



ASHFORD POOL LEAGUE

Ashford Pool League Committee
Wednesday 13th July 2011
@ The Ashford Club

Present:

Nigel Higgins N, H-Chair
Kenny Sharpe K, S-League Secretary
Dan Gibbs D, G
Mark Mitchell M, M
Scott Hanson S, H
Dara Farrell D, F-Minutes
Bob Woolcombe B, W

Apologies:

Jess Mellin
Steve Russell

		Action
1	<p>Singles and Doubles-Entrance Fees <i>It was decided by the committee that entrance fees for both singles and doubles would remain unchanged,</i> Singles-£5 Doubles- £2.50 per player</p> <p>Draws for both competitions will take place at the next meeting of the committee.</p>	
2	<p>Charity donations-Change of Charity Annually <i>MM opened discussion on the leagues support of a particular charity, while not proposing any changes; MM was keen to begin such a conversation, while introducing the possibility of changing the charity the league supports.</i></p> <p><i>NH informed new members to the committee of issues which had arisen with previous recipients of the leagues support. NH was keen to emphasise only truly deserving charities should receive support from the league. NH also put forward the case that the team which raises the most money should choose a charity for that season.</i></p> <p><i>MM clarified his position only wishing to begin a discussion he was keen not suggest another charity.</i></p> <p><i>Discussion returned to issues with previous recipients, some members of the committee were angered by the financial commitments of said charity.</i></p> <p><i>NH informed those present of the importance of the money donated to the current charity, claiming that the current charity would struggle without the financial Support of the pool league.</i></p>	

SH reminded the committee that they were unaware of the finances of other local charities.

Discussion continued on the charitable aspects of the league and the grounds upon which recipients of money are chosen.

NH + KS confirmed the current position of the league and committee, stating that the team that raises the most money has the right to select the charity.

Conversation turned to the team who collected the most money last season,

BW argued that only funds raised by the team through the league should be submitted in the charity pot, and should exclude money raised through other activities.

KS believed that the committee and league should be open to appeals for support from others charities and not for profit organisations.

MM drew member's attention to the large gap between funds collected by the one team over every other in the league, emphasising the unlikelihood of another team ever gaining the opportunity to select a different charity.

KS proposed

50% of money raised to be allocated by the highest collecting team

50% of money raised to be allocated by the committee

NH informed the committee that his team would continue its charity work but this would separate from the pool league, NH confirmed his support for the values of the charity pool league

BW abstained before a vote was taken; following further discussion KS retracted his proposal.

**MM Proposed Ashford Men Cap for this coming season,
This was passed unanimously by those present.**

**MM proposed a postponement of discussion to a subsequent meeting of the committee
This was passed unanimously by those present.**

3 Knockouts- Venues for later stages

MM stressed the importance of finalising venues for later stages of both knock out competitions.

**KS proposed the removal of rule 3.5
This was passed unanimously by those present.**

**NH Proposed postponement of discussion to a subsequent meeting of the committee
This was passed unanimously by those present**

KS confirmed that the committee would select venues for the later stages of both knockouts

**KS to include
on 9/8 agenda**

4	<p>Team knockouts- winners trophies</p> <p>MM Proposed the purchase of a trophy to be awarded to the winning team of the knockout competition,</p> <p>NH Proposed a deferment on the purchase of the fore mentioned trophy, to save costs</p> <p>Both proposals were unanimously by those present</p> <p>MM was keen for the trophy to be back dated</p>	<p>NH to order engraved trophy</p>
5	<p>Referees- item proposed by BW</p> <p><i>BW initiated conversation on what he saw was a need for referees in pool league matches. BW reminded members that APL is falling behind in its approach to the officiating of matches compared to surrounding leagues.</i></p> <p>MM proposed clarification of rule 1.11 proposal was unanimously passed by those present</p> <p><i>Discussion took place on the perceived needs for referees,</i></p> <p><i>BW proposed referees as a mandatory requirement at all league games</i> <i>Aye 3</i> <i>No 2</i> <i>Abstain 2</i></p> <p><i>MM questioned the feasibility of enforcing this new rule, claiming that the majority of teams would play without a referee, this would therefore leave some teams in breach of league rules.</i></p> <p><u>Committee members were in recess between 21.06 and 21.17</u></p> <p><i>Discussion resumed on the use of referees in league matches, the feeling of the room was that in many cases referees would not be used,</i></p> <p>It was decided If one captain requests a referee, all frames within that match should be refereed by non playing members of alternate teams.</p> <p><i>MM suggested that the committee should not police the use of referees, unless the committee is called to adjudicate as with any other dispute.</i></p> <p>The committee were in agreement that ideally referees would be in place, unless Captains agree otherwise.</p>	<p>KS to update league rules</p>
6	<p>Inter league-sponsorship Item proposed by KS</p> <p><i>KS informed the committee that the Ashford B Interleague team had qualified for the nationals in Great Yarmouth, The cost of entry to the team is £25 with a subsequent £45 due from each player. KS explained that £45 could exclude some players from competing expressing passionately his desire for the</i></p>	<p>Cheque to be sent to captain of Ashford B</p>

Ashford pool league to be represented at the nationals. In order to ensure all players are able to compete

KS formally requested financial support from APL.

KS proposed some sort of support

Aye-2

No- 1

Abstain- 4

MM raised concern with the possibility of future applications from the Ashford B interleague team as well as the A team.

Some concerns were raised over what the sponsorship would be spent on.

It was agreed any sponsorship would be paid to the captain and left to his discretion.

KS + MM agreed upon a ball park figure of £700 as a total cost of the team's attendance.

NH proposed £150 to the Ashford B Interleague team

KS explained he would be happy for the sponsorship to be given on a one of basis.

DG Increased NHs proposal to £200

Aye-6

No-1

BW proposed APL should always pay the entry fee for any competing Ashford Interleague team

This was unanimously passed by those present

KS confirmed Interleague players would be invited to make a donation to the league through a charity pot,

MM suggested taking a charity pot to Great Yarmouth

KS expressed his view for the need of support from APL to the two Interleague teams.

It was agreed that the issue of Interleague sponsorship would be revisited at a subsequent meeting.

7 League rules-No show/Late cancellation

In depth and detailed discussion took place relating to issues between two teams last season, The dispute related to a cancelled fixture and inability of the teams involved to rearrange the match.

MM strongly emphasised the league requirement for a cancelling captain to inform the league secretary.

KS to update league rules

	<p><i>KS suggested the need for a change to the rules</i></p> <p><i>Discussion turned to the issue of who should set the date for a rearranged fixture,</i></p> <p>BW proposed that the league secretary should set the date for any cancelled fixtures. Passed unanimously by those present</p> <p><i>MM turned discussion to issues surrounding the 4 point deduction on the cancelling team. MM expressed his dismay at some of the circumstances which resulted in points being deducted.</i></p> <p>KS Proposed the removal of rule 2.4 from the league rules Passed unanimously those present</p>	
8	League Rules-General Opinion	Committee members to read rules in preparation for further discussion on league rules.
9	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>No points were raised</p> <p>NH closed the meeting at 22.32</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>9th August 8pm The Ashford Club</p>	

