



## Welshpool & District Pool League

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### Minutes of AGM meeting held - 04/08/2010 (10/11)

**Present:** Dave Gannon (Chairman / Treasurer)  
Shaun Humphries (Vice Chairman / Fixture Secretary)  
Jason Stokes (League Secretary/Webmaster)  
Gary Gindrat (Competition Secretary)  
Steve Sherlock (committee)

**Not Present** Graham Lewis (no contact)

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#### I. Agenda

(See attached)

#### II. Agenda discussed by point as follows:

##### 1/ Start / Apologies / present

- a. With 30 people present the 2010 AGM was called to order at 20.03
- b. All committee members present with the exception of Graham Lewis (no prior contact). The committee was notified at the start of the meeting that Graham would not be attending and would be stepping down from his role on the committee, Graham (DJ) was thanked in his absence for his many years of work and effort in the Welshpool Pool League and wished him well for the future. John Morris (Punchbowl) also sent apologies for being unable to attend.
- c. Dave Gannon proceeded to give a summary of the previous year's minutes, with no matters raised regarding the prior notes, the 2009 minutes were passed as accurate by Bob Gittins and seconded by Dai Walsh.

##### 2/ Treasurer's report.

- a. The 2009/2010 season finances situation was summarised by the treasurer giving brief details of another successful year with a slightly lower than normal surplus of £245.22, this was explained as primarily due to the cost of new trophies not previously needed before but would not be necessary again in the near future. Full details of the accounts for the year are attached. With no further questions the accounts were passed as accurate by Colin Jones and seconded by Mike Farley

### 3/ Chairperson's report.

- a. The chairman continued to summarise the previous season referring specially to the new 3<sup>rd</sup> division being mainly a success, however, it was also noted that it was unfortunate that bye's had been introduced and would be reduced or removed completely this year where possible. Full details of the chairman's report are attached.
- b. On a personal note, Dave Gannon announced that due to time constraints he would be stepping down as County A Team captain at the conclusion of the current season. This would need to be addressed in the coming months for a replacement and resolution.

### 4/ League Secretary 's report.

- a. Jason Stokes gave a glowing report of how this year's league had run smoothly with no particularly notable problems during the year and asked for 2 exceptions to be considered.
- b. Captains responsibilities to their team's need to be stepped up in the wake of so many asking committee members to sort out simple matters relating to rearranged games and general problems with venues and internal issues. It was requested that all teams and captains make sure they read, understand and keep at hand all year, the captains packs, that will be handed out prior to the new start, many problems that had been mentioned were the responsibility of captains to sort and not passed onto committee members 'because it was easier' . Captains should run their teams and not committee members, committee members are there when all avenues used by captains to solve a problem were exhausted.
- c. The major flaw for this year had been the poor effort shown by some teams in handing in their result cards on time, having started the season fantastically and drawing praise in the first week in the PoolPress the second week was a disappointment and certain teams continued to need chasing constantly through the year, the vast majority of teams were faultless and thanked for their efforts. This year a penalty will be installed for late cards in the following form.
  - I. 1<sup>st</sup> late card would receive a verbal warning and recorded in the poolpress.
  - II. 2<sup>nd</sup> late card would receive a written warning from the chairman/secretary and recorded in press.
  - III. 3<sup>rd</sup> late card and subsequent late arrivals will incur a 1 point deduction to the team.

It was accepted that in desperate circumstances that as long as a 'copy of the result card' reached a committee member by **10pm on Saturdays** following the Wednesday match that it would be accepted in any form but this was to be used as the exception to the rule and not to be abused on a regular basis, this includes mobile phone pictures, emails, facebook messages. Also requested was the improved use of text messages following a match to allow us to get all results in as soon as possible, Should a winning captain ask the losing captain to hand in a result card then also please make sure you include in your text message that you have handed the card to the losing captain. It is still the responsibility of the winning captain to make sure the card and any money reaches the committee/Talbot drop box and this rule has not changed, only being enforced more rigorously. All league rules will be amended in detail and distributed as normal at the start of the season along with the captains pack. It was also noted that these changes would be highlighted on the website, poolpress and facebook so that no claims of not knowing would be entered into. This penalty would not affect rearranged games.

