

## **AGM minutes**

Meeting held on 21st September 2009 at Archers Pub.

1. Richard Morland resigned from the committee after many years exhaustive work. The committee and players of the league thank him for all his efforts and wish him well for the future. Paul Burt has been elected in his place. Martin Cockburn, Garry Wyatt, Viv Wyatt and Richard Obeney were all re-elected.
2. New Teams / Venues  
Cock Inn has added extra team. Takeley Park has added extra team. Takeley Sports and Social Club are entering a team. Four Ashes are entering two new teams. Feathers are entering a team. One team from Kings Arms are moving to nearby Stansted Social Club. YMCA are entering a team. YMCA sent letter explaining details of venue and manager gave a synopsis at meeting and was available for any questions. All new teams/venues were accepted.
3. Accounts  
The details of the years finances were available for everyone to examine.  
Summary:-
  - Total after from 2008/09 - £2669.79
  - Expenses to AGM 2009 - £2025.00
  - New Balance at 2009 AGM - £644.79
4. Charity donation for next year  
Adrian Holyomes won the singles last year and has elected as his first choice the Bishop's Stortford based charity Shop Mobility and second choice as Motobility in Harlow. A donation will be made prior to or at the next AGM to one of these charities.
5. Stopwatches  
Every team has been issued with a stop watch for use when the minute rule is enforced. New teams requiring stop watches are: Bishop's Stortford Working Men's Club, YMCA, Takeley Sports & Social Club, Feathers, Four Ashes, Good Intent, Stansted Social Club and Cricketers in Dunmow.
6. Minute rule  
A vote on have the minute rule as compulsory. Unanimous against. Minute ruling remains as current BSPL league rules.
7. Rules - points to note
  - A Coaching  
There have been a number of complaints to the committee. Players should not talk to their team-mates while they are playing a match - this will be deemed as coaching and result in a standard foul.
  - B White Ball  
In confirmation of world 8-ball pool rules section U. If the white ball falls in a pocket after it has stopped moving the WEPL rules state that it is not a foul the instant that the Referee has determined that a shot is over. BSPL has defined this period as 5 seconds.
8. Online input of results  
A vote was taken for it to be compulsory for all teams to put their results in online from the summer of 2010. The vote was in favour of this and the ruling will come into force summer 2010.
9. Start date  
The league is hoping to start Monday 5th October 2009 or at the latest Monday 12th October 2009.
10. Scotch doubles  
This extra event will be tested during the summer of 2010. Assuming enough interest and positive feedback from the players it could be added to the winter league events in the future.
11. Competitions  
It the responsibility of both players to make contact. Please be available to offer numerous dates and times to your opponent. It is not acceptable to offer just one day/time. There was little interest in the singles league (two people showed interest), however a further request will be put on the web site.
12. Fund raising tournament including exhibition by Jason Twist (2 x world champion)  
Martin encouraged everyone to join the pool tournament being held at the Bishop's Stortford Lakeside Bowling Alley on 26th and 27th September 2009. All proceeds are being raised for Si Ayliffe.