

Christchurch Clubs Darts League

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held Friday 30th June 2017

At NADSS Club

Item 1 – Chairman’s Opening Remarks

Bob Luckwell (opened the meeting at 8.15pm and welcomed 19 players and all four of the executive committee members (Alan Gooch, Mark Calder, Julie Frampton and himself).

Item 2 – Apologies

Apologies received from Frank and Doug Miles from the Con Cherries although Steve Mullholland attended the meeting. No other apologies received.

Item 3 – Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting were not read but generally approved.

Item 4 – Matters Arising

Bob asked if anyone has any matters arising from those minutes but none were received.

Item 5 – Hon. League Secretary’s Report (Julie)

Bob read out the following comments from Julie ‘I would like to thank everyone who has come to the meeting this evening. Although I am new to this role in the league, I feel the season went really well especially with the addition of the ladies team and can honestly say we’ve enjoyed ourselves all season. For those of you that can remember, presentation night was a great success and was the best presentation night for a long time. I hope those that attended also enjoyed themselves and the hangovers were not too bad! On behalf of myself and the league, I would like to thank Alan, Mark and Bob for all their work in keeping the league running as smoothly as possible.’

Item 6 – Hon. Treasurer’s Report (Mark)

Mark said that he had slightly changed the format of the accounts sheet this year so a direct comparison with last season can be made. It looks like we made a £200 loss on the year, but on reflection, before he took over, we used to split the money between charity and league fund which in 2014/15 stood at £386/£1739 so the loss is only actually just paying over half of the £386 which leave £186 as money to go to charity. So if you take off the £200 and the £7 still owed then we only made a loss of £1.04 this year. He thinks it is interesting that the competition entry money increased despite all being paid on the night. He said that he is happy with the cash flow and happy that we don’t need any increases. He finished by

thanking his fellow committee members (Alan, Bob and our newbie Julie) for all their hard work.

Item 7 – Hon. League Secretary’ Statistics Report (Alan)

Alan started by saying that the competition entries have been good and sustained year on year. He felt that paying for competitions on the night was much easier to deal with. He mentioned that two perpetual trophies were not returned but will bring this subject up again in AOB. He felt that the Nutcrackers were a great addition to the league which made it more fun rather than it all getting too serious. He finished by thanking Bob and Mark for all their work and Julie for stepping in which has been a god send!

Item 8 – Election of Executive Committee

Bob asked the executive committee to step down. He then asked if anyone was interested in standing for any of the positions but no-one came forward. All were asked if they were happy to continue in their respective roles and all agreed.

Item 9 – Honorariums

Bob asked Alan, Mark and Julie to leave the room which they did and a decision was made to leave the honorariums at £140 for Mark and Julie but increase Alan’s to £150 which was agreed by everyone present with thanks from the recipients.

Item 10 – Allocation of Funds to Charity

Bob advised that the executive committee had received one proposal from Adam Woodland (who was not present) as Grant Barnett and he were doing a charity dart-a-thon the next day to raise money for the Under 11’s local football team he is involved with.

John Taylor suggested the Isabel Baker Foundation which was noted that the league had given a £200 donation to that charity last year although it can still be considered.

Tina Gooch asked Alan Hodgkinson if he had spoken to Ken Vincent about his grandson Noah who has a life limiting condition with a shortened life expectancy. It was noted that £600 was donated to Noah two years ago to buy a tower which will be donated to a local charity when it was finished with. Alan Hodgkinson said that he had not spoken to Ken Vincent so did not know how things were. It was generally agreed that as nothing had come from Ken Vincent that this would not be considered.

Bob said that he was not sure what the money was being specifically raised for with regards to the football team (eg., help with kit, footballs, etc). Tracey Mullholland advised that her business sponsor’s a football kit for them and they have another four or five other sponsors. She said that she felt that the money would be better going to a charity which was in more need. Roz Annetts added that it seemed to her that the football team was not in need of sponsorship. Mark said that he thinks that Adam Woodland was really looking for a one-off donation to the darts-a-thon they were doing.

Bob made the suggestion of giving a nominal sum of £50 to both charities and keep the remainder for future use if needed at any time. He also added that if there was a worthy cause in the future then extra can be given. Mark said that the league does not raise money for charity anymore and so the money put aside for charitable donations was dwindling. Roz Annetts suggested doing a charity night or maybe getting involved with the Wave105 Christmas Presents and Alan said that this can be discussed at our next meeting.

Bob asked all those present to vote on the suggestion of £50 to both charities – all agreed with none against so motion carried.

Item 11 – Proposals

Proposal 1 – Proposed and seconded by the executive committee that at the discretion of the executive committee, to permit entrants for the Silver and Open Pairs, Threes and Woodsy Fours to be made up from mixed teams in the event that players cannot field a full entry from within their own teams.

