

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) - APRIL 2024

AGENDA

COMMITTEE

- 1 - Election of Committee for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 seasons.

The current Committee of Andy Picknell (League Secretary & Treasurer), Roger Clarke (Chairman), and James Stokes (Players Rep), will be standing for re-election. **Carried unanimously.**

- 2 - Election of Sub-Committee for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 seasons.

The sub-committee are available for co-option should a dispute arise that involves a team that a Committee member plays for. The current sub-committee of Glynn Meadows, Stef Kolesar, and Dean Davies will be standing for re-election. **Carried unanimously.**

PLAYING RULES

No proposals received.

GENERAL RULES / CONSTITUTION

Proposals have been received for the following :-

- 3 - General rules, Rule 2. Instead of playing 8 single frames, matches are instead increased to 10 single frames. This would help teams who didn't have a full 8 players, and teams who felt matches were finishing early, and wanted a longer night. **Overruled - 10 votes to 23.**

A The first 8 players would follow the standard format, and the final 2 players would be Captain's choice. These could be 2 new players, or 2 players who had already played, or a combination of both. **n/a.**

B The first 6 players would follow the standard format, and the final 4 players would be Captain's choice. These could be 4 new players, or 4 players who had already played, or a combination of both. No player may play more than once in the second session. **n/a.**

If voted in, this new format would apply to the whole League, and would cover League and Cup matches.

- 4 - General rules, Rule 8. Instead of tossing a coin at the start of the match to decide breaks, the break is instead decided by lag at the start of each frame. See Rule 4 of Blackball Rules for full details of the lagging procedure. **Overruled - 14 votes to 20.**

- 5 - General rules, Rule 3. Instead of an 8:30pm start, the start of all matches is instead brought forward to 8pm. **Overruled - 17 votes to 18.**

- 6 - General rules, Rule 20. Instead of making refreshments mandatory for League games, this is instead made optional. There is a big disparity across the League over what is provided, and it is not uncommon for excess food to be left over at the end of the night. Some pubs & clubs are still struggling since the pandemic, and if we can help them out, we should do. **Overruled - 12 votes to 20.**

- 7 - The Committee made the decision in 2012 to introduce the 3man competition on a Monday night, after the Wednesday League folded in 2009. In the same way, the Committee made the decision in 2023 to stop running the 3man due to a number of issues in previous years. It has been proposed that we re-introduce the 3man. **Overruled - 8 votes to 12.**

- 8 - All rounds of the Singles and Doubles are drawn completely randomly by the Committee, and are all done via Facebook Live. The Committee then assign each randomly drawn group to a specific venue, ensuring that someone in that group is from that venue, and is able to run the venue, and let the Committee know the results at the end of the night. It has been proposed that the venues are also randomly drawn. **Overruled unanimously.**
- 9 - Constitutional rules, Rule 18. Currently, matches may be postponed/re-arranged with the consent of both Captains. It has been proposed that NO postponements are allowed, except for very exceptional circumstances. **Overruled - 3 votes to 20.**
- 10 - Constitutional rules, Rule 2. Currently, a £10 fine is levied for missing a League meeting. It is proposed that instead of a £10 fine, a 1 point penalty is instead levied for every month a League meeting is missed. **Overruled - 10 votes to 19.**
- 11 - If any team or venue is indebted to the League, then the Committee reserves the right not to give any Singles or Doubles matches to that venue. **Carried - 28 votes to 2.**
- 12 - Constitutional rules, Rule 11. Amendment to include - The Committee may exclude any individual or team from re-registering each season. **Carried - 29 votes to 2.**
- 13 - Constitutional rules, Rule 11a. Amendment to include - Any individual found guilty of bullying any member of the Committee either in person, or via Social Media, will be liable to expulsion from the League. **Carried - 28 votes to 1.**
- 14 - General rules, Rule 16e. Any team that plays someone in the Trio Cup who hasn't fulfilled the required number of League games up to that round will forfeit that match. **Carried - 23 votes to 2.**
- 15 - Constitutional rules, Rule 3. Amendment to include - Changes to playing rules, or playing format cannot be made mid-season, they can only be proposed, and voted on, at an AGM. **Carried unanimously.**
- 16 - Constitutional rules, Rule 14. Currently, a team that plays an unregistered player, or illegal player, will lose that frame, which could potentially lead to loss of match depending upon severity. It has been proposed that any team found guilty of playing any unregistered or illegal player, will automatically forfeit the match, not just the frame. **Carried - 25 votes to 3.**
- 17 - Constitutional rules, Rule 22. Currently, if a team folds during the second half of the season, any points won/lost in the first half stand, so long as they have fulfilled all their first half fixtures. It has been proposed that if a team folds at any point during the season, all of their points won/lost are wiped from the records. **Carried - 23 votes to 2.**
- 18 - General rules, Rule 3. All matches should start at 8:30pm prompt. The current rules allow a team to claim a frame at 8:45pm if at least 4 players from the opposition team haven't arrived on time. Unfortunately some teams are abusing this rule, and are turning up at 8:40pm, and it can be as late as 9:00pm by the time the first frame actually starts. This is completely unacceptable. It is proposed that if at least 4 players from a team are not at a venue by the 8:30pm start time, then they lose the first frame at that time, and an additional frame every 10 minutes thereafter. If a team is running late, there is no excuse for not letting the opposition captain know. **Carried - 17 votes to 10.**

FINANCES

- 19 - The accounts to March '24 are attached, and will be discussed during the AGM. **Presented with no queries.**