

# Christchurch Clubs Darts League

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held Friday 29th June 2018

At NADSS Club

## **Item 1 – Chairman’s Opening Remarks**

In the absence of Bob Luckwell, Mark Calder opened the meeting at 8.15pm and welcomed 11 players and three of the Executive Committee members (Alan Gooch, Julie Frampton and himself Mark Calder).

## **Item 2 – Apologies**

Apologies received from Bob Luckwell, Kasbah, Con Club, Mudeford B and Mudeford D. All other teams were represented.

## **Item 3 – Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes from the previous meeting were previously read and approved.

## **Item 4 – Matters Arising**

Mark Calder asked if anyone had any matters arising from those minutes but none were received.

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

Julie said that she did not have much to say other than to thank those present in coming to the meeting. She thought that the season on a whole went well although we had the added hindrance of the snow and ice at the beginning of March. She also thanked all those who attended presentation night and hoped they all enjoyed themselves. She finished by thanking Alan, Mark and Bob for all their work in keeping the league running as smoothly as possible on behalf of herself and the league.

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

Mark said that the accounts were pretty straightforward and would point out that he had slightly overspent on the trophies this year and had received less money in. Fay Hall asked why he had overspent on the trophies and he said it was because he went on his own and Julie wasn’t there to keep him in check. Also we did not need to keep too much in the kitty. He finished by thanking his fellow committee members Alan, Bob and Julie) for all their hard work.

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

Alan started by saying that he had a few points to make on various subjects:

- Competition Boards – He received a complaint about the competition boards and said that these really should be checked at every competition and set up before start of competition although this was not always practical. He asked everyone to advise their clubs that match boards should be used for competitions although they are not expected to be brand new, but should be as good as you would expect to use for a match.
- Competitions Arrangement – He said that we had tried various fixture formats for competitions and will never please everyone all the time. The current format tries to spread competitions evenly through the season and leave the split competitions (Silver/Open) until the end of the season mainly due to the impact of ratings. Unless there is a preference to change this, I don't propose to do so.
- Competitions – Entries seem to be reasonably stable, down on each of the last two years but still better than the previous five. The introduction of mixed teams for Pairs, Threes and Fours had been used more by luck as players were unaware of it as team representatives had been slow to pass the opportunity on to them. Handicapped Eights only had five out of twelve entries this season which was disappointing. Open Singles down on previous year but compensated by better Silver Singles attendance. Handicapped Singles up and it was nice to see it being well supported. Alan then said that he hoped to see more from Babbit next year now they've all settled in as they only had one entry in the threes this season. He said that we have now recovered the two perpetual trophies missing last year and they have been engraved and are up to date. He said that it is nice to spread the trophies about as much as possible hence the Silver and Handicapped competitions. He added that from next season all Singles and Pairs competitions losing semi-finalists will get trophies as well as the Blind Pairs which was missed off this year but will be added to next season's roster.
- Complaint – He said that the Executive Committee had to deal with a complaint this season. He said that he would like to point out that the Executive Committee get honorariums in order to deal with these issues during the season and do not appreciate it when people get involved in matters that don't concern them especially when their so-called efforts seem to be deliberately making life difficult for us when they have barely half a story. 'Even Inspector Clouseau was qualified and even he'd have been embarrassed with the half-baked interference'. He said if anyone wants to take on these roles, feel free as it is not easy and, at times, a thankless task. Having said all that, Alan wanted to express thanks on behalf of the Executive Committee to Ian Starks for helping resolve a tricky dispute which was very much appreciated.
- Abandonment – He said for the first time that he can remember we had to abandon a whole fixture list due to the weather conditions. He said that a quick decision had to be made, maybe some of the matches could have played as the weather improved late on Friday, but a decision had to be taken. This had a knock-on effect

on the Pre-season Meeting and Captains/Vice Captains Cup and also the final round of fixtures. He said that rearrangements are not permitted without the express permission of the Executive Committee. He had put forward a proposal to amend Rule G06, which hopefully will not be needed, but felt it is required to clarify a situation which the rules did not cover. He said that we were not happy with the resolution we arrived at but a decision had to be made which permitted the rearrangement of one of the matches beyond the final round of games. We feel this is not satisfactory especially as it meant that the teams involved knew beforehand what was required of them.

