



**Arbroath and District Pool League
2023 Annual General Meeting
Thursday 27th July
Minutes of Meeting**

Attendees:

Gordon Smith, Graham Dunbar, Michael Bastow, Roy Middleton, Scott MacEwan, Danny Ford, Brian Craig, Marc Fleming, Callum Paton, Pamela Paton, Billy Girdwood, Wayne Cargill, Mary Burness, Anne Kirkpatrick, Stewart Philip, Mick Moffat, Connor Hunter, Glen McEvoy, Michael Shore, George Ogilvie, Jim Ogilvie, Alan Watson, Sam McWalter, Kyle Brown, Darrin Warren.

Apologies

David Jack, David Thornton

1.0 President's Welcome

Gordon Smith welcomed the members to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Gordon mentioned the previous season and the efforts made by those undertaking and contributing to the fundraising done towards the tail-end of it. Gordon discussed that it had been a challenging couple of years for the league but it is stabilising. Gordon expressed his thanks to Shotz for their continued support for Finals Day, along with the Committee for their hard work and efforts throughout.

2.0 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was distributed to the Members. Roy discussed the headline costs and reviewed the account transactions. Roy has a full detailed breakdown available if anyone wishes to view this, they can ask Roy for a copy. Roy asked if there were any questions on the accounts. No comments were raised.

3.0 Match Secretary Report

Michael Bastow gave a brief overview of the past season. A review of the league winners, along with Singles and Doubles was given. An apology was also made to the league winners as they had no real presentation due to the over-run at Finals Day.

The same format from season 2021-22 was adopted with one division, splitting after each team had played each other once. Although this was perceived as the best approach, it doesn't appear to have been well received amongst the masses. The Committee will need to have serious consideration when team registration night is completed and teams known for the forthcoming season. A discussion on possible formats was discussed, which included two divisions from the beginning but playing each team more often.

4.0 Election of Office Bearers

- 4.1 Gordon advised that the entire Committee would stand down and the elections would take place.
- 4.2 Gordon Smith unopposed and re-elected as President.
- 4.3 Graham Dunbar unopposed and re-elected as Vice-President.
- 4.4 Roy Middleton unopposed and re-elected as Treasurer.

- 4.5 Michael Bastow unopposed and re-elected as Match Secretary.
- 4.6 Brian Craig unopposed and re-elected as Secretary.
- 4.7 Ordinary Members proposed were Danny Ford, Scott MacEwan, David Thornton, Marc Fleming. All were unopposed and re-elected to the Committee for 2023-24.

5.0 Proposals for forthcoming season

- 5.1 Seven proposals for the forthcoming season were received. Refer to Appendix A for the full wording of each.
- 5.2 Proposal 1 – Singles and Doubles Entry Fees : Michael Bastow
 - 5.2.1 MB explained that the singles and doubles fee's have remained at their current level for at least the past 10-15 years. MB did explain this isn't a constitutional change but wanted to inform members of this change.
 - 5.2.2 No vote taken.
- 5.3 Proposal 2 –Doubles Proposal : Scott MacEwan
 - 5.3.1 Discussions took place on the reasoning for the proposal and Scott explained his viewpoint on the current Scotch Doubles format. It was also raised that shot length had increased and was a detraction.
 - 5.3.2 For: 9 Against:14 – Status Quo Remains.
- 5.4 Proposal 3 – Doubles Format : Brian Craig
 - 5.4.1 Brian read out his proposal and reasoning for him raising this. Discussion was made around the various formats, and existing method of knockout process.
 - 5.4.2 For: 15 Against: 5 – Proposal carried and the ADPL Doubles will now be a one day event with a group format then knockout phase.
- 5.5 Proposal 4 – 7.30pm Start Time : Danny Ford
 - 5.5.1 Danny read out his proposal for the change to the start time of matches. There was little discussion on this proposal before voting.
 - 5.5.2 For: 0 Against: 21 – Status Quo Remains
- 5.6 Proposal 5 – Division 1 and Division 2 Singles : Danny Ford
 - 5.6.1 Although there might be merit in running these events, there is little room in the Calendar at the moment to schedule these. The Committee can discuss further this when the number of league teams are known.
 - 5.6.2 For: 1 Against: 15 – Status Quo Remains
- 5.7 Proposal 6 – Division 1 and Division 2 Cups : Danny Ford
 - 5.7.1 These events historically took place to ensure continuity during the league season. Since the return after Covid, there has been insufficient weeks to host these; again, the Committee can discuss the possible re-introduction of these after the league teams are known.
 - 5.7.2 No vote taken.
- 5.8 Proposal 7 – Presentation Night : Danny Ford
 - 5.8.1 The proposal was discussed amongst the body of the hall. There was a reluctance to change the current format. With lack of support for the race

night it was perceived that support for a specific presentation night might not materialise.

