and one (1) mail who must be a Registered Member of the League a time of entering.

Entries must be sent to the Fixture Secretary.

One sub will be allowed. This means that once the draw has been made a change of player before the start of the game is allowed.

The number of legs played will be at the discretion of the Fixture Secretary or, if he is not available at the specific Cup Match, then at the discretion of the duty Committee members present at the time.

Semi-Final and Final will be five (5) Legs.

NEW RULES

1 The entire control and management of the League Fixtures and Cup Competitions shall be vested in the Committee of The Melksham & District Skittles League who shall have power to formulate the Rules of the League and to alter or add rules as they, from time to time, deem expedient.

2 End of Season Promotion and Relegation

If at the end of the season Teams finish with the same Points they the Higher Aggregate will decide the final position.

If Points and Aggregate are the same then a head to head from the current season will decide the League position.

If two (2) Teams cannot be separated with the above, then a playoff game will be required at the end of theseason.

In favour against 2

Team Proposals

Ladies Leagues

Line Rule

At present the rule is for a player’s foot not to cross the line. But we feel this is not working as many times this season players from our opposing teams have thrown the ball well over the line, which we feel is not in the spirit of the game and potentially gaining an advantage.

In favour

Competitions Matches

Relating to Singles and Pairs/Mixed Pairs

If there are 2 alleys available, then the final must be played on a neutral alley i.e. not a home alley giving one team an advantage over the other team.

Denied

Men’s League

Matches be played on a 10 v 10 player system over 5 legs with 1 A N Other permitted under the same rules as last season.

In Favour 9 Against 11

Cancellation of Games

Please can the team captain inform the clubs that you are cancelling a match?

Team Resignations:

 Men’s Cons B

Team Applications:

 No team applications.

Team Placings : Season 2019/2020

Ladies

30 teams – 15 - Premier 15 - 1st Divivsion

They will start on 26th August 2019

With 2 Open dates at Christmas (W/C 23rd& 30th December 2019)

Men’s

30 teams - 10 - Premier 10 - 1st Division 10 - 2nd Division

They will start W/C 23rd September 2019

With 2 Open dates at Christmas (W/C 16th & 23rd December 2019)

After a lot of conversation between the committee, we had to decide what was best going forward with the men’s divisions. It was decided that with Cons B dropping out that we would re align the leagues with 10 in each division for this season. I know that will disappoint Spencers B and Seend C as it means they will stay in their division. Two teams will still be relegated from the premier and 1st division in line with Rule 27 (2017 rules)

One of the main problems discussed was the outstanding games, last season for a period of time we had 22 games outstanding. If we had gone ahead with 2 leagues and the rules as they were, each team would have 10 more games per season would mean it would be a lot worse.

**Only applies to mens cards**

I have removed the open dates from the fixture cards and have added a 2nd round cup fixed date in to the fixture card, which we hope will help teams out as the 2nd round will be played on a Friday except if you are away to Steeple Ashton. As cup games will be on a Friday we hope every team will enter all of the cups.

This will mean that if you get through to the quarter finals you will only have to find one midweek date. Of course, any of these dates could become open dates if you are knocked out or have a bye.

We hope to play the Missen Cup over the Easter Week with Singles & Pairs following the end of the league games.

Comments

Seend C are very unhappy that because Cons B have pulled out of the league it means they will not be promoted to the higher division but stay where they are in order to keep the team number manageable.

Mr David Jenkins suggested: - would a team like to Drop Down to the lower division.

The Men all voted with the committee agreeing to this would be a possibility.

Proposed by The committee

Seconded by Mr J Roach

Closing Remarks

Chairman Mr Andy Hillier thanked the committee

John Self closed the meeting.

Meeting closed at 21.05