He finished by thanking Mark and Julie and the absent Chairman Bob for all their efforts this season.

#### **Item 8 – Election of Executive Committee**

Mark Calder 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**

Mark Calder, Alan Gooch and Julie Frampton left the room and, after a long debate, a decision was made to leave the honorariums at £140 for Mark and Julie but increase Alan's to £170 which was agreed by everyone present with thanks from the recipients.

#### **Item 10 – Allocation of Funds to Charity**

Mark Calder said that there was £100 left in the charity money and once that was gone we were not doing this anymore. It was suggested last year of a charity night but felt that people would generally not be interested and Mark Calder said that this would add a further week on to the season. Kevin Day said that if any competition is not well attended then it needs to be cancelled in future seasons. Mark Calder said that we do keep an eye on this. Alan Gooch said that if a charity night was to be considered then other people would have to organise it properly. Fay Hall proposed that the whole £100 was given to Macmillan Caring Locally in Christchurch. John Taylor seconded this proposal and all were in agreement. It was stated that this subject will be taken off next year's agenda.

#### **Item 11 – Proposals**

Proposal 1 – Proposed and seconded by the Executive Committee to amend Rule C01. All registered team players of the league may enter the Competitions, with the proviso that players must have participated in either the singles or the pairs of at least five separate league matches prior to the Competition in which they are entered, **or 50% of matches (whichever is the lesser)**. The five-match rule shall not be applicable to the Blind Pairs or the John Ramsier Handicapped Eights Knockout. In addition, players shall also be eligible if they either played the minimum number of required matches in the previous season or are rated

under 100. **Exceptions shall be considered at the discretion of the Executive Committee.** It is the responsibility of the captains to ensure eligibility of their players.

Mark Calder asked if there were any comments, there were none. He 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 amend Rule G06. There shall be no circumstances under which a match may be postponed without the prior permission of the Executive Committee. Any team unable to attend a match shall forfeit the match. At the discretion of the Executive Committee (eg., adverse weather conditions), matches may be rearranged. **Any rearranged game must be played BEFORE the final round of League Games.** Failure to resolve a date for the rearrangement shall result in the team failing to attend the original fixture forfeiting the game. Matches that are cancelled without giving notice of at least one week to the opposition and the Hon. Secretary (Statistics) shall result in a £10 fine on the team cancelling the match.

Mark Calder asked if there were any comments, there were none. He 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 to amend Rule P15. A trophy will be awarded to the best leg of 501, recorded during a League Match or Competition. **The first best leg counts, subsequent best legs must be lower.**

Mark Calder asked if there were any comments, there were none. He then asked all those present to vote on this proposal – all agreed with none against so motion carried.

### **Item 12 – League Entry Applications**

Mark Calder said that as far as we know all teams are returning to the league next season which a new team being entered from the NADSS Club called NADSS Wellies. It was stated that the league entrance fee was £60 and it was agreed to keep it at the same. It was also stated that give out two football cards to each team at the beginning of the season was going well. Andy Barnes suggested upping this to three football cards to each team to generate a bit of money. Mark Calder asked for any comments on this, there were none. It was then voted on and majority were in favour with two against so motion carried.

Alan Gooch said that with the new team entering the league then this will add on a further four weeks onto the season. Kevin Day said that we cannot extend the season anymore as it was too long as it was and suggested taking out the competitions. Alan Gooch said that the league was based on 14 teams which meant that it was not being extended it was at the correct length but it was just in previous years we have had less teams and so the league year was shorter. Mark Calder said that he does not like the competitions at the end of the season. Kevin Day said that he does not want to play in June or July. Gary Howlett stated that the league had never run into July. Alan Gooch said that the Open Singles/Pairs and Silver Singles/Pairs really had to be at the end of the season due to ratings. Mark Calder

said we should either have competitions at end or during the season. Alan Gooch said that this subject will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Item 14 – Next Meeting : Pre-season Meeting**

Mark Calder closed the meeting at 9pm with the next meeting being agreed for the 3rd August 2018 at the NADSS Club.