

Christchurch Clubs Darts League
Annual General Meeting
Venue N.A.D.S. S & S.C. Friday 15th July 2016 Commencing 8.15 p.m.

The meeting opened at 8.20 With Bob Luckwell running late but on his way Mark Calder took the chair and welcomed a total of 11 players & committee members.

Apologies were received from Bob Luckwell and Frank Miles.

With the arrival of Bob the minutes of last AGM meeting were read and accepted as a true record carried at that meeting.

There were no matters arising.

Item 5. Hon Secretary Report. A short report from Gary Howlett he thanked those present who made the effort to turn up he felt that the season went well and had provided a good tight finish for the top spot. Gary apologised for missing the presentation night which was always a good night and was gutted to find that his wife had booked holiday at same time. Hopefully it was a good night. With reply back that it was Gary finished with usual thanks to Alan ,Mark and Bob for their efforts during season.

Item 6. Hon League Treasurers Report.

Mark Calder issued income & expenditure info for season and read through figures etc giving final balance and current status of league funds. Mark mentioned there was an increase of £60 for trophies and that the issuing of football cards to teams had helped to make up funds so was happy with way season went. He thanked all the teams for their efforts selling the football cards.

Kevin Brook asked re competition entries were they ok Mark said comp entries were surprisingly better than expected with entries increasing on last season, which was much better than the Monday night league.

Bob Luckwell asked if the issuing of footy cards was an easy task to control fund wise, Mark said he had no problems as monies were collected during season at meetings and competitions so happy with system.

Mark added that he had two outstanding fines from Mundeford A and B teams at £10 each with no one present from Mundeford B this would have to be chased. Gary mentioned re their fine that it was paid at last match Mark okayed this.

Finishing off with thanks to Gary Alan and Bob for season's work.

Item 7. Hon Secretary Statistics Report.

Alan Gooch thanked the executive committee and mentioned that he had no problems with result cards and had one card actually returned by post.

He was very happy with competition entries which with the change to fees on the night worked really well with a good turnout.

The season seemed to work well but with a couple of teams struggling for players the Nads & S Warriors and Mudeford A during the season in particular the Mudeford A team who had forfeited an important game due to a stag do, he was a bit irritated to the fact that teams couldn't get themselves organised and if they had done so the Mudeford A team would have avoided a £10 fine had they cancelled game sooner.

Gary mentioned that he hadn't cancelled game as he had hoped to fulfil fixture due to its importance but had failed and had to pay the fine which he paid himself.

Alan went on to mention the competition entries which with the change to pay on the night there were some concerns if this would work however entries were up by 25% taking into account the Nads & S Warriors and Mudeford B entries with the B side turning up for a few competitions which was good.

Football cards were next Alan didn't disagree to the issue of them as it seemed to work well to aid revenue for the league it also helped with players that were involved in games not having to sell them on night.

Alan mentioned suggestions which from time to time he has had from league members it was good to receive these during the season, none of which were necessarily guaranteed to be taken on board but it was good to get them.

Moving on Alan mentioned the Barry Frampton award in which the decision this season was one of the hardest to be made with emails between executive committee buzzing back and forth for the best part of a month before settling for Grant Barnett. With Grant not being everyone's cup of tea of which Bob Luckwell made clear on presentation night. However what Grant achieved during season was impressive for someone like him not being one of the leading lights of the league had done very well during season also not to forget Ross Lamb's efforts he was very unlucky to get share of the success and his efforts shouldn't be forgotten. Getting back on track to the Barry Frampton award we had sort of gone off track with the decision of who to award trophy to it's meant to be an acknowledgement & recognition award which includes sportsmanship and personality not just for performance. If we looked back over the last years we had previous winners who weren't winners just players and had inspired people to vote for them. We need to look at players when we play teams who maybe keep teams going being a good sportsman and team players not just the winners. Alan added that in light of this we have had discussions of possibly looking at producing a short list of names for a vote on presentation night which possibly could be discussed later. Alan ended his report with usual thanks to Gary Mark and Bob for their work during season.

Item 8 Election of Executive committee. Bob asked the committee to step down Gary mentioned he was standing down as he had hopefully got a potential replacement with Daniel Walker. Thanks from attendance to Gary for his time as secretary.

Alan just mentioned that there was a list of duties at back of league rules. With Alan and Mark staying in office Gary mentioned he would liase with Daniel with all information. All present happy with Daniel taking over Hon secretaries position.

Item 9 Honorariums. The executive committee left the room and a decision to raise honorariums to £140 proposed JT and 2nd Dave Gurd were agreed. Many thanks from the recipients.