5.8.2 For: 3 Against: 12 – Status Quo Remains

6.0 Any Other Business

6.1 Michael Bastow confirmed that team registration shall likely be Monday 21st August 2023, but this is to be confirmed in due course.

6.2 A change to the team registration fees was advised. This year teams will pay £50 per team, with a maximum squad size of fifteen players. The £50 registration fee is a set fee regardless of squad size.

6.3 There will be no additional charge to add players throughout the season if the squad size remains below the prescribed limit of fifteen.

6.4 No other business raised.

6.5 Gordon Smith closed the meeting.

Writer Name: Michael Bastow

Date: 28th July 2023

Appendix A

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2023 AGM Proposals

6.1 Proposal 1 – Singles and Doubles Entry Fees

I propose that the entry fee's for both the ADPL Singles and Doubles is raised. The existing level of fee for entry is outdated and should be increased. I propose that the entry fee for the ADPL Singles is raised to £5 per player. I also propose that the ADPL Double is raised to £10 per double, therefore £5 per player.

Michael Bastow

6.2 Proposal 2 – Doubles Proposal

I propose that the league moves back to our old format for doubles, ie not Scotch doubles. Although the Scotch doubles has been enjoyed by some players, I believe it is causing matches to take far longer to play and has given no real improvements to the game overall. Therefore I believe we should revert back to our normal/previous format.

Scott MacEwan

6.3 Proposal 3 – Doubles Format

To be played in a one day event at Shotz. All 9 tables in venue to be used, all entries split into 9 groups, a short race if required best of (3) in group games, 9 group winners and 7 best runner ups through to last 16 then straight knockout races best of (5).

10 AM Start, £10 entry per doubles team, Trophy presentation

Proposed month February 2024 date to be confirmed, I have spoke to Marc Fleming and he thinks this is event could be done in one day (maybe think of shot clock but short races in groups this might not be required may depend on entry numbers)

Reasons for trying this event instead of our traditional yearly Arbroath Doubles Competition

1 - Only 43 entries last season even then few no shows in first couple of rounds and realistically numbers more like 35

2- I think the Tuesday/ Wednesday night pool after new year break doesn't help the entry numbers with the Arbroath Singles having more interest and enthusiasm at this time of year.

3 - Player's work and life commitments can affect numbers due to not being able to play on the dates allocated for each midweek round so they don't enter competition.

4 - Would take the doubles final out of finals day, as recently this has held up proceedings

5 - I think we could have better entry numbers than last season and if a success we could make this day event a yearly competition.

Kind Regards

Brian Craig

6.4 Proposal 4 – 7.30pm Start Time

I propose for your consideration that league matches start from 7:30pm on Tuesday nights. I believe that the extra half hour would reduce so many late nights due to slow play and close matches. I would keep the final sign-in time as 9pm.

Danny Ford

6.5 Proposal 5 – Division 1 and Division 2 Singles

I propose for your consideration that if we start the season with two divisions, the league should run separate singles events. We can host the two finals on the Friday night before finals day.

Danny Ford

6.6 Proposal 6 – Division 1 and Division 2 Cups

I propose for consideration that we see the return of the Division 1 and Division 2 cups, i feel that Arbroath has been missing these completions the last few years and would benefit from bringing them back. Potentially change format to two sets of singles as a trial. The league could host both finals on the Tuesday prior to finals weekend.

Danny Ford

6.7 Proposal 7 – Presentation Night

I propose for your consideration that the ADPL host a separate presentation night in the summer after pool has finished. Any money, winnings and trophies can be handed out then and not after each tournament.

Taking away the presentation from end of finals day would also mean more people can be in attendance for the prizes being given out and less trophies being left behind. It would also mean that finals day should finish earlier as a result.

Danny Ford