

**Deeping & District Darts League**  
**Minutes of General Meeting**  
**13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Deeping Sports & Social Club**

Teams Represented : Whistle Stop, Waggon & Horses, The Bell Tavern, The Lord Burghley Deeping Sports & Social A & B, Walnut Tree A,B & C, Rugby Club

The meeting commenced at 7:30pm

Apologies for Absence were received from Mark Johnson & Richard Fox

Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman thanked everyone for playing during the season and hoped that he had not upset anyone.

Minutes of Last Meeting

These were read and approved as being an accurate record.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that online banking was now up and running, still with two signatories required for payments.

The duplicated Red Cross donation had been split between the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance and a charity providing holidays for terminally ill children.

A new trophy supplier had been chosen due to the high cost of engraving.

A sum of £50 had been donated to a charity of Martin Adams choice in memory of Leigh.

After expenses the bank balance stood at £889 and the recommended fees for the Winter Season were £30 for Team Registration and £1 for Player Registration & Competition Entry.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that there had been two Committee meetings during the season, the main points of discussion being the re-drafting of Rules 3 & 6 and the clarification of the scoring system for the league.

The previous General Meeting suggested that the Committee put forward a proposal to change the format of league matches. Opinions had been sought but with only one response it was felt that there was little appetite for a change. However some last minute proposals had been received.

Seven 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 reported that one fixture had remained unfulfilled.

Team Registrations

12 teams had registered for the Winter Season, including a strong team from the British Legion Club in Bourne. After discussion the meeting voted that the team be placed in the second division.

Proposals

Seven proposals had been received.

## Proposal 1

**Existing Rule 6** : Captains should be ready to carry out the draw so that play can commence no later than 8:30pm. Play may commence earlier if both captains agree. Captains will present their six singles players (usually by way of name cards placed face down) and the opposing captain will draw the names in order of play. The home captain will complete a Match Result Form.

It is not necessary for all players to be present when the draw takes place and the order of play may be changed if both captains agree. However if a player has not arrived by the time his game is due to commence then his captain will present first any of his registered players present who have not yet played, or if none are present his losing players, for the opposing captain to draw a replacement. If there were no losing players (or other registered players present) then the game will be awarded 2-0 to the team with the full complement of players.

Team captains will then present their three pairs to make the draw for the doubles games. The redrawing of players will apply also in the doubles but where a redraw has been necessary in the singles, only players who have featured in the singles games can be included in the doubles draw.

**New paragraph to insert** : When a player who is registered to a team is in attendance purely as a supporter or spectator then the player's Team Captain must make this clear before the draw takes place. That player cannot then take part in the match.

Proposed by Daron Grant

Seconded by Gary Shaw

**CARRIED**

## Proposal 2

**Existing Rule 3** : Team Captains may request new players be added to the Team Registration Form at any time up to the half-way point of the season. This request to be made to the Secretary one week prior to the new player being allowed to play.

A player may transfer from one team to another at any time up to the half-way point of the season provided that they have not played any games. The new Team Captain must inform the Secretary one week prior to that player being allowed to play.

The Committee may consider a request to register a new player during the second half of the season only when a team would not otherwise have the required number of players to fulfil its fixtures.

**Proposed New Rule** : New players may be registered by way of inclusion on the Match Result Sheet (or existing players may be transferred, subject to them not having played any games) at any point up to 4 weeks prior to the last scheduled league match of the season. It is the Team Captain's responsibility to collect the appropriate Player Registration Fee and ensure that this is paid to the Treasurer promptly.

Proposed by Daron Grant

Seconded by Gary Shaw

**CARRIED**

## Proposal 3

That the Captains Cup be open to Captains and Vice Captains.

Proposed by Michael Boddy

Seconded by Kelly Goodman

**CARRIED**

## Proposal 4

That a league match should be decided on games won rather than legs won.

Proposed by Pat Looney

Seconded by Gary Shaw

**DEFEATED**

## **Proposal 5**

That the Landlords Cup be open to anyone who regularly works behind the bar at any of the league venues.

Proposed by Mark Holland

Seconded by Daron Grant

**CARRIED** (but with the understanding that the Landlords' Cup was unlikely to be included in the fixtures for future seasons)

## **Proposal 6**

That for the Winter Season matches should be decided on games won rather than legs won and that for the Summer Season games are played Double In/ Double Out, playing all 3 legs and the match decided on legs won rather than games won.

Proposed by Amy Grant

Seconded by Daron Grant

**DEFEATED**

## **Proposal 7**

That for the Summer Season 2024 matches should consist of 6xSingles from 401 and 3xDoubles from 601 : all Double In/Double Out (best of 3 legs).

Proposed by Steve Holland

Seconded by David Weldrake

**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 : Michael Boddy

All were agreed that Martin Adams should continue as President.

### Any Other Business

It was acknowledged that some of the ~~Committee~~, sorry, trophies were looking decepit and past their best. The Treasurer said that the budget should allow around £100 per season to remedy this – to be considered by the Committee.

It was commented that no discussion had taken place regarding the number of divisions for the Winter Season and that, with only 6 teams in each division there would be many weeks in the season without a league match.

The Winter Season will commence with the Blind Doubles at The Whistlestop on 4<sup>th</sup> October.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8:49pm.