Item 10 Allocation of funds to charity. Bob mentioned that he was not pushing to change anything but also pushing to give some away if there was a worthy cause funds were available to donate to charity. John Taylor mentioned Steve Turner's grand daughter had passed away with leukaemia and they had set up charity Bob said then get some info and we can sort something out and agree funds at next meeting but we do need some info to validate.

Fay Hall got info up on her phone and Mark Calder suggested for us to agree something now as he will be going to bank. Bob read out the charity organisation it was the Isabel Baker Foundation and said we have a worthy cause and suggested a donation from funds of the profit for year which was £200 JT seconded all in favour. Mark would sort out funds and pass them on.

Item11 .Proposals. Bob mentioned proposal all from executive committee all listed on separate sheet.

Bob read proposal as below:-

Proposal 1 - Replacements/Substitutions in Competitions

Proposed by Executive Committee

Brief: Remove reference to Competition Venue Qualifiers as Competitions played on one night and clarify acceptable replacements in Capt/VCapt KO.

Replace Rule C04 with:-

“In the event of a Competition over-running and being rescheduled, replacement(s) may be chosen on the proviso that said replacement(s) have not already played in the same Competition and meet the entry requirements for the said Competition.”

Amend Rule C11 to add:-

“Permitted entrants are the two names identified as Captain and Vice-Captain on the Player Registration Form at the start of the season. Substitutions are permitted, but must be players agreed by the Executive Committee and of a comparable standard as the player(s) they are replacing.”

Kevin day responded with the competition he felt should only be for the named captain and vice captain on initial signing on form he also added that he felt that the competition should be dropped to aid a shorter season. Bob commented that that was another proposal which is not listed. Alan commented regarding season length that this comp is run on a meeting night so it doesn't affect length of season.

Kevin added that he still felt the two named people should be played if anyone else played it would take point of competition away namely captain and vice captain.

Bob Called for a vote motion not carried .

Bob Moved onto Proposal 2 reading as below Mark Calder interrupted meeting saying we havn't sorted out proposal 2 as it was a two part proposal.

Bob read second part of prop one “In the event of a Competition over-running and being rescheduled, replacement(s) may be chosen on the proviso that said replacement(s) have not already played in the same Competition and meet the entry requirements for the said Competition.”

GH added he thought we already had ruling to this effect however with Alan reading current rule it mentioned use on finals night which we no longer have.

Bob read again and Alan clarified with an example mentioned it hasn't happened yet but it could happen with the Fours and blind pairs being the most likely associated comps.

All present happy with principal Bob asked if committee needed this rule yes was reply vote was called all present in favour.

Bob moved back to proposal 2 reading as below.

Proposal 2 - Clarification of Silver Competition Qualification

Proposed by Executive Committee

Brief: Silver Competition ruling to be players rated under 100 rather than ambiguously include bottom 50% of the league. Also revert to rated under 100 at the time of the Competition not at the start of the season, which was only introduced when entry fees were paid in October. Also remove the reference to compliance under rule C01 as all players rated under 100 can play irrespective of games played in the current season.

Edit C07 with

“The ‘Sonny Willcox Silver Singles’ Championship is open to any player rated UNDER 100 at the time of the competition.”

Amend Rule C08 to read:

“The Silver Pairs is open to any player rated UNDER 100 at the time of the competition.”

Mark Calder added again there are two changes in this proposal.

Alan pointed out it was not two rule changes but it covered both silver singles and silver pair competitions. Bob Called for vote Kevin Brook asked for clarification on ratings for one of his players Alan pointed out that can only get a rating by playing 5 games. Further discussion followed as to when deadline would be but Alan pointed out that there would be ample notification.

Bob called for vote all in favour.

Bob read proposal 3 as below

Proposal 3 - Amendments to proposed rule changes acceptable at the AGM

Proposed by Executive Committee

- 1) Amendments to proposed rule changes must be proposed and seconded and the wording of the amendment must be noted in full.
- 2) No amendment is admissible which serves as a direct negative of the purpose of a proposed rule change
- 3) Once an amendment has been passed by the majority, the amended proposed rule change becomes the substantive proposed rule change and is voted on.

Bob said that was a bit confusing Mark Calder advised all present what it meant it was added to allow AGM committee to adjust a proposal on the night if a good idea which improves the proposal is mentioned but also stops any major changes to current league rules worded as direct negative. A brief explanation of the direct negative Alan was that the proposal stated a 6 man format and someone suggested a 10 man format this would not be allowed. With some confusion of direct negative we gradually got there.

