

# **ABINGDON INVITATION CRIBBAGE LEAGUE**

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Abingdon Conservative Club on 3rd September 2017 at 8.00 pm

Present: G. Myers (President), I. Webb (Chairman), N. Feates (Secretary), M Wheeler (Treasurer)

General Committee: H. Mullen, M. Jefferies, D. Southey

Apologies: S. Stimpson

The Chairman, opened the meeting at 8.00 pm by welcoming the assembled Members.

1. Minutes of the last A.G.M.

The Minutes of the AGM held on 4 September 2016 were accepted as being a true record of that meeting.

Proposed: B. Stimpson

Seconded: H. Mullen

2. Matters arising from the last A.G.M.

There were no matters arising from the 2016 AGM.

3. Secretary's report.

The Secretary read his report for the season 2016-2017. Both the Summer and Winter Leagues ran very well.

4. Treasurer's report.

The Treasurer presented his report. League funds are in a healthy position with the balance being slightly greater than at the same time last year. There is therefore no requirement to increase signing on fees for the forthcoming season.

The following proposals were discussed at length and agreed:-

- For the 2018-2019 winter season the requirement to pay to sign on individual players would be waived. The cost to enter a team would, however, rise to £30.00. The impact that this has on the league accounts would be reviewed at the next AGM at which time it will be decided whether to continue this arrangement or revert to the existing arrangement of £25 entry per team plus £2.50 fee per player.
- Two league winners trophies would be purchased for the 2018 Summer League (no runners-up trophies). These would be in addition to the existing overall winners trophy. The format of the Summer League finals is to remain as it has been for the last few years with the winners and runners-up from each league competing for the overall winners trophy.

- For the 2017-2018 Winter League prize money of £20 and £10 will be awarded to the winners and runners-up of Champions of Champions Cup (seven players per team). It was noted that there is no Champions of Champions Cup runners-up trophy and that this is to remain the case. The impact that this additional prize money has on the league accounts would be reviewed at the next AGM at which time it will be decided whether to continue this arrangement or revert to the existing arrangement of no cash prizes.

Proposed: A. Hesford

Seconded: M. Butler

Vote of those present: Unanimous in favour

5. Election of Officers

The Secretary noted that as no nominations for Committee positions had been received and no Committee Members had expressed a wish to stand down the existing Committee was duly re-elected.

President: G. Myers

Chairman: I. Webb

Secretary: N. Feates

Treasurer: M. Wheeler

General Committee: H. Mullen, S. Stimpson, M. Jefferies, D. Southey

Proposed: P. Jackson

Seconded: B. Stimpson

Vote of those present: Unanimous in favour

6. Any other business

Five motions for consideration had been received by the Secretary for discussion.

i. Nigel Feates (Secretary)

It is proposed that a new rule be adopted to the effect that for Singles and Pairs competitions the substitution of players after the first round is not permitted.

This proposal was discussed briefly and agreed.

Proposed: D. Southey

Seconded: H. Mullen

Vote of those present: Unanimous in favour

ii. Nigel Feates (Secretary)

It is proposed that Rule 11 be amended to the effect that where a team has 5 or 6 players, those players not playing on Tables 1 and 2 should be available to start the Table 3 game at 9.00pm otherwise the game will be forfeited.

This proposal was discussed at some length before being agreed.

Proposed: T. Hill

Seconded: S. Jackson

Vote of those present: Unanimous in favour

iii. Nigel Feates (Secretary)

It is proposed that a new rule be adopted to the effect that where a pub/club has no landlord wishing to enter the Landlords Cup a team player may be substituted.

This proposal was discussed briefly and agreed.

Proposed: D. Button

Seconded: D. Southey

Vote of those present: Unanimous in favour

The League Secretary will introduce a new rule to this effect prior to the start of the 2017 Winter League.

iv. Nigel Feates (Secretary)

It is proposed that the Ladies Singles Cup be withdrawn from the Winter League fixtures. This suggestion was made due a significant reduction in the number of entries received over the last few years.

This proposal was discussed at some length before being agreed. This change will come into effect in the 2018-2019 Winter League as entries into the Ladies Singles Cup (and fees) for the forthcoming Winter League had already been received by the Treasurer.

Proposed: D. Button

Seconded: M. Jefferies / R. Bolton

Vote of those present: Unanimous in favour

v. Nigel Feates (Secretary)

It was proposed that Summer League games be played on Wednesday evenings, as per the Winter League.

This proposal was discussed at great length before being rejected. The principal objection was due to the fact that Aunt Sally was played on a Wednesday evening so a number of teams would not be available to play. It was decided that this would have a significant detrimental effect on the number of Summer League entries.

Proposal rejected

It was however agreed that, should the number of Summer League entries fall sufficiently in the future, then the possibility of playing the fixture list twice round would be investigated.

7. Acceptance of teams

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting with thanks to all who attended and entries were accepted for the forthcoming 2017-2018 Winter League.

Nigel Feates  
Secretary

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