### 5/ Election of Officials

- a. With no new members standing for any of the current positions within the committee structure it was agreed by all to vote en-masse the current members into the same position. This was proposed and accepted by Dave Roach and seconded by Dan Jones. All positions would remain the same as follows:

**Chairman / Treasurer**  
**Vice Chair / Fixture secretary**  
**League Secretary / Webmaster**  
**Competition Secretary**  
**Member**

**Mr Dave Gannon**  
**Mr Shaun Humphries**  
**Mr JasonStokes**  
**Mr Gary Gindrat**  
**Mr Steve Sherlock.**

**6/ League format and start date.**

- a. With a few outstanding verbal promises of team registration forms to come in it was announced that numbers in each division and placement of new teams was impossible to predict and that all teams would be notified following the team entry deadline of Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August. Any teams that try to enter after that date are likely to be excluded.

**7/ Youth League**

Brief discussion in interest in a youth league was discussed relating to numbers, interest, format and age groups. Several people mentioned they had possibilities that may be interested and would be in touch with Dave Gannon who will oversee this side of the league. All members were encouraged to look for youngsters to participate and further details would follow based on numbers.

**8/ A.O.B.**

- a. Thanks were given to Jason Stokes for work put into the Welshpool Pool Website remarking that from 70 hits several years ago we had gone to 9100 hits 2 years ago and the last year had grown again to over 13000 hits, The target would be to hit 15000 this year and prove what value the website and poolpress were to members and sponsors alike.
- b. Jason Stokes asked if there were any improvements or ideas that could be incorporated into the website or poolpress that people would like to see but none were offered at the time.
- c. The chairman asked for any further business to be brought before the committee and with no major concerns or questions the subject was closed.

**9/ Close of Business**

The eventual 38, 2010 AGM members present were thanked for their time and patience and as no further issues were raised the meeting was closed at 21.05.

**Minutes submitted by:** Jason Stokes

**Approved by:** Dave Gannon



**WELSHPOOL & DISTRICT POOL LEAGUE AGM 04.08.2010.  
VENUE MOLTOS 8.00PM**



- 1 a) Apologies
- 1 b) Summary of last year's AGM notes
  - Matters arising
- 2 'TREASURER'S REPORT'
  - Matters arising
- 3 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT'
- 4 LEAGUE SECRETARY'S REPORT; Late cards & penalties
- 5 ELECTIONS OF OFFICIALS
- 6 LEAGUE FORMAT AND STARTING DATE.
  - 3 Divisions. Teams new and disbanded. Promotions/relegations & o/s issues.
  - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> September
- 7 YOUTH LEAGUE
- 8 A.O.B.
- 9 CLOSE OF MEETING

**Welshpool & District Pool League  
Income and Expenditure a/c**

**Season 2009/2010**

<u>INCOME</u>	£	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£
League subs (37x£30)	1110	Trophies	1627
Prize monies (14x£5x26)	1810	Prize monies	2000
Pool Table income (12x£40)	480	Table repair costs	262.98
Andrews Fish Bar Sponsorship	taken out £666	Red Seal c/f	70
Main Cup Sponsorship	200	Cup Prizes	250
Consolation Cup Sponsorship	200	Singles Prize monies	150
Singles Sponsorship	200	Doubles/Trebles prizes	300
Doubles & Trebles Sponsorship	200	W.P.A. County Teams	105
Singles/Doubles/Trebles entries	745	Player of year prizes	150
Andrews Cup	300	Admin expenses	441.23
Alun Brooks' Cup	450	7-baller pots	50
Bank interest (deposit)	1.78	Mixed Doubles Charity	150
Mixed Doubles event	120	Division 2/3 prizes	275
Finals day	58.65	New table + balls + rest	200
Transfers	35	Andrew's Cup prizes	300
	5910.43		6331.21

**Surplus / Deficit for year :**

**Deficit of** -£ 420.78  
Sponsorship adjustment 666  
"Surplus for year" **£ 245.22**

**Bank reconciliation**

	Op bal	£	Clas bal	£
Natwest current a/c	£ 2,115.29	£	1,268.70	
Natwest deposit a/c	£ 3,725.44	£	3,767.22	
	£ 5,840.73	£	<b>5,035.92</b>	funds at Bank 16/07/10

**Unpresented Debits**

Prize monies	-365
County teams	-105
Charitable donation	-250
postage	-3.6

**Unpresented Credits**

Cash in hand	0.76
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**£ 4,313.08** Actual funds

**2008/9 to 2009/10 Reconciliation**

£	5,840.73	Bank funds b/f	
	18.13	Cash in hand	
	-1125	Unpresented 08/09	
-£	420.78	Surplus for year	DEFICIT
<b>£</b>	<b>4,313.08</b>	Actual funds	

## Chairman's Report

### Introduction

The 2009/2010 season gave us the most dramatic and tense finishes in a record breaking year! The move from two divisions to three divisions proved to be mostly successful, but we must look however to reduce or ideally do away with the necessary byes that this brought about, as some teams went 2 weeks without a game if they were knocked out of cup matches etc.

