**Minutes of Ceredigion Snooker League Annual General Meeting held at Aberaeron Hall on Thursday 3’rd September 2015.**

**Present**: Andrew James(Chairman), Dilwyn Smith(Vice Chairman & Fixture Secretary), Alan Robinson(Treasurer), Adrian Williams(Secretary), Daryl Walters(Aberaeron), Jon James (Aberaeron), Euros Davies (Llanarth), Gareth Davies (Penparcau), Barry Brown (Penparcau), Peter McGarrigle (Penparcau), Phil Burrows (Aberporth), Bedwyr Davies (Llandysul, Dai Morgan (Llandysul), Eugene Mason (New Quay),Marc Rees (Felindre).

1. **Apologies**: Syd Freemantle (Beulah), Alan Davies (Aberaeron) and Hywel Davies(Llanon).
2. **Minutes of last AGM**: The minutes were confirmed to be correct by Dilwyn Smith and seconded by Peter McGarrigle.
3. **Matters Arising:** It was agreed to remove items relating to Barry Brown from point 10 after discussion took place between Barry Brown, Peter McGarrigle and members of the league committee prior to the AGM meeting.
4. **Appointment of Officials:** All league officials were reappointed into their posts on block with the exception of the post of President which had been vacated. Dai Morgan of Llandysul was appointed into this post.
Special thanks need to be given to Tony Wong for his term as President.
Proposed by Bedwyr Davies and Seconded by Phil Burrows.

**Appointed Officials 2015/16**:
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 | 100 |  | 1 | Llandysul B | 20 | 107 |
| 2 | Llandysul A | 14 | 74 |  | 2 | Aberaeron D | 20 | 106 |
| 3 | Felindre A | 14 | 69 |  | 3 | Tregaron | 20 | 105 |
| 4 | Aberystwyth | 14 | 66 |  | 4 | Aberaeron C | 20 | 103 |
| 5 | Aberaeron A | 14 | 59 |  | 5 | Rhydlewis A | 20 | 101 |
| 6 | Penparcau A | 14 | 57 |  | 6 | Aberporth | 20 | 192 |
| 7 | Aberaeron B | 14 | 49 |  | 7 | Rhydlewis B | 20 | 85 |
| 8 | Llanarth A | 14 | 30 |  | 8 | Beulah A | 20 | 83 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 9 | Llanon A | 20 | 72 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 10 | Llanarth B | 20 | 72 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 11 | Lampeter B | 20 | 64 |

Two new teams have requested to enter the league – New Quay and Llandysul C.

Teams withdrawing from the league were Aberystwyth from Division1 plus Lampeter from Division 2.

As there are still 19 teams in the league - it was eventually decided to keep a split of 8 in Division 1 and 11 in Division 2.

After some deliberation it was decided to promote the top two teams (Llandysul B and Aberaeron D) from Division 2. The 3’rd place team (Tregaron) did not wish to be promoted from Division 2.
Llanarth A were relegated from Division 1.

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 Peter McGarrigle and seconded by Daryl Walters.
It was agreed to start the league on Thursday 17’th September 2015.
The first half will run from 17’th September to 10’th Dec and the second half from 7’th Jan to 17’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. The treasurer of Tregaron has recently passed away, so they will be asked for payment once a new treasurer is appointed.
It was also noted that Absolute Snooker had not paid sponsorship for the past year which needs following up.
Proposed by Barry Brown and Seconded by Dai Morgan.
2. **Fees**:
**a) League Fees**: It was decided not to change the league fees for the 2015/16 season due to a healthy accounting year.

