

LEAGUE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Morley Green 7.30 29/01/24

1 - Attendance:

- League Officers:
 - Chairperson: Andy Long (AL)
 - President:
 - League Secretary: Mark Newall (MN)
 - Treasurer: David Nuttall (DT)
 - Competition / Trophy Secretary:
 - League Clubs:
 - Mere: Richard Owen
 - Mobberley: Mark Newall (MN); Alan Williams
 - Shaw Heath:
 - Tatton: Andy Long (AL); Rob Clarke
 - Wilmslow Cons: Matt Dale; JP Diamonds
 - Morley Green: Paul Hart
 - Heald Green: Loz Coughtrey

2 - Apologies for absence

- David Taylor
- Scott Marshall
- Dave Rainford
- Ashley Parker
- Paul Adkin

3 - Minutes of last meeting

- MN had previously published details of the formation meeting on the league stats site.
- Proposer as to them being a true and accurate representation- Matt Dale, 2nd Paul Hart

4 - Items arising from the last meetings (not agenda listed)

League Structure. Update on the search for a 14th team which would allow us to move back to 2 divisions which is still the target we are aiming for. Loz is still hopeful of possibly being able to field a second team next season from Heald Green but its more of a hope than an expectation so not something hat we can count on.

There has been a tentative approach from a team in the Macclesfield league via Bruce Tulley. I have asked Bruce to encourage the approach. Had a discussion on travelling to Macclesfield and the committee unanimously felt that the travel wouldn't be an issue as its only once or twice a season.

5 - Disciplinary / Matters of Dispute

The secretary has dealt with a few minor issues since the last meeting with phone calls and messages to captains – there hasn't been anything serious enough to discuss at a meeting.

6 - Items notified to Secretary prior to meeting

Proposal for a new handicap system from Vinni Rossi of Mobberley.

Vinni has felt for some time that the KADASL handicaps are not working and that the league has gone 'stale'.

He plays in the Stockport league on a Tuesday and feels that their handicap system is a lot better and removes the frustration for the better players of having to give huge head starts whilst still giving players/teams of lesser ability something to aim for.

Essentially all frames are played off scratch but a team handicap is applied to determine the aggregate. The aggregate takes on an increased importance as 3 points are given to the aggregate winners. This means here are 9 points available on the night instead of our 7.

There are 2 leagues running alongside each other. A traditional league that is a sum of the points taken in each individual match and a second league based purely on the aggregate points gained.

The teams of lesser ability would be unlikely to be able to win the 'traditional' points league but would potentially be able to challenge for the aggregate points league.

A lengthy discussion took place on various scenarios and the potential pros and cons. A key scenario was when the teams that contain the current higher handicappers play the teams containing the best players.

The results of the majority of the individual frames would mainly be a foregone conclusion – as would the overall winner of the match. The team of lesser ability would perhaps be hoping to win 1 frame and then maybe the aggregate point. Would a team be happy in a scenario where the individuals know they are more than likely going to lose their frames and are purely playing for the team aggregate? Would a team be happy knowing that the best result they are likely to get is a 5-4 defeat?

It was felt that this system could work well in a league where there was a narrow gap in abilities between the best and worst players but in a league where there is a 90 point difference between the best and worst players then it was felt that this would more than likely drive some of the higher handicappers away. On the other hand it could be argued that our system has already driven some of the lower handicap players away.

The proposal received a seconder from Morley Green but in the vote it was rejected with 5 against and 1 for.

The above proposal came about as a result of someone's dis-satisfaction with the handicap system. We discussed the cap and it was generally agreed that the reduction in the cap of 50 to 40 hasn't made a huge difference but has still overall been a positive thing.

It was pointed out that in the current system, a 10 handicapper is giving the same start to a 50 handicapper than a -40 player would be giving to the same player. This doesn't seem fair.

MN suggested a system where everybody's handicap is adjusted based on the difference between the highest and lowest handicappers.

Example scenario:

Lowest Handicap is -30

Highest handicap is +50

That's a difference of 80 but we don't want to see frames being played with more than a 40 difference.

$40/80 = 0.5$

0.5 Becomes the co-efficient or multiplier and then everyone plays off their handicap multiplied by 0.5

This sounds complex but the handicap sheet would work out everyone's 'playing handicap' for them.

The effect would be to move everyone's handicap closer to zero. In the above scenario the 10 handicapper would now be giving the 50 handicapper a 20 point head start as the 10 handicapper would have a playing handicap of 5 and the 50 handicapper a playing handicap of 25. The -30 handicapper would still be giving a 40 start to the 50 handicapper (-15 and +25).

Agreed that the above system could merit further discussion at future meetings – possibly the formation meeting.

MN also stated that moving forward he intends to be stricter on new players and employ a less subjective system where the handicap is calculated based on results after a certain number of appearances. After 5 appearances if a new player has won 4 games then their handicap will be reviewed. It will be calculated based purely on their frame scores taking into account the opponent's handicaps.

e.g. if someone has played 5 frames all against +10 handicappers and once the handicaps have been removed they are averaging 60 points for and 40 against per frame then they would be given a -10 handicap.

MN also feels that new players with slightly generous handicaps have potentially unfairly affected competitions in the last couple of seasons so will suggest to David that players will only be allowed to play in handicap competitions once we have confidence that their handicap has found its correct level i.e. they've played a certain number of games. Before that point a player would be allowed to enter competitions but off a reduced handicap. E.g a player playing off +20 who has only played 5 games can enter the comps but might be made to play off +10 until they have played a certain number of league games.