Bob Called for vote, motion carried with one vote against.

Bob moved onto reading Proposal 4 as below

Proposal 4 - Constitution tidy-up and clarification

Proposed by Executive Committee

No rules changes, but to standardise the Constitution and tidy-up the rules. An example of inconsistency is the use of Executive Committee, General Committee and Management Committee throughout the Constitution. This proposal is for the Execs to take this offline and deal with it.

Bob added that basically the Executive committee wanted to go through rules and simplify them.

Mark explained that currently we have written in rule items for executive committee, general committee and management committee where there is only a executive committee and a general committee so this needs to be tidied up along with one or two other items Alan mentioned that Black must be at top and one or two other items.

Bob suggested that the executive committee change these items but they should be reviewed and passed at next meeting all present happy Bob called for vote motion carried unanimously.

Bob read Proposal 5

Remove Completely the need for Play-offs

Proposed by Executive Committee.

Remove from G06:-

“Free weeks will be inserted into the League programme, at the discretion of the Management Committee to allow adequate free weeks for play-offs when necessary”

Amend P11 to read:-

“In the eventuality of the final positions of the Gallon not being settled by points at the end of the season, finishing places shall be determined by comparing the gallons played between tied teams, If one team has won more of those points, they will be deemed the winner, else teams shall be joint -winners”

Alan mentioned that the only thing we have play-off for is the extreme unlikely event for the League winners and runners up which was resolved last year however the Gallon competition wasn't sorted and if it had been Mudeford D would of won the Gallon and because of old rules the Gallon was shared.

Bob read rule again the first part would have to go as we no longer need free weeks as there are no longer any play-offs required should ruling be agreed Bob then asked for example, Alan gave example of how points in Gallon would work all present happy Bob called for vote which was unanimous.

Moving on Bob read next proposal

Proposal 6 - Remove all references to Finals Night Proposed by the Executive Committee

P12 remove:

“Please note that games played on any Finals Night including Quarterfinals and Semi-Finals to be excluded.” P15 remove:-

“up to, but not including Finals Night”

Bob said this was a simple and called for vote all present in favour unanimous.

Bob Moved on with final Proposal 7 reading as below.

Proposal 7 - Competitions: throw for the bull only once Proposed by the Executive Committee P07A remove: "In the event of a deciding leg being required, players shall again throw for the bull, with the player who lost the first bull-up to throw first. The winner of the second bull-up shall throw first in the deciding leg."

Bob asked for clarification was told rule was being removed panic over GH mentioned that we had only changed this in last two years which was originally proposed by Alan Arnold who was not present. Kevin Brook asked who goes for bull first Alan said whoever is drawn out first. Alan pointed that again we were simplifying rules. Bob called for vote all in favor unanimous.

Item 12. League Entry and Competition entry fees.

Bob said obviously we have given some money to charity but funds seem ok so doesn't think there needs to be any change in league entry fees or competition entry fees. Treasurer Mark agreed all present in favor.

Item 13 League Entry Applications. Alan mentioned to all present that he assumed all present were entering a team. Mark Shutler of the Kasbah X said he wasn't sure if he had full team. Alan asked Mark to let him know asap with Bob adding that it would be sad occasion if we lost the Kasbah X team.

Alan excepted entry forms from others present mentioning it looks like we have 10 definite with one unsure at present mentioning it would be a shame to lose the Kasbah team he accepted entries from representatives present from info received Alan said we have 11 teams next season so far.

Item 14 Any Other Business

Kevin Day mentioned again about trying to make season shorter maybe by moving competitions around. Alan mentioned that he would probably try less comps during season and more towards end of season also amalgamating captain and vice captain comp with pre AGM meeting. Also he would look at using a bank holiday Friday if required. Mark Calder added that he found it difficult to organize his players when the 3's and 4's were back to back and asked for them to be split with league games and asked Alan to take this on board. Alan happy to look at and sort something out.

Kevin Day asked about what can we do about a team not fulfilling a fixture when it gives the other team the league title. He appreciated that this could of happened anytime during the season but just happened to be at crucial part of season.

Bob added that this can't really be legislated for and asked what penalties have we got in place at present. Alan added that if giving more than a week's notice there isn't a fine however a £10 fine is in place if insufficient notice is given.

