

2022/23 Knutsford And District Amateur Snooker League AGM
25th April – 7.30pm at Shaw Heath Social Club

1. Attendance (61):

League Officers:

- Chairperson: Andy Long (AL)
- President: ~~Geoff Jackson (GJ)~~
- League Secretary: Mark Newall (MN)
- Treasurer: Dave Nuttall (DN)
- Competition / Trophy Secretary: David Taylor (DT)

League Clubs:

- Mere 6 (Richard Owen, James Owen, Alex McDonough, Matthew Owen, Alex Owen; Allan Jackson):
- Mobberley 11 (Paul Adkin, Vinni Rossi, Adam McNeil; Mike Roylance +1; Alan Williams, Dave Rainford, Hank Pasquill, Ian Paton, John Dale, Jeff Gorton):
- Shaw Heath 9 (Scott Marshall, Jon Berry, Dave Mullins, Nik Edmondson, Will Cowley, John Kettle; Steve +2):
- Morley Green 7 (Paul Hart, George, Keith Aldred, Graham Walls, Tait Jones, Arthur Faux; Paul Thrower):
- Tatton 11 (Chris Parker, Andy Dunn, Bob Jones, Steve Bond +1, Ashley Parker, Carl Prince, Frances Evans, Steve Prosser, Rob Clarke, Pete Blain):
- Wilmslow Cons 10 (JP Diamond, Mike Sullivan, Laughlan, Cal & Mark Anderson, Jon Wilson, Nik Woodward, Matt Dale, Dave Wilkinson, Ralph Robertson)

- Heald Green 3 (Geoff, Loz, SB):
- Total Attendance including guests: 61 – the highest attendance since the 1986-7 season.

2. Opening remarks by the chairperson

Opening statement from Andy. Andy thanked his fellow officers for their hard work over the season. He welcomed Heald Green to the league and mentioned that their introduction had been a big success. He also talked about the number of young players coming through into the league at places such as Mere, Wilmslow, Heald Green etc and how refreshing it is to see this.

3. Opening remarks by the President

MN read out a message from our president Geoff Jackson where he stated that he has been closely following the league's progress and is pleased with how well things are going.

4. Apologies for absence

Geoff Jackson, Bruce Tulley, Gary Long

5. Minutes of the previous AGM

- a. Proposed as a true and accurate reflection by Matt Dale
- b. Seconded by Richard Owen

6. Any items arising from the minutes of the previous AGM

n/a

7. Report by Comps Sec

- Report by David on another successful year in the comps. Key points were that 2023/4 saw an increase in the number of competitions in the league (3-man comp re-booted) PLUS more players playing in competitions overall than in previous years

8. Report by Treasurer

| <u>Knutsford and District Amateur Snooker League Balance Sheet - Season 2023- 2024</u> | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>Income</u> | | <u>Expenditure</u> | |
| Balance brought forward | £287.32 | | |
| League match fees | £2,700.00 | Secretary honoraria | £800.00 |
| Team KO fees | £207.00 | Secretary expenses | |
| Individual Cup entry fees | £274.50 | Treasurer honoraria | £140.00 |
| Parkers Removals | £125.00 | Treasurer expenses | |
| Football card (Net) | | Competition Secretary honoraria | £445.00 |
| Outstanding | | Competition Secretary expenses | |
| Team KO | 9.00 | Web site domain 2yrs | 85.82 |
| League fees | 108.00 | League web page annual fee | £101.40 |
| Individual Cup entry fees | 51.00 | Trophies & engraving | £1,273.20 |
| | | Finals night & sundry refreshments | £45.00 |
| | | AGM refreshments and room hire | £300.00Approx |
| | | Donations | |
| | | Finals nights referee's expenses | |
| | | Parker Removals Winners | £150.00 |
| | | Expenditure | £3,340.42 |
| | | Bank Balance | £421.40 |
| | <u>£3,761.82</u> | | <u>£3,761.82</u> |
| | | Balance carried forward to 2024/2025 season: | £421.40 |

As per the above provisional balance sheet, the increased income from an additional team as well as the recent increase in league and comp fees mean that we have made a profit overall this season and end the season with approx. £420 in the bank – this was down to £14 at the same point last year so we are heading in the right direction.

9. Report by Secretary

Big thank you for everyone for turning up tonight and supporting the league - i thought that the large attendances in the last 2 years were mainly down to the handicap vote so to see so many people here tonight is just fantastic so thanks you everyone.

I had to check while i was writing this but i make this my third full season as secretary and i genuinely thought that i'd done about 5 so its obviously taking its toll! I've really enjoyed it again and from a league perspective it was a relatively stress free and smoothly run season with very few incidents or dramas. My fellow officers are always tremendously supportive on a week to week basis so many thanks guys. The team captains on the whatsapp group that we have also make running the league really easy so thanks to all of the team captains out there as i know from experience that the teams don't run themselves. Paul Adkin wanted to nominate himself as Captain of the year but given that i don't think we've ever turned up with both a match card and a pen then he still has some way to go to win that award.

We had a huge boost in the close season when Loz from Heald Green got in touch to say that they'd be interested in joining the league. Its fair to say that Heald Green is probably right on the cusp distance wise but the captains group briefly discussed it and we're unanimously positive in accepting Heald Green's entry. Its been an absolute pleasure - its a great club and a really nice set of lads that have been a tremendous

addition to the league and a 4th placed finish shows that they have a lot to offer on the table as well as off it.

Congratulations to Shaw Heath for a fantastic league win - i know you guys tried hard to throw it away in the last few weeks but at the end of the season the league table doesn't lie and the best team over the full 26 weeks has won the league - even if it was by the closest possible margin! Commiserations to Paul Hart and his Morley Green team - runners up for the third year in a row. As i'm sure everyone knows they went into the final game needing a 6-1 victory and they agonisingly lost 2 black ball frames so they were basically 1 ball way from the title. A great effort from those guys to run Shaw Heath so close and i'm sure they'll get that title soon if they keep playing the way they have been. I'd also like to mention Mere A's achievement of 10 straight wins at the end of the season. In the era of handicaps to win 10 games in a row is really special.

Individually, as well as the Heald Green lads we've also welcomed 12 new players to the league this year and i think we're slowly, slowly growing in terms of numbers. In terms of bye players there were 43 times last season when a team couldn't field a full 6 and just 32 this year. That's a big decrease, especially considering there are more matches and weeks this season compared to last. Hopefully that shows that we're on the way up. Next season i would really love for us to get that 14th team - i know that a number of clubs are really close. If you do feel that you're nearly there then reach out over the summer and lets talk about it and see if we can come up with something. I'd be happy for any new team to play fee free next season which would just be them keeping any extra monies that they bring in.

Congratulations to David for another great season of competitions – a lot of effort goes into running the comps - especially the Sunday comps and again, there have been very few dramas or issues. It was great to see the return of the 3 player comp and to be able to have a Sunday comp at Mobberley again is a nice reward for the work the snooker players have done to get the 3rd table back. Many congrats to all of the players who have won things - i won't name all of them now as they'll have their moment shortly but i will congratulate Pete Blain on his brilliant Rotary and TC Jay Double.

Finally - i'd just like to thank each and every player who plays in the league - its your league and you make it what it is - every single player. We used to laugh every year when Tony said the same thing in this speech when he talked about every team being of equal importance whether it be winners Shaw Heath or bottom team Wilmslow B. Having walked in his shoes for a while i know exactly what he means. I also know that everyone plays for different reasons - some people love the game of snooker, some people love the competition and otehrs just want a point with their mates on a Thursday night. I've also learnt from listening to people that there isn't necessarily a link between how good you are and how much you want to win. You could be a 50 handicapper that is desperate to win and sulks when they lose or you could be a - 30 handicapper who just enjoys a night out and a couple of frames of snooker regardless of whether you win or lose. Whichever one of those you are closest to, i want to thank you for playing and ask that you come back next year so we can keep this great league that we've got going.

10. Chairperson to propose Honoraria

League Secretary 800, Comps and Trophies Secretary 445, Treasurer 140

Unanimously Passed

11. 11 Election of officers:

- President; Geoff Jackson
- Chairperson; Andy Long
- Treasurer; David Nuttall
- Secretary; Mark Newall

- Trophy / Competitions Secretary; David Taylor

All officers elected unopposed

12. Proposals from members and management committee

There were no proposals that have come through the management meeting this year. That's not to say we aren't always looking for new ideas and innovations. Various proposals have been discussed during the management meetings but none were thought to be beneficial to the league by the committee.

There have been some recent suggestions by members regarding handicaps and these will be discussed at the formation meeting in August.

13. Management Meeting rota - Mere, Morley Green, Shaw Heath, Mobberley, Wilmslow

14. AGM rota - Mobberley, Shaw Heath, Morley Green, Mere, Wilmslow Cons

15. League Formation Meetings - Will all be held at Mobberley (league HQ) in August each pre-season.

16. Life Members

- Currently playing in the league: Rob Clarke / Francis Evans / Arthur Hasford / Any Long / David Nuttall / David Rainford / Philip Simpson / Bruce Tulley / Ed Wakefield / Mervyn Pike
- Not currently playing in the league: Tony Crompton / Ray Dale / Barry Lineham / David Potter / David Sykes / Ronnie Tagg / John Thompson / Peter Watson