

Hattons Solicitors St.Helens Thursday Snooker League
Annual General Meeting 2011 - Held on Thursday 14th July, at Greenalls

Present (13) **Birchley St.Marys, East Sutton Labour, East Sutton Town, Eccleston Social, Greenalls, Lowe House, Parr Cons WMC, Scala Snooker, Sidac Social 1, St.Terasas 1, St.Terasas 2, Sutton Cricket, Windleshaw**

Apologies (3) **Holy Cross, Thatto Heath RBL, Unison**

Absent (3) **Huyton Constitution, Moss Bank Community, Sidac Social 2**

Chairman opened the meeting at 8.10pm

Secretary read out last years minutes they were proposed by Eccleston Social and seconded by Sutton Cricket

There were no matters arising from last years minutes.

Election of Officers

Steven Burrows was re-elected as league chairman, unopposed.

Dave O'Dowd was re-elected as league secretary and treasurer, unopposed.

Both were thanked for there work over the last 12 months and also thanks to Chris Hill who will remain as competition secretary for the coming year.

Financial

The League made a loss of £359 over the last season. Dave O'Dowd explained that this loss had occurred due to exceptional spend within the trophies and prizes section due to the late award of trophies for 2009/2010 season. There were also some account adjustments for teams who had paid fees.

League and Competition fees will remain unchanged for this coming season. Honoraria for the league officers would be re-introduced this season, which was passed with a unanimous vote.

Correspondence

Ian Wilkie, Captain of East Sutton Town, submitted a letter to tell the league that they would be moving venues and playing at St. Annes Parish Club, Monastery Lane, St.Helens, in the future. The team will now be known as "St.Annes Town". There were no objections to this.

Any Other Business

Sutton Cricket requested if they could have the first open date in Division 2 if there is to be one in the coming season. This was due to a late finish in the cricket season affecting most of their players. This was agreed by all.

A lengthy discussion followed with regards to handicaps and the adjustments for new players. It was argued that teams are registering players with wrong handicap, knowing there would be little or no punishment if they are caught out. Some instances from last season were pointed out, however these were explained by Dave O'Dowd and the circumstances accepted.

It was determined that the league will look more closely at the handicaps and performances of any new players coming into the league. New players will now be reviewed, if necessary at regular intervals through the season. The Handicap review for all players will remain at the halfway point of the league season.

It was also determined that any teams that are suspected and found guilty of submitting false handicaps for new players, or "cheating", will be punished by the docking of points won by the player in question, and a reduction or possible de-register of the player in question. Also, teams that lost frames against this player will be awarded the point lost. This was proposed by St.Terasas and seconded by Sutton Cricket. This was carried for introduction into this season.

The handicap high ceiling will be capped at +50 for any player from this season onwards.

There will be a new competition for this season. An "Over 50's" handicap will be open to players who are 50 and over at the start of the season. This will be a £2 entry.

Ste Burrows suggested a "pay & play" scheme for all clubs. This would mean each club paying £1 per playing week (27 weeks for Div. 1, and 24 weeks for Div. 2). The funds will be collected towards the end of the season and donated to a charity of the league memberships choice. This was passed for introduction this season. It was estimated this will generate £500 each year for good causes.

League registration night will be Monday 8th August, at Greenalls Club, from 7.30pm. The league season will start with the Champions Challenge on Thursday 1st September. This will be Huyton Cons vs. Scala Snooker. The league will begin on Thursday 8th September.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm