

Reigate & District Snooker League

A.G.M Minutes 2010

Officers: - Tim Mander (President) Keith Robinson (Chairman, Treasurer) Michael Cosham (Secretary)

Keith Robinson opened the meeting at 7.35 pm, 5th September at Reigate Ex Club and asked for the secretary's report.

Michael Cosham (Secretary) started by saying "thank you to everyone who precipitated in last season's snooker league which ended making it a very successful season. On a sadder note by having 2 very sudden deaths within the league and members of the Coulsdon C team, "Ron Lemmer & Ray Simpkins," I and the rest of the league hope the best for all their family and friends for the future. A thank you to Vincent Couch for the posters he made for the advertisement to the league also a thank you to Darren Aldous for contacting other teams to also advertise the league. A massive thank you to Mark Field for his fantastic website and all his efforts behind the scenes of the R.D.S.L league. On a more serious note that match deadlines are there for a reason so please try complete all matches before the deadline date as this can cause a lot hard work trying to follow up remaining matches for the next draw. Also like to welcome Caterham CIU to the league. Secretary wishes the best for the next season." Report ended.

Chairman then asks for the accounts,

Keith Robinson (Treasurer) started by saying that all accounts are very stable with a £30 to be carried forward to 2010 / 2011 season, Keith reminded everyone that we are not a profitable business and that all fund and fees given at the A.G.M are for honorariums, finals days and trophies. Keith also added that although at last year's A.G.M he announced that 2009/10 will be his final year, he has decided to carry on for 1 more year, this will be Keith's final year and asks for other members of the league to think about this position. It is not a time consuming position and Keith said he will show the new officer the role. Keith ended his report and continued on his report as chairman.

Keith Robinson (Chairman) continued by saying a massive thank you to Ian Bouttell for all his work behind the scenery for arranging all the trophies for finals day and that this was a massive help to the league and a lot of pressure off the league secretary. A thank you to Mark Field for the website. He continued by saying that at the current standings for the league are 14 teams entered and are awaiting Reigate Ex to enter a team. Chairman wishes the best for the 2010/11 season. Keith ended his report and asked for the election for the officers.

The elections of the new officers, Michael Cosham would be happy to carry on the role as secretary and got the vote to be Secretary for another year, Proposer:- Bevan Gray Seconded :-Charlie Hill
Keith Robinson for treasurer accepted to take the role for one more year only and got voted in,
Proposer: - Simon Foot Seconded: - Darren Aldous.

Keith Robinson for Chairman accepted to take the role for another year and got voted in,
Proposer: - Ralph Chapman Seconded:-Kevin Peace

Tim Mander for President accepted to take the role for another year and got voted in,
Proposer: - Mick Davis Seconded: - Charlie Hill

Chairman asks for another business for the league. Keith Robinson proposed that the new season should be 2 Divisions, meaning if there are 15 teams entered in the league that 8 will transfer to the top and 7 teams to the bottom from the 2009/10 table, Keith also states that this is because that the bottom of the league has nothing to play for and a second division would help. Ralph Chapman seconded this proposal and would like to add that to make the league slightly longer that we should use the semi final rule in the "Team Knockout" competition in all the rounds, the officers members thought that this is a good idea if the season was to go to 2 divisions. To add on the discussion Darren Aldous replied that the season would be far too short with only 16 weeks of snooker and wouldn't attract other players who enjoy playing there snooker. Bob Payne replied he would also like the see the league be changed to 2 divisions, as for a team with only 3 players is hard to get a team out every week for such a long period, Bob also stated that him and most other members enjoy to finish the league just after winter for any summer activities that take place. Bob Hardy added that it would be a good idea to play with 2 divisions but instead of everyone just playing home and away fixtures but to play an extra fixture round. Darren Aldous replies to this saying that playing the same

teams after 3 fixtures could get tedious and is nice to have more of a challenge playing all other teams. Ian Catt adds to the discussion by saying that the first half of the league should be played as 1 division and the second half should be split into 2 divisions. From this reply the members and officers did accept the idea and will need further discussion. After a few minutes the officers had a brief chat about the pros and cons over Ian Catts proposal and the President stated this would make the league a very suitable length but believes that this is very short notice for the whole league to be changed in such a way regarding to the Website and would take some weeks and Mark Fields personal hours to change, but regarding that this is something to think about for the season of 2011/12.

The chairman casted a vote for the following – for season 2010/11 to be 1 Division..... the vote cast was 8 FOR and 4 AGAINST..... Decision was made that season 2010/11 will be 1 division.

Chairman asks for any other member to talk about any other business, Tim Mander proposed that all league members should think about changing the way we set out our teams on league matches similar to the "Westerham" league. This consists of having a team of between 3 – 6 members, instead of the normal 3 in a team. It doesn't matter if a match has different number of team members but however the names are written down on the card that will be the set up for the match. Tim said this is just a thought to bring to the next season.

Keith Robinson closed the meeting at 8.20pm

Topics to think about and to carry over to next A.G.M:-

- New treasurer Role for the 2011/12 season.
- Half 1 division, half 2 Divisions or 2 divisions depending on amount of teams entered.
- Tim Mander's thought of changing the team set up for league matches.

Added information after A.G.M date:-

A proposal was raised after the A.G.M by Keith Robinson. "R.D.S.L home teams should not have to supply food after matches," this is due to clubs changing rules and also late finishes. I sent out an urgent email to all members to have a discussion with their teams to decide their vote. As it stands and with all votes counted I can declare 9 voted FOR and 4 voted AGAINST meaning that "R.D.S.L teams do not have to supply food after a league match," it is entirely the home teams discretion to supply food or not and is not a must.

Kind regards

Michael Cosham
R.D.S.L Secretary