

Minutes of Northants Bar Billiards Committee -5th June 2025

The Cock Hotel at 20.15

Present: Tony Britten, Mary Leeming, Jim Thomson, Martin Attwill, Kevin Ayres, Dunc Harris, Keith Thomson, Sandy Thomson, Stewart Greenaway.

Apologies: Michelle Coleman, Dass Woodward

- Agenda:
1. Summer League
 2. Trophy Returns
 3. Presentation Evening
 4. New League Format – MA
 5. 2nd Division Individuals and bind Pairs format – MA
 6. Committee changes next season
 7. A.O.B.

Chair: Opened meeting at 20.15 and welcomed everyone and thanked for attending.

Treasurer: Current balance -£2,940.22. Treasurer proposed account to be moved from Lloyds Bank to Metro Bank. This was discussed and committee voted unanimously for this move to go ahead.

Committee voted unanimously for signatories to be Tony Britten and Martin Atwill. Tony will go into Metro next week to set up new account. He commented that during initial enquiries with them they had been exceptionally helpful and welcoming.

Competition Secretary: All semi finals and finals are now completed. Committee thanked martin for sorting these out so efficiently. TB will contact Lorin to update website/ WhatsApp. **Action TB**

Social Secretary: Not present. Sent message that Presentation evening was in hand and Tony will update.

County Captain: Nothing to report. Nothing has come out of Inter Area believes that following resignation of their secretary that it may not currently be functioning. Mary will contact Steven Coleman to find out if this is the case.
Action ML

Agenda 1. Summer League. Currently only 4 entries – it was agreed unanimously that it would go ahead in limited form, 4 pin format, each team to play others home and away. MA will organise and publish schedule. **Action MA**

Jim will contact Simon C to get pins and distribute to team captains. **Action JT**

Agenda 2. Trophies need to be returned ASAP. Dunc H has offered to coordinate for teams in the North. Tony Hs offered to do same for town teams. Both agreed to have contact numbers posted on WhatsApp chat so players can arrange collection/delivery. List of current trophy holders will be emailed to relevant committee members. Trophies need to be returned by end of June at latest for re-engraving. New winners list will be sent to TB by MA. **Action: TB, DH, MA**

Agenda 3. Presentation evening. As agreed at last meeting this will be a n informal/ drop-in affair at The Cock. No disco this year. There will be a buffet with a voluntary contribution of £5 per head. If contribution made a raffle ticket will be given- this will then be drawn on the evening with a prize of £50 donated by TB. Committee thanked Tony for this. Would be helpful to know how many attending so ML will publish on Chat, Lorin to be asked to add to website. Tony will liaise with Rob at The Cock re buffet. **Action: Tony, Mary, Lorin**

Agenda 4/5. At last meeting Martin proposed new 3 division league format. Committee agreed this would be proposed by them at AGM. Martin then explained this would create problems in recognising division between existing 1st and 2nd division competitions. Martin put forward two possibilities. 2nd division will be bottom half of rankings / lost more games during the season, or have an average of below 2,500.

Committee unanimously accepted that players with average below 2,500 will rank as 2nd division for Individual competition and Blind Pairs. All players still eligible to enter 1st division individuals. This will be proposed by committee at the AGM. MA will provide proposals for AGM. **Action MA**

6. Committee Changes. There will be a number of Officer vacancies on Committee at the end of this season. So please ensure members are aware of this and can be prepared to propose replacements. Vacant positions will be Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Competition Secretary has been filled by Martin

recently and he has indicated he is happy to continue. Others have indicated interest but we will wait for proposals for positions prior to AGM.

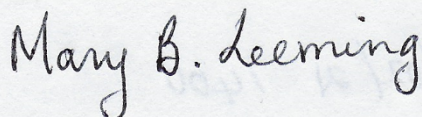
A.O.B. MA has offered to sort calendar for start of Winter League commencing 6th October – to end of March. The closing date for team entry will be by AGM. AGM should be 09/09/25 at The Britannia – subject to them agreeing – to commence at 8.00pm

Finally thanks again to Martin for picking up Comps gauntlet and calendar.

Meeting closed by Chair @21.02

Chair:

Secretary:

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Mary B. Leeming".