**Minutes of Ceredigion Snooker League Annual General Meeting held at Aberaeron Hall on Thursday 4’th September 2014.**

**Present**: Andrew James(Chairman), Dilwyn Smith(Vice Chairman & Fixture Secretary), Alan Robinson(Treasurer), Adrian Williams(Secretary), Daryl Walters(Aberaeron), Jon James (Aberaeron), Gethin Davies (Rhydlewis), Tony Wong(Aberystwyth),Hywel Davies (LLanon), Euros Davies (Llanarth), TJ Gibbins (Llanarth), Gwynant Ellis (Penparcau), Barry Brown (Penparcau), Peter McGarrigle (Penparcau), Malcolm Richards (Penparcau), Phil Burrows (Aberporth), Tony Giles (Aberporth), Bedwyr Davies (Llandysul, Dai Morgan (Llandysul).

1. **Apologies**: John Owen, Sid Freemantle Alan Davies and Martin Owens.
2. **Minutes of last AGM**: The minutes were confirmed to be correct by Euros Davies and seconded by Barry Brown.
3. **Matters Arising:** None
4. **Appointments**: All league officials were reappointed into their posts on block.
Proposed by Barry Brown and Seconded by Phil Burrows.

**Appointed Officials 2014/15**:
Chairman: Andrew James
Vice Chairman: Dilwyn Smith
Secretary: Adrian Williams
Treasurer: Alan Robinson
Fixture Secretary Dilwyn Smith
Competitions Secretary Barry Brown
President Tony Wong

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

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|  | **Division 1** |  |  |  |  | **Division 2** |  |  |
| 1 | Penparcau B | 18 | 116 |  | 1 | Llanarth A | 22 | 131 |
| 2 | Aberystwyth | 18 | 103 |  | 2 | Lampeter A | 22 | 129 |
| 3 | Felindre A | 18 | 99 |  | 3 | Llandysul B | 22 | 121 |
| 4 | Llanon B | 18 | 94 |  | 4 | Tregaron | 22 | 121 |
| 5 | Llandysul A | 18 | 92 |  | 5 | Aberporth | 22 | 107 |
| 6 | Aberaeron A | 18 | 81 |  | 6 | Aberaeron C | 22 | 104 |
| 7 | Penparcau A | 18 | 80 |  | 7 | Beulah A | 22 | 98 |
| 8 | Aberaeron B | 18 | 67 |  | 8 | Llanarth B | 22 | 96 |
| 9 | Rhydlewis A | 18 | 41 |  | 9 | Aberaeron D | 22 | 82 |
| 10 | Beulah B | 18 | 18 |  | 10 | Llanon A | 22 | 78 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 11 | Rhydlewis B | 22 | 73 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 12 | Lampeter B | 22 | 48 |

No new teams requested to enter the league.
Teams withdrawing from the league were Llanon B and Beulah B from Division1 plus Lampeter A from Division 2.
As there are now 19 teams in the league - it was eventually decided to have a split of 8 in Division 1 and 11 in Division 2. The 3’rd place team (Llandysul B) did not wish to be promoted from Division 2 and there was no representation present from the next placed team. After some deliberation it was decided to promote the top team (Llanarth A) from Division 2. The second placed team (Lampeter A) had withdrawn from the league.
Rhydlewis A were relegated from Division 1. The bottom team (Beulah B) had withdrawn from the league.
It was agreed that Aberaeron B and Aberaeron D will play all their games on Wednesdays. Where problems arise with fixture dates then the captains are expected to resolve the issues amongst themselves.
It was also discussed and agreed to extend the season by a few weeks to avoid over congestion in the fixtures as occurred last year.
Barry Brown enquired on the possibility of using free weeks in the league fixtures to set up a new competition for the top 6 frame winners in Division 1 and possibly Division 2. It was agreed to let Barry look into this and come up with a solution.
The league formation was proposed by Malcolm Richards and seconded by Phil Burrows.
It was agreed to start the league on Thursday 18’th September 2014.
The first half will run from 18’th September to 11’th Dec and the second half from 8’th Jan to 19’th March.

1. **Treasurers Report**: The Treasurer’s report was approved and agreed as correct by the committee.
Proposed by Barry Brown and Seconded by Daryl Walters.
The treasurer stated that all teams are up to date with their payments.
David Hendy had paid for 2 years of sponsorship and is now up to date with payments.
There was also an uncashed cheque to the winner of the under 40’s which was addressed at the meeting.
2. **Fees**:
**League Fees**: It was decided not to change the league fees for the 2014/15 season due to a healthy accounting year.

**Secretaries Fees**: It was agreed not to change the fees from £200 for the 2014/15 season.
Proposed by Daryl Walters and seconded by Dilwyn Smith.
3. **Sponsorship:**David Hendy had discussed his dismay with the secretary that the league was now also getting sponsorship from Absolute Snooker. The likelihood is that he will therefore not be sponsoring the league for the coming season.
Peter McGarrigle had secured the sponsorship of Atlas Windows (£100) and is also in the process of attaining another sponsorship from his daughters Solicitors firm.
4. **Venues for Semi Finals and Finals of the team knockout competitions.**
After much discussion it was agreed to amend the rotation rules slightly so that a venue can now be selected from venues left on the current rotation list, and not having to use the next scheduled venue. This is predominately put in place to avoid situations where both teams may have to travel excessive distances where there may be a closer venue available on the list that comply with league rules. This would have to be agreed by both team captains and notified and agreed by the secretary to amend the rotation list. It was agreed that this should NOT be used as a means to play on better tables. Where both teams cannot agree on a venue then the venue on rotation list must be used.
This was proposed by Barry Brown and seconded by Malcolm Richards.
5. **Protocol around calling and administrating Extraordinary Meetings.**The secretary explained that the current rules are:
***The executive committee with a quorum of at least 3 neutral clubs will deal with the matter whose decision will be final.***
After much discussion it was agreed to amend the rules as follows:
Disputes of this nature should only be made by the Secretary of the club and should be addressed to the league Secretary.
Both of the team captains (or club Secretary) should be present at the meeting where possible.
At least 3 neutral club representatives should be present as per current rules.
In the absence of the Chair or Vice Chair then a chair should be elected from those present.
There is no 14 day right of appeal. The committee’s decision is final as per current rules.
6. **Any Other Matters**:
None
7. **Date of Next AGM Meeting**: It was agreed to hold the next AGM on Thursday 3’rd September 2015 at Aberaeron Memorial Hall.