

Berkeley and District Skittles League AGM

10th June 2015, 8pm

The meeting started with Owen Simpson (President) presenting £750 to *Tree of Hope* in association with Charlotte Bottger, to Charlotte's mother Kate. Kate thanked the League and explained that through fundraising via the *Tree of Hope* charity, Charlotte will continue to receive the therapy she will require for up to 2 years following life-changing surgery (Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy) received earlier this year in America. Since the operation Charlotte has been swimming for the first time and will hopefully soon be learning how to walk.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Pat welcomed everyone and asked them to sign register as attending AGM.
- We have had another good season.
- Presentation night was good.
- Congratulations to the winners and hoped everyone was looking forward to the start of the new season.
- Mike Ruther is stepping down as Open Singles organiser and Pat thanked Mike for his hard work.
- Attendees were reminded that there are over a 1000 players registered to play in the League yet the organisation and running of the League and competitions falls to only a handful of people. Pat encouraged more to get involved.

APOLOGIES

- Double Five

DID NOT ATTEND

- Double Five ; Pure Luck ; Allsorts ; Dropouts ; Fizz Kids ; Slimbridge LSC ; Cherry Red ; Coaley Moles ; Mole Hunters ; 4.20 ; Munch Bunch

MINUTES OF LAST YEAR'S AGM

- Pat asked if everyone had seen last year's minutes and they were accepted as a true record.

SECRETARYS REPORT

- Secretary has received 3 letters that were to be read out under A.O.B.

TREASURERS REPORT

- We have a healthy balance of £2643 with 2 outstanding bills from Presentation Evening.
- Registration form (can be downloaded from the website) and cheque to save time queuing at the end of the AGM can be sent directly to Gareth. **BUT A REPRESENTATIVE MUST STILL TURN UP FOR AGM**

RESULT SECRETARIES' REPORTS

- Lloyd Pennington - (Premier and Cups) there was an improvement in games being played and that the semi-finals and finals of cup games will be played at the end of the season
- Pete Stump – (Div. 1 2 3) mentioned problems with cancelled games and games starting unreasonably late.

- Steve Tilley – (Div. 4 5 6) thanked all the captains making the league working well; all score sheets were sent to the correct secretary; any problems with the score totals should be discussed between both captains before leaving the alley.

The under-23s competition had 9 entrants who played at a very high standard but he would like to see more names being put forward this year. Names must be in before December and matches will be played at Slimbridge RBL.

COMPETITION ORGANISERS

- Ladies Singles – Gilly Stook
 - competition to be played over one weekend - 14th / 15th November 2015
- Open Singles – Gareth Langdon
- Open Pairs – Gilly Stook and Gareth Langdon
- Mixed Pairs – Pat Day and Kath Clements
- Under-23s Men's and Ladies' Singles – Steve Tilley

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

- President – Owen Simpson
 - Chairman – Pat Day
 - Secretary – Gilly Stook
 - Treasurer – Gareth Langdon
 - Fixtures – Keith Driver
 - Premier Division, Front Pin &, All in Cup – Lloyd Pennington
 - Divisions 1, 2, 3 – Pete Stump
 - Divisions 4, 5, 6 – Steve Tilley
- Elected *en bloc* – Proposed: Steve Pollard; Seconded: Eric Wilkins

ELECTION OF APPEALS COMMITTEE

- Chairman – Pat Day
 - Committee – Eric Wilkins, Gareth Langdon, Bob Jones, Geoff Everett, Dave Smith
- Elected *en bloc* – Proposed: Steve Mansell; Seconded: Gareth Langdon

CHARITY COLLECTION SCHEME

- Owen Simpson mentioned the collection was still rather low and please try to get monies to Owen by Easter, as teams giving him money at the AGM would go to the following years nominated charity.

NEW TEAMS

- No Opers (Sharpness Dockers Club)

TEAMS LEAVING

- Aubs Army

NEW ALLEY

- Misfits expressed a wish to play home games on an alley in Leonard Stanley not currently used by the league. There was no objection to the team using this alley.

A.O.B.

- Three letters were received by the Secretary:
- 1. Letter received from Steve Mansell (Boars Head) was read out to all present at the AGM.
Proposal was to promote and relegate 4 teams from each division in order to keep games competitive right up to the end of the season. The committee had discussed the proposal and thought 4 teams would be too many but suggested that 3 may be more acceptable.
 - vote for 4 teams to go up / down - NO VOTES
 - vote for 3 teams to go up / down – 38 VOTES (minority)
 - vote for no change – MAJORITY AGREED
- 2. Letter received from Alan Bond (Haymakers) was read out to all present at the AGM.
First proposal was to strengthen Rule 8 suggesting that matches should start at 8.15pm but no later than 8.30pm
Second proposal was that 6 players should be present from each team in order to start the match and if not pins would be deducted as a penalty.
Third proposal was to amend Rule 17 to allow a player 3 (or 4) legs for late arrival.
After discussion (including a proposal that matches should start at 8.00pm) it was agreed by votes:
 - to amend Rule 8 to state “Matches must start by 8.30pm”
 - not to introduce penalties for late starts
 - not to amend Rule 17
- 3. Letter received from Lee Turl (Tadgers) was read out to all present at the AGM.
Proposals were to continue to highlight the importance of sending representation to the AGM, whilst not penalising whole team.
First proposal was to amend Rule 32 to remove the 2 points deduction sanction for teams who fail to send a representative to the AGM.
Second proposal was to suspend the 2 points deduction specifically for teams that send apologies before the start of the AGM.
After discussion it was agreed to keep Rule 32 unchanged by unanimous vote.
- A proposal to penalise teams who cancel more than one game in each half of the season was not fully formalised and could not be voted on.
- Attendees were reminded that if they feel they have been wronged or have a complaint that need to contact the Appeals Committee Chairman or the League Secretary (Rule 23).
- Attendees were reminded that this is a friendly league and that any disputes or grievances should be discussed and ideally mutually resolved between the captains.
- If any team notices at the start of the season that they have a match due on a Bank Holiday Monday or Good Friday there is plenty of time at the beginning of the season to re-arrange the match
- Sticker fees to be a minimum of £14.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Season starts on Monday 7th September 2015.
- *All-in Cup* first round will in the 3rd week.
- Presentation Night will be Friday ~tba~ June 2016 at *Hamfields Leisure*.
- AGM will be on Wednesday ~tba~ June 2016 at *Dockers Club* 8pm

Meeting ended at 9.00pm with team registration.