Alan explained that some players turn up on the night without a complete team or are let down or are just spare players and it would be up to the executive committee as to who goes with who to make up the teams. Mark then added that they had turned up short to a competition and John Lamb was there and not playing and so could've made up an extra team. Bob said that it could not be decided between league members as it could be misconstrued and they had to trust the executive committee to make that decision. Kevin Day asked the executive committee to clarify that it was only in the event that it was only if someone turns up on the night and does not have a team which was confirmed by the executive committee.

Bob then asked all those present to vote on this proposal – all agreed with none against so motion carried.

Proposal 2 – Proposed and seconded by the executive committee to remove the five-game rule from the Handicap Eights and update the Constitution to indicate to which events the five-game rule does not apply (currently on the Blind Pairs).

Alan explained that at the moment the five-game rule applies to all competitions except the Blind Pairs as it is so early in the season. The executive committee has suggested that the rule should not apply to Handicap Eights in for the teams to have more choice on players and hopefully more entries to the competition. Nobody had anything to say or add to this proposal

Bob then asked all those present to vote on this proposal – all agreed with none against so motion carried.

Proposal 3 – Proposed and seconded by the executive committee for captains and vice-captains shall be registered at the start of the season and displayed on the league website with no changes to be made to the website after the halfway point of the season. Only those players registered on the website can play in the Captains and Vice-Captains Cup.

Alan explained that a team registration form needs to be completed by all teams clearly stating the captain and vice-captain before the start of the season. He went on to add that it happened this season that the Kasbah had not completed a team registration form but simply told him that there were no changes to the team registered last year and so Kevin Brook was listed as team captain and Graham Platt as vice-captain but Richie Clark turned up to play on the competition night with Graham Platt.

Kevin Day said that most captains and vice-captains were usually the most reliable members of a team and so should be needed to change during the season. Alan asked him to clarify that he means that no changes are allowed during the season and Kevin Day confirmed this. Roz Annetts added that she agrees that if they are not registered as captain or vice-captain then they cannot play. Gary Howlett said that he will have to change his team registration form as he may not be available to play as he is awaiting surgery on this shoulder. Kevin Day stated that there should not be any changes during the season. Martin Wood added that there must be some leeway for any unforeseen circumstances like someone dies or something then a change should be able to happen. Roz Annetts again stated that if not registered then cannot play. Bob suggested an amendment to the proposal that any change during the season had to be at the discretion of the executive committee which was generally agreed.

Bob then asked all those present to vote on this proposal with the amendment that any changes during the season was only at the discretion of the executive committee – all agreed with none against so motion carried.

Proposal 4 – Proposed by Martin Wood and seconded by Ian Davis to change the league format to playing four pairs first followed by the gallon and then eight singles.

Bob asked Martin Wood to basically put his case forward for this proposal. Martin Wood said that he did not really have any good reasons for the change other than it could make it more interesting.

John Lamb said that the present format allowed for teams to play reserves in the pairs if the game was already won and the proposed new format does not really give the captains this opportunity which may mean reserve players getting fed up with not playing and eventually leaving the league. Gary Howlett agreed with this. Roz Annetts added that if it works then why change it. Mark said that the proposed new format is played in the Monday night league during the summer which is supposed to be a bit of fun but has its problems.

Bob then asked all those present to vote on this proposal – one vote for and the rest against so motion not carried.

Proposal 5 – Proposed and seconded by the executive committee to scrap the Invitational Aggregate KO.

Alan explained that he felt this competition was not supported enough. He said that this year there was a possible 24 invitations to play and only eight played and it seems that no-one is really interested in this competition. Nobody had any opinions either way. Roz Annetts

suggested a charity night instead and it was advised that this can be discussed at the next meeting.

Bob then asked all those present to vote on this proposal – all agreed with none against so motion carried.

Item 12 – League Entry Fees and Competition Entry Fees

Mark said that the current entry fees were £60 per team with £1 per player entry fee per competition. Bob asked if there was any issue with this and Mark said that there was not. Steve Mullholland suggested a signing on fee per player at the beginning of the season. Mark said that we needed to keep things simple and there was also a signing on fee for any new players once the season starts. Nobody had any comments and it was proposed to stay the same.

Bob then asked all those present to vote on this remaining the same - all agreed with none against so motion carried.

Item 13 – League Entry Applications

Alan said that they needed to know if current teams were entering again next season and any new teams. All teams were entering again this season but the only team that they had not heard from was the Kasbah. Only one new team was present at the meeting with a completed team registration form named Kasbah Babit.

Item 14 – Thirty Minutes Any Other Business

Bob asked if anyone had any other business to raise with no responses other than it was agreed to talk about a charity night at the next meeting.

Bob then closed the meeting at 9.10pm with the next meeting being agreed for the 4th August 2017.