**b) Secretaries Fees**: It was agreed not to change the fees from £200 for the 2015/16 season.
Proposed by Daryl Walters and seconded by Dilwyn Smith.
3. **Sponsorship:**The importance of sponsorship was discussed, stressing that all members are encouraged to attain sponsorship for the league. The Secretary can issue an official sponsorship form if required.
The Harbourmaster, Aberaeron have stated that they may be prepared to give some sponsorship. The Secretary will follow up.
4. **Proposals:
a) Submission of Scorecards**It was agreed that scorecards no longer need to be posted on a weekly basis to the Secretary. Cards instead need to be submitted twice a year (at the half way point and end of season). The submission of scorecards via the website has worked well for the past two years and is now the preferred method of submission. Club captains are encouraged to check the scorecards on the website and inform the secretary if any inaccuracies that may occur.
Proposed by Dai Morgan and Seconded by Barry Brown.

**b) KO Cup Handicaps**It was agreed that individual player handicaps are to be used in both the team Knockout competitions as this was the most consistent way of producing fair and consistent handicaps.
The KO Singles team handicap is calculated by adding up the handicap scores of the three players and multiplying by 3.0 to get the overall score for the nine games.
The KO Three hander team handicap is calculated by adding up the handicap scores of the three players and multiplying by 2.33 to get the overall score for the seven games and rounding up to nearest number. Proposed by Barry Brown and Seconded by Bedwyr Davies.
 **c) Captains Handicap**It was agreed that the individual player handicaps are used to replace the current handicap of applying 28 points to all second division captains. This would give consistency across all the handicapped competitions.
Proposed by Peter McGarrigle and Seconded by Barry Brown.

**d) Amendment of Rule**It was agreed to make a slight amendment to the rule that “Only players registered at the start of the season will be allowed to participate in any of the KO competitions” to be consistent with that of the league format, whereby in exceptional circumstances players will be allowed to sign up after the start of the league season. This decision will be made by the League Secretary.
Proposed by Bedwyr Davies and Seconded by Samir Ali.

**e) Individual KO Competitions**The proposal that only players that have played a league match in the current season are allowed to participate was rejected, mainly down to the fact that many reserve players may not have had the opportunity to play a league match by the time the competitions are played.

**f) Removal of Rule**“Each team to have a maximum of 2 reserve players”. Much discussion took part around this proposal as it was deemed important to strike a balance between allowing enough players to sign up in order to be able to field teams and also ensuring that players aren’t just signed up that wish to target the individual competitions. It was agreed to amend the rule slightly that the maximum of 2 reserve players stands, but that new players can be signed up after the start of the league season at the discretion of the Secretary.
Proposed by Peter McGarrigle and Seconded by Bedwyr Davies.

**g) Individual Singles and Doubles Competitions (additional proposal at AGM).**Discussion took place regarding the lack of second division players competing, despite handicaps being given. It was agreed to trial this year an additional handicap of 14 points for them to try and attract better participation.
Proposed by Barry Brown and Seconded by Andrew Davies.
5. **Any Other Matters**:
**a) Plans for 50’th Anniversary of the League**Discussion took place around various ideas of how to celebrate the anniversary.
It was agreed for the league to purchase 50’th anniversary ties (similar to the 25’th anniversary).
It was also agreed to potentially hold the presentation night at an anniversary dinner which will be open to all league members plus partners. It was agreed to look at prices for three course meals at the following:
Feathers Hotel, Aberaeron
Marine Hotel, Aberystwyth
Ty Glyn Aeron Hotel, Ciliau Aeron
Emlyn Arms, Newcastle Emlyn
Talbot Arms, Tregaron
Memorial Hall, Aberaeron (Catering)

Dilwyn Smith will also contact Dominic Dale to see if he will be available to be a guest speaker, plus to find out his costs for putting on an exhibition.

**b)** Barry Brown asked for clarification around the voting procedures on the ExtraOrdinary General Meetings which was confirmed as one club – one vote.
It was also agreed that when the voting takes place, then only those participating in the vote should remain in the room.
6. **Date of Next AGM Meeting**: It was agreed to hold the next AGM on Thursday 1’st September 2016 at Aberaeron Memorial Hall.