

# UP FOR DISCUSSION

Yet another instalment of Committee shenanigans!!

## **Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014**

Attendees (committee): Tony Britten, Jason Dunkley, Gary Tipping, Simon Coleman, Lorin Clough, Iestyn Pocock, Michelle Higginson, Alan Taylor

Apologies: Ian Jellis, Stephen Coleman, Damian Coates, Jim Thomson, Sue Thomson, Keith Thomson

Attendees (guest): Karen Biseker

Meeting opened at 20:41.



## **Chairperson's opening statement:**

Tony pointed out that this meeting represents the last committee meeting before the AGM. Many thanks for your service and commitment over the period. We have enjoyed the highest regular attendance at committee meetings for some years and have therefore achieved a great deal. I continue with a positive feeling about the direction in which we are moving.

## **Actions from last meeting**

There were no outstanding actions from the last meeting.

## **County Reports**

### **Inter Area Main competition**

Inter Area A – vs Wallingford B. The team lost 3-2 away but secured passage with aggregate win. This represents a very positive result. The next match to be scheduled is against Wallingford A (who have been winners of this trophy many times).

Inter Area 'B' team – vs Reading A at Headlands. Lost the second leg 3-2 which meant overall loss of 6-4. This is highly creditable against one of the top sides in the competition.

Inter Area 'C' team – have played a number of matches since the last meeting. In the match away to Reading C, the team struggled all evening with pins falling almost suicidally! A 5-0 defeat was the final outcome.

11/5 – Beat Wallingford C 3-2 at Cock

18/5 – Lost return leg at home to Reading C 3-2. (8-2 on aggregate) at C&A.

26/5 – Lost to Wallingford C 4-1

Other matches in the 'C' team Shield are being arranged.

Keith sent a message of thanks to his team for their continued commitment. Special thanks also to Gary Tipping who deputized as captain when Keith was unwell. The team won that night!

It was also brought to the attention of the committee that the landlord of C&A was delighted to have been selected for use for an Inter Area match. Given the significant improvement in the playability of the C&A table, it ought to be considered for use more often.

## **Social Secretary:**

As many players as possible were surveyed on their views of the recent Grand Finals and Presentation Day along with the Jim Wilson Memorial. The survey results showed that most people seemed to like it with a number of positive comments regarding the venue.

There was some negative feedback to be considered for next year's event such as the lack of entertainment meant that evening ended early.

There was also a comment regarding limited choice of food. Perhaps an option would be to pay more per head so that an additional option could be provided.

It was particularly noted that Karen Biseker did a fantastic job on the raffle. The Jim Wilson raffle beat previous takings.

## **Secretary:**

The secretary offered an update on the Northants Masters – With the final week approaching; four of the five divisions are still to decide the winner. This means that each almost every division will go down to the final matches making for a fascinating final night. Many congratulations to Matthew Thomson who clinched the Division 2 Masters title with some fantastic performances.

Feedback regarding the Northants Masters has been positive to date so the committee will move to retain this competition in 2015.

Masters Presentations will be held on 21st June at The Cock (after Fun Day).

**Summer League** – Fixtures have been posted on the website and all captains contacted. Reminder that it commences on Monday 16th June.

**AGM** – An updated timetable was offered to the committee.

Election of Officers – The Committee members set out their intentions for re-election or whether they were not seeking election to the committee in 2014/15. This will be taken forward to the elections held at the AGM. It was agreed that at least one role on the committee (ordinary member) should have the additional focus on development and league growth.

Committee Proposals for the AGM were discussed and agreed. These will be published in the AGM documentation to be issued in August.

## **Treasurer:**

No update given.

## **Competition Secretary:**

**The Northants Fun Day** (Fundraiser) 21<sup>st</sup> June 2014 – Simon still needs to rally players to play for the Northants 'B' team.

Forfeits are still to be fully decided but score limits for the All England All-Stars will be in place against the 'B' team. This will be limited on each visit to the table based on a roll of dice.

Lorin reminded the committee that a resolution needs to be found for the costs of provision of food.

Preparations for the '**9 Counties Challenge**' are ongoing although there was nothing further to report at this stage.

**Performances of the month** – Matthew Thomson for becoming the first official Northants Master for winning the Masters Division 2 title.

## **Any Other Business**

**Message from the All England Bar Billiards Association** – Simon read a message he received from the AEBBA to thank both him and our league for the fantastic contribution we made to their fundraising campaign for a new van. This is required to transport competition tables around the country. Simon offered his services to collect, transport, store and then deliver tables in April and May, which saved the AEBBA a lot of money and solved many logistical problems. This was a very generous gesture from Simon and was much appreciated by the AEBBA.

In addition, our league donated £320 to the fundraising campaign for which they are also very grateful.

Well done all.

Meeting closed at 22:47

**The next meeting will be the AGM held at Cheyne Walk Club on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 20:30 sharp!**

