

Deeping & District Darts League
Minutes of General Meeting
5th April 2023 – Deeping Sports & Social Club

Teams Represented : Whistle Stop, Waggon & Horses, The Bell Tavern, The Bull, Deeping Sports & Social A & B, Walnut Tree A,B & C (The two teams not represented were involved in a “catch-up” match)

The meeting commenced at 7:30pm

Apologies for Absence were received from Amy Grant and Mickey Pearce

Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman thanked everyone in the league for playing during the season, which had featured a good number of high checkouts and 180's.

Minutes of Last Meeting

These were read and approved as being an accurate record.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the bank was closing its branch and the account would need to be administered online in the future. Proper safeguards were being put in place to ensure that 2 signatories were required for any payments.

The cheque presented to the British Red Cross (proceeds from the Ukrain Charity Night) from the previous year had still not been charged to the bank account. Investigations were ongoing.

Current balances amount to £1,078 in the bank and £118 cash. The Treasurer recommended reverting to a Team Registration fee of £30 and a Player Registration fee of £1. The competition entry fee is to remain at £1.

An amount of £50 had been allocated for food on Finals Night which had been matched by the same amount from the Sports & Social Club.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that there had been two Committee meetings during the season, the second of which dealt with a potential breach of Rule 6 regarding players' timely attendance at matches. It had been decided that there was a breach of the rule but that no sanction would be applied. The meeting also recommended a review of the wording of Rule 6 which would be for the new committee to consider.

Four proposals had been received, to be considered later in the agenda.

Fixtures Secretary's Report

The Fixtures Secretary thanked Martin Adams for his assistance in keeping the website up to date and commented that virtually all result sheets had been submitted in a timely fashion.

Team Registrations

12 teams have registered for the Summer Season, with the possibility of 2 more. The Fixtures Secretary stressed the urgency of finalising the numbers ready for the new season to commence.

Proposals

Four proposals had been received. The first two were discussed together :-

Proposal 1

That teams be awarded 2 points for a win (1 each for a draw) rather than deciding the league by total legs won.

Proposed by : Paul Frith Seconded by : Martin Adams

Proposal 2

That 2 bonus points (in addition to legs won) be awarded for winning a match (1 each for a draw).

Proposed by : Steve Holland Seconded by : David Weldrake

An initial vote was carried out to decide whether to leave the existing scoring structure in place or to change it. The meeting voted to change it and Proposal 1 was then carried.

Proposal 3

That the format of the league be changed, for one Summer Season at least (from 6 Singles, 3 Doubles from 501 Best of Three). The committee to decide the new format.

Proposed by : Dave Price Seconded by : Steve Holland

Proposal 3 was defeated but it was suggested that the committee might consider submitting a more specific proposal to a future meeting.

Proposal 4

That points won by any team not submitting their result sheet in time be discounted.

Proposed by : Paul Frith Seconded by : Martin Adams

An ammendment was put forward to allow for valid reasons for late submission to be taken into account. This was then carried.

Election of Committee

The following were elected to hold office for the coming season:-

Chairman : Pat Looney

Vice Chairman : Daron Grant

Treasurer : Gary Shaw

Secretary : David Weldrake

Fixtures / Competitions Secretary : Paul Frith

Trophies Manager : Daron Grant

All were agreed that Martin Adams should continue as President.

Any Other Business

It was pleasing to hear that Nadine Bentley was progressing well following a heart attack.

It was agreed to continue with the relaxation of registering new players on the night of a match but noted that the Player Registration Fee had not always been collected. It was suggested that the new committee review the procedure for the future.

The format of the Roy Binder competition was confirmed.

With 12 teams in the Summer Season it was decided to run two divisions and incorporate more competitions.

The Summer Season will commence with the Mick Howlett Blind Doubles competition to be

held at The Lord Burghley (TBC) on 26th April.

There was a proposal of thanks for the outgoing Chairman for his work for the league – agreed by all.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked the club for hosting the meeting, thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8:59pm.