

ATTENDEES

Committee:

R. Blick(Chair), D. Hubbard(Treasurer), J Harper(H/Cap sec.), A. Stelmasiak.

Members:

M. Moore, S. Jelf, A. Walters, B. Martin, P. Childs, J. Scarlett, B. Williams, D. Evans

Apologies

R. Gilbert, T. Peniket, J. Adams, M. Buckley, T. Littlehales. M. Scarlett

Acceptance of 2015 AGM minutes

All was asked if there were any issues with the minutes for last AGM to bring to this meeting. As there were none all agreed to accept.

Chairman's report

generally a successful year with very little disruption by weather until late in the year when only an unofficial fixture was cancelled.

Thanks to Hubby for the weekend away. This year is Cheltenham. Need to encourage take up. It would be a pity that the founding reason for the society lost attendance.

Venue seems to tick all boxes of member's general requirements - Close, hotel on site, large town close, same venue for 3 rounds.

New fixture list published without any objection to dates and allocations.

Condensed into March - October to increase chances of good weather. Please get down to booking your event. Last year it remained incomplete for a long time into the season. Look forward to Marc coming in March.

The Knockout competition was a disappointment with contenders dragging out the competition to the detriment of others. Proposals on the agenda will determine its fate for the future. Personally hope it will continue.

Thanks to Hubby, Jim and Andrew for support and contribution to the good running of the society.

Treasurers Report

David briefed the meeting on the year's financial situation and the current position. Attached is spreadsheet. There were no major issues with cash holdings at a minimum. There may be need to raise a levy during the system if costs of insurance take any large increase but all agreed this to be logical to leave till that time if needed. There was a general vote of thanks for Hubby's continued work.

Handicap Sec's Report.

1. Jim handed out sheets of analysis to summarise the season's movers and shakers. (These will be attached to the minutes for distribution). Generally the opinion was that the system works fine but there were a couple of issues discussed. The 1 year trial of using the websites system to calculate and present the order of merit scores was a success with it reproducing the same result as the manual version used up to now. Jim proposed, seconded by Andrew and carried unanimously. -

NEW RULE: That we adopt the automated league table for the order of merit scores.

2. The lowest performers against handicap are being reviewed in line with custom and practice according to general level of play. There will be an adjustment of handicap by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the difference of average play verses handicap. This will affect only a few members. This was accepted by the meeting.

3. A general discussion on the penalties applied for winning resulted in a proposal by Danny that Winners were docked 2 shots and 2nd place 1 shot. This received no seconder so was not put to the vote. A Counter proposal from Jim was seconded by Pud and carried 7 votes to 3.

NEW RULE: That the winner be cut 1 shot and a 0.5 shot cut for 2nd place.

Member's registered proposals

1. Hubby - Knockout competition.

Asked for a vote as to who would want to be involved in the coming season. This proved to be, including absentees who registered their intentions, that only 7 would play the competition with one members opinion yet to be registered (Tex). The discussion of whether to abandon or play it with reduced members was resolved that the players will enter and play whatever the number as long as it is viable competition. It was accepted that the committee set "stone clad" deadlines which will mean that matches are decided by coin toss after a set deadline regardless of reason or excuse to result in a timely final result.

2. Jeff's proposal of combining the awards evening with the AGM did not get a seconder so was refused. However some said they would like a change of venue. Some stated that the event was not necessary, and not enjoyed, this was refuted by others. There was no actual vote directly on the situation but a proposal by Brian, seconded by Pud and carried 9 against 2 as follows:

NEW RULE: That in future trophies would only be presented at the awards ceremony and NOT at the event itself.

NOTE: Rescinded at the first game of 2016

Election of officers

All officers stood down, were asked if they would stand again, which all said they would and were re-elected unopposed as follows.

Chairman - Roger

Treasurer - Hubby

Handicap sec. - Jim
Committee - Andrew

A.O.B

1. Jim - Jim asked to adopt a change to the 3 round weekend away to take just one game in the handicap and merit calculation. This was discussed but not approved by the meeting.
2. Simon - Would not be prepared to arrange continental trip, Danny volunteered to arrange.
3. Barry - Requested that all respond positively in time to allow arrangers to plan fixtures in a timely fashion, this was viewed as an existing part of society policy which RB offered to drive. All agreed to continue supporting "Bazza's Bucket" collection for charity.

The meeting closed at 10 PM