7 - Trophies / Competitions Secretary

Returning Trophies – asked everyone to start bring the trophies to Mobberley moving forward and to confirm when doing so via whatsapp.

3 Player update – Will know tomorrow whether we can stage this at Mobberley. Wilmslow have kindly offered to stage this if given enough notice. There have been a high number of entries (11+) which is great but will lead to us needing to schedule midweek prelim round as the comp can't really be run with more than 8 teams on the day. Its looking like the best option will be to postpone this by a week or two. This is all TBC over the next couple of days.

Team KO eligibility – Clarified the rule that a player needs to have played at least 3 times before the semi-final stage. There is also a rule about a team needing to be a 'fair reflection' of someone's league team but the main driver behind this is to prevent unfair strengthening rather than to stop people playing new players (or borrowing from other team's) when short.

8 – Treasurer

Reasonably healthy £1500

Parkers Removals sponsorship received

Only Shaw Heath haven't paid. DN is in regular contact with Scott Marshall and will keep us posted on that.

DN

Evening, DAVID



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£1,501.10

Income		Expenditure	
Balance brought forward	£287.32		
League fees	£1,296.00	Secretary honoraria	
Team KO fees	£0.00	Secretary expenses	
Individual Cup entry fees	£0.00	Treasurer honoraria	
Parkers Removals	£125.00	Treasurer expenses	
Football card (Net)		Competition Secretary honoraria	
		Competition Secretary expenses	
		Web site domain 2yrs	85.82
		League web page annual fee	£101.40
		Trophies & engraving	
		Finals night & sundry refreshments	£20.00
		AGM refreshments and room hire	
		Donations	
		Finals nights referee's expenses	
		Parker Removals Winners	
		Expenditure	£207.22
		Bank Balance	£1,501.10
	£1,708.32		£1,708.32
		Balance carried forward to 2024/2025 season:	£1,501.10

9 - Any other business

Proposal to increase the TC Jay final to best of 5 frames. Paul Hart feels the premier competitions should be best of 5 frames rather than best of 3. They do that in other leagues he plays in and he feels it increases the prestige level of the final.

This was discussed at length with various pros and cons referenced. Ultimately the comp secretary isn't here tonight so this should be decided upon when he is – the formation meeting in August was suggested. This isn't something that needs to be voted on at an AGM – if we decided to do this then we could vote on it as a committee at the formation meeting

It was pointed out that the current finals night structure of semis and finals on the same night have 4 (8 in doubles) competitors on the night so are more likely to attract spectators. If only 2 people were there then there is potential for less people to be there watching.

Do we do this for just finals or semis as well? Is it all comps or just some?

It was agreed that if we did move to best of 5 then the final would need to be on its own night.

We were moving toward a proposal to trial this next season in just the TC Jay and just for the final, which would be held on its own night.

To be discussed and finalised at the August meeting.

Guest Players.

To clarify – by guest player we mean someone who is not a member of the club that they are playing for.

Relating to rule 1.4

All players must be a fully paid up member of the club they represent

Paul Hart wanted to discuss a scenario where he wanted to play Ian Hughes as a guest player on his team against Mobberley but MN wouldn't allow this as it was against league rules.

Ian is in charge of the snooker section at the Victoria Club in Holmes Chapel and MN has regularly been in contact with him to try and persuade his team to enter our league.

The background to this is that MN had discussed this a few weeks prior to their league fixture when PH had told him that he plays as a guest in another league – for Ian's team.

MN saw potential benefits of someone such as Ian playing as a guest in our league if it would lead to us gaining new players/teams/clubs etc. There was clearly a misunderstanding between MN and PH as MN does not recall suggesting that PH actually do this – he was suggesting discussing that at a meeting to suggest a change or relaxation of the rules. On the night MN regrettably felt that he had no choice other than to disallow this as it would clearly contravene league rules. The committee were strongly in agreement with this part.

A lengthy (and sometimes heated) discussion was had on the potential merits of allowing guests. Ultimately no proposal was made as there didn't appear to be enough support for this.

In scenarios such as playing friends because a team was short then the committee were strongly against this as it would be open to abuse.

In scenarios where an exceptional circumstance was cited that may lead to the league gaining a new team then it was agreed that a case could be made for allowing that but ultimately the majority of clubs have their own rules that state people need to be members of the clubs to represent the teams. This would make any potential rule change pointless so no proposal was formally received.

PH wanted it to be stated on record that events on that particular night at Mobberley where Ian wasn't allowed to play were damaging to our league.

Mobberley 7.30 Start – MN reiterated that the Mobberley club (not the snooker teams) has insisted that league games need to start at 7.30. This has been in place for over a year now but teams are still forgetting.

The captain at Mobberley have all agreed that any future instances of lateness without a reasonable excuse will see them claiming the frames as they are entitled to do as per league rules.

Forgetting about the 7.30 start will not be deemed a reasonable excuse.

10 Date of next meetings

AGM – Shaw Heath is next on the list. They did a good job of hosting approx. 4 years ago under Covid restrictions. MN to discuss a date with Scott.

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Management Meeting rota:

- Shaw Heath, Mobberley, Heald Green, Wilmslow, Mere, Morley Green

AGM rota:

- Shaw Heath, Mere, Morley Green, Wilmslow, Mobberley

League Formation Meetings

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

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
 - Not currently playing in the league: Tony Crompton / Ray Dale / Barry Lineham / Geoff Owen / Mervyn Pike / David Potter / David Sykes / Ronnie Tagg / John Thompson / Peter Watson
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