**Minutes of Ceredigion Snooker League Annual General Meeting held at Aberaeron Hall on Thursday 1’st September 2016.**

**Present**: Andrew James(Chairman), Dilwyn Smith(Vice Chairman & Fixture Secretary), Alan Robinson(Treasurer), Adrian Williams(Secretary), Barry Brown (Penparcau), Peter McGarrigle (Penparcau), Phil Burrows (Aberporth), Tony Giles (Aberporth), John Owen (Llandysul), Bedwyr Davies (Llandysul), Dai Morgan (Llandysul), Gethin Davies (Rhydlewis), Eugene Mason (New Quay),Marc Rees (Felindre) and David John Edwards (Tregaron).

1. **Apologies**: Syd Freemantle (Beulah), Euros Davies (Llanarth), Daryl Walters (Aberaeron) and Jon James (Aberaeron).
2. **Minutes of last AGM**: The minutes were confirmed to be correct by Phil Burrows and seconded by Dai Morgan.
3. **Matters Arising:** The Llanarth A team was included in the list of team to be added to the fixtures but pulled out after minutes were generated. The league start date was also amended due to less teams participating.
It was noted that the extra 14 points given last season at handicapped singles and doubles competition did attract extra players from Division 2, and will be adopted again this season. A 7 point handicap will be given to last year’s singles winner.
4. **Appointment of Officials:** All league officials were reappointed into their posts on block.
Proposed by Phil Burrows and Seconded by David John Edwards.

**Appointed Officials 2016/17**:
Chairman: Andrew James
Vice Chairman: Dilwyn Smith
Secretary: Adrian Williams
Treasurer: Alan Robinson
Fixture Secretary Dilwyn Smith
Competitions Secretary Barry Brown
President Dai Morgan

1. **League Formation**: Tables as at the end of last year:

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|  | **Division 1** |  |  |  |  | **Division 2** |  |  |
| 1 | Penparcau B | 14 | 103 |  | 1 | New Quay | 18 | 120 |
| 2 | Llandysul A | 14 | 82 |  | 2 | Rhydlewis A | 18 | 98 |
| 3 | Felindre A | 14 | 76 |  | 3 | Rhydlewis B | 18 | 92 |
| 4 | Penparcau A | 14 | 68 |  | 4 | Llanarth | 18 | 86 |
| 5 | Aberaeron A | 14 | 60 |  | 5 | Tregaron | 18 | 86 |
| 6 | Aberaeron B | 14 | 44 |  | 6 | Aberporth | 18 | 83 |
| 7 | Aberaeron D | 14 | 36 |  | 7 | Beulah A | 18 | 74 |
| 8 | Llandysul B | 14 | 35 |  | 8 | Aberaeron C | 18 | 73 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 9 | Llandysul C | 18 | 50 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 10 | Llanon | 18 | 48 |

One new team has requested to enter the league – Felindre B.
No teams have withdrawn from the league.

After some deliberation it was decided to promote the top two teams (New Quay and Rhydlewis A) from Division 2 and not relegate any teams from Division 1. This would give a split of 10 teams in Division 1 and 9 teams in Division2.

It was agreed that Aberaeron B , Aberaeron D , Beulah and Llandysul C will play all their games on Wednesdays. Aberaeron B will be able to play their away fixtures on Thursdays if required. Where problems arise with fixture dates then the captains are expected to resolve the issues amongst themselves.

The league formation was proposed by Andrew James and seconded by Barry Brown.
It was agreed to start the league on Thursday 29’th September 2016.
The first half will run from 29’th September to 8’th Dec and the second half from 12’th Jan to 30’th March.

1. **Treasurers Report**: The Treasurer’s report was approved and agreed as correct by the committee.
The Treasurer stated that all teams with the exception of Tregaron are up to date with their payments on the accounts. Payment was however received at the meeting so therefore all teams are now up to date.
The Treasurer reported that we have had a very good year with the extra income generated from the 50’th Anniversary Celebrations.
Special thanks were given to Alan for all his hard work during a difficult accounting year.
It was agreed to use this income to create a hardship fund that could be used for any clubs in financial difficulty. The Secretary will send an email to all the club secretaries to see who may express an interest.
Proposed by Barry Brown and Seconded by Andrew James.
2. **Fees**:
**a) League Fees**: It was decided not to change the league fees for the 2016/17 season due to a healthy accounting year.

**b) Secretaries Fees**: It was agreed not to change the fees from £200 for the 2016/17 season.
Proposed by Barry Brown and Seconded by Andrew James.
3. **Sponsorship:**Bedwyr Davies stated that a possible sponsor of O.J Williams may be prepared to give up to £500 to be the main sponsor of the league . This will be followed up in the days following this meeting.
4. **Proposals:
a) KO Cup Neutral Venues**After much deliberation it was agreed to accept a revised version of the proposal.
The agreement was that for both the Semi Finals and Finals the captains of both teams may agree and select **ANY** suitable venue amongst themselves.
In the event that the two captains cannot agree on a suitable venue then they **MUST** play at the next available neutral venue from the rotation list.
Proposed and Seconded by majority decision via a show of hands.

**b) Miss Rule**A very heated debate took place with many people having a strong opinion on this contentious subject.
A full discussion took place as to where and how this could be administered.
Whilst in principle it would stop players from deliberately playing the cueball long or short to avoid giving an advantage, the general feeling was that this would be very difficult to bring in without a competent referee present for each frame, and would inevitably lead to players falling out. It was also noted that most leagues of a similar standard do not impose this rule.
Two votes took place:
To adopt the Miss Rule – Rejected 8 votes to 4
To adopt the Miss Rule at refereed finals – Rejected 7 to 5
 **c) New Competition.**It was agreed to add a new competition into the league calendar. This would comprise of the top 10 players from Division 1 and the top 2 players from Division 2 playing in a race to 100 points. The competition would be called the ‘Dirty Dozen’.
This competition follows on from a successful race to 50 competition played at the 50th anniversary competition. Barry Brown was requested to email the Secretary a more detailed guide to this competition which could then be circulated.
Proposed by Andrew James and Seconded by Adrian Williams.

**d) Extra Week in League Fixtures**It was agreed add in a free week on the 23’rd March, a week before the final fixture date of the season to give teams a chance to complete any unplayed fixtures.
Proposed by Gethin Davies and Seconded by Bedwyr Davies.
5. **Any Other Matters**:
The possibility of setting up a 100 or 200 club was discussed. Gareth Davies was deemed the best person to lead on this. The Secretary will follow up with Gareth.
50’th anniversary ties are still available – The Secretary to email out to all members.

**Date of Next AGM Meeting**: It was agreed to hold the next AGM on Thursday 7’th September 2017 at Aberaeron Memorial Hall.