Discussion followed mentioning the addition of free weeks to allow for this however the league is trying to do away with these to create a shorter season. Kevin Day also raised point re teams missing games mentioning that he felt that missing one game was acceptable but missing two wasn't. Alan mentioned the team in question was The Nads&s Warriors he felt they weren't organized enough to run team and with 5 main frame players with the rest being chosen on night or signed on that night when other players already signed on stood at bar, Mark Calder added that they did boost league funds substantially.

Kevin Day again asked what can league do to prevent this problem not a lot was reply by Gary Howlett who added that the game his team had missed was annoying however he had tried his hardest to get team there. Alan added pointed out that you only needed 5 players to start game GH said he didn't have 5 and the main reason for shortage was that Bournemouth entered the premiership and several of his back-up players were going to football instead of darts.

Kevin Brook added maybe we should have a rule to cover game of that importance and there are plenty of free weeks between seasons. Bob said it was the last game of season. Gary added that having play-offs adds other problems such as the team that didn't forfeit game has players missing for replay date.

Discussion followed that if ruling came about then possibly an extra fixture date would be required Kev Day added that there was already an extra week. Bob asked this has ever happened before Gary added not to our knowledge. More discussion followed with talk of £10 initial fine and a second fine of £25 for team missing second game which would stop this from happening. GH pointed out that if we did this the teams wouldn't pay fine and probably would withdraw from league and didn't think this idea would work. Bob finished subject by stating that this can't be sorted out at this meeting but needed to be thought about with maybe a suitable proposal for next AGM. Mark Calder added that there could be a point's fine again most people present felt this wouldn't be suitable. Kev Day added suggestion of points deducted from teams at start of new season maybe 2 points per game forfeited in previous season again most felt that this wouldn't work. Mark added we had team of last season pull out the AAA Cons and no fines were paid and that this would now get written off although we have rules that no players from those teams would be allowed to play the following season. Discussion followed noting that league doesn't adhere to rules. Chairman Bob stopped discussion there we weren't getting anywhere with this the time is 9.50pm we need to finish up however a few members present still had AOB items to discuss.

Mark Calder started with the reading of minutes he felt that these didn't need to be read adding that it took 20minutes. Alan disagreed he added that another item for AOB had come to him Mark felt that the minutes had been listed on web and people should read these prior to meetings and for individuals to make note of any matters arising and bring them up so as not to waste 20 minutes reading them. Gary added we had done this in the past. No decision made Alan went on with information that he would issue A5 scorecards on website to enable each

team to print off of which teams would get 2 copies per A4 sheet. Brief discussion followed re some teams not being able to print document of fines being left in place for late result cards and the mention of if necessary a written result sheet would be accepted. All present happy

Moving on Alan talked about Barry Frampton he said he would like nominations during the season to enable league to come up with a short list for presentation night with some mechanism to vote on presentation night and see how that works. GH added that one issue could be person who gets nomination may not be present. Daniel Walker suggested maybe giving Captains/teams present a list for them to add name or names to for vote to be taken. Alan not sure how we could work it ad by leaving vote sheets around you could get some comedian ticking all boxes and thus making a mockery he suggested team reps come upto presentation table to get vote sheet and tick box and post in suitable collection box. GH asked if we still wished to keep it as a surprise Alan added yes if we can as Grant Barnett was gob smacked and almost in tears even after Bob's introduction speech. Bob says we need to keep it simple. Gary suggested adding a space on result cards for this and let teams add names as and when. Mark Calder suggested we bring this up at next meeting as he felt it could be a bit daunting to sort out on presentation night, most liked idea of adding to scorecard. Alan mentioned that during season on web he could add something to maybe gee people up to inspire teams to vote for someone.

Alan said he had couple of other issues one did anyone make a note of who took perpetual trophies mentioning we used to have a sheet and got people to sign for them. Mark added all trophies were taken but not signed for and none were left behind.

Alan added that the executive had had a chat and felt that the chairman should possibly get an honorarium few jokes re late arrival etc with Bob adding he was happy to get a pint or two on presentation night.

Alan added he did feel our current chairman has run meetings better than any other chairman we have had, Thanks from Bob.

Alan added he had two more items 1st are we going to put football cards in team envelopes after brief discussion it was agreed to distribute with pre season info all happy. Finally with new secretary who has set up Facebook page which Alan thought was a good idea Dan added there are a couple of sites already set up and suggested that we should use it and maybe set up our own dedicated league account as it was a good idea and all sorts of info even match scores could be downloaded and other league. Alan added that he wasn't on Facebook but can get info via Tina. Food for thought.

Bob closed meeting with an thanks to Gary for his services over the years and gave date of next meeting. Agreed to be 26th August 2016