A fantastic sum of over £2200 worth of sponsorship was reached last year (a record), thanks in part to another new sponsor joining us in the form of the Brooks Cup, from Alun Brooks. A significant total of £3475 was paid out in total prize monies this season.

- In Div 1, Congratulations to the Lion Westbury broke the Nomads dominance to win the 1<sup>st</sup> Division at their first attempt, and well done to the Oak A for taking the fight up to the last two weeks before coming 2<sup>nd</sup> for a successive year.
- There was a nail biting finish where any one of 4 teams could have been relegated, but ultimately Four Crosses A avoided the drop with a win over Castle Boys to see them relegated in the last game!
- The Socialites won a very competitive Div 2, with 3 teams battling for 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the last game also; the Cock Brockton took that spot (for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year running also, which at this time sees them narrowly miss out on promotion again).
- A "crazy" finish at the foot of Div 2 saw the Pheasant B join Horseshoe Arddleen in being relegated, thanks to the Welly Dukes (now renamed Wizards) getting the 5-5 score they needed to stay up over the Pheasant by nature of head to head record!
- In Div 3, Argae Hall B dominated to win by an 8 point margin, with the Herbert Arms also performing well to come runners-up. Any "riders" to promotions and relegations will be discussed in the Agenda point 5.
- Well done to our players of the year, with Steve Richards, Carl Pryce and Brian Bebb winning the 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> divisions respectively.

I feel that this year we must look to consolidate where we're at, and by this I mean we must be careful not to become victims of our own success, and add anything to a very full fixtures programme. The advent of the Brooks Cup for example (which will be better integrated next year) must be the last addition to prevent over complicating and changing of "competition rules", as well as over extending our season. Having said that, I feel there is more we should be doing to promote our young players, hence point 6 on the Agenda. We also had another record year for Singles, Doubles, Trebles, Ladies singles and Mixed Doubles entries, which I can't see being topped this year to be honest!

With regards to County we now have 3 teams competing in the North Wales W.P.A. which has possibly seen us "overstretched" this season, but testament to the level of interest locally. Personally, I will be standing down as Captain of Welshpool A at the end of the current season as I no longer have the time to run a team.

This season I will be trying to concentrate more on promoting the league and its sponsors, rather than being "hands on" with everything; the continued support of our sponsors at this time *is greatly appreciated!*

**Finals Day** was brilliant this year, and I must thank everyone who helped on the day, but especially the committee who didn't stop all day, from 9 o'clock in the morning till 9pm at night! I would also like to thank Craig and his staff for again looking after us, and especially the help with the moving of the tables! Thanks to everyone who donated **raffle prizes** again.

The winners on Finals Day were:

- Main Cup: Courthouse
- Consolation Cup & Andrews Cup: Oak A (Con Cup finally coming out of hiding)
- Hughie Lewis: Cock Brockton
- Brooks Cup D1 Lion Westbury, D2 Cock B Forden (surely fixed) & D3 Argae B
- Singles: Shaun Gildersleeve
- Doubles: Steve Sherlock & Steve Davies
- Trebles: Lee Harris, Mike Bebb & Drew Hughes
- Mixed Doubles: Beely & Laura
- Ladies Singles: Amy Harris

Congratulations to all those, with a mention for the Angel A who missed out despite impressively being in 3 finals!

Finally, I'd like to thank Jason for his efforts on a superb web site which gained over 13000 hits last year! (9100 the year before) I still think he resets the counter now and again for the number of times I go on to get it to 15000 however.

The new season can't be truly finalised tonight with so many forms and teams having verbally committed, but I'm very hopeful of having 3 divisions again, and another successful season; this year hopefully without 3 months of Wednesdays seeing snow!