

Meeting notes 08/01/2011 AGM

Apologies: None.

Brian Burleigh did not attend

Chairman's welcome and report: Given by Steve

Welcome

There have been some significant changes within the committee since our last AGM and I would like to thank those past and present committee members for all their hard work. I would like to thank Gemma Argent for stepping in to take over the treasurer's role as a temporary measure following Dom's resignation.

Membership to Date

The club membership now stands at 226 registered players.

Venues

We have 9 venues which provide 12 nights of poker.

Prize Funds

We have during the last year awarded over £13000 in prize money to members and as the club grows we hope to provide other opportunities for members to win additional prizes.

Minutes of previous AGM - accepted

Matters arising from previous AGM minutes – Dennis Parsons raised the point that at the previous AGM it was voted that up to 5 invited guests can be asked to attend our monthly finals. Has this been added to the constitution and can the constitution be put onto the website. Steve replied the 5 invitees have always been on the constitution from the start of the club so no change was required. Constitution can be placed on the website and will be done in due course.

Treasurer's Report

Gemma provided the figures for 2010; we deposited £17,562.11 and had a withdrawal figure of £15,051.73 with a bank balance of £2,510.38 in credit.

Agenda Items 1

Minimum players for a game night subject to the landlords (Chairman)

Steve discussed the various options due to some members questioning the fairness of certain games running with so few players. Brown Jug played with 3. The committee felt that there were three options

Do Nothing

Have a rule that a game can only go ahead if there are 6 players

Change the point system

It was felt that perhaps looking at the points system would not affect the pubs as it was felt that if we put the minimum number of players to 6 we would lose certain pubs and lose revenue. Tony Hurcombe asked if there could be two different point system; Gemma said that as she and Gavin wrote the website it would not be possible to split the point system. After more discussion a vote was taken, the majority voted for a change in the point system. The committee will look to develop this.

Agenda item 2

Future Christmas and New Year Close Down (Chairman)

Steve informed the members that it was the landlords in Cheltenham who told the club that they did not want any games over the Christmas period; it was then discussed by the committee who decided with the change in the weather that it was a responsible and fair decision to cancel the games over the Christmas period. Steve explained if there was an agreed close down there would still be a roll over game with adjustments for the averages.

Dennis Parsons objected most strongly stating that the club was here to promote poker and raise funds not stop games and lose revenue. Gemma Argent spoke and reminded Dennis that our aim of the club was to play friendly games of poker and that raising funds was not our first priority. She felt that the committee made the right decision and that they took the safety of the pit bosses and players who would have travelled in dangerous conditions into consideration. There were more discussions then the vote was taken, the overwhelming majority was to cancel games over Christmas.

Committee Nominations

Steve explained that from the time of the original nominations there had been a couple of changes, Gary Tyndall has withdrawn due to medical reasons, Simon Inglis had withdrawn and Brian Burleigh had confirmed his intention to stand. Paresh had originally told the committee that he did not wish to stand but on reflection as some members had nominated him he had decided to stand, but because this was after the closing date Steve asked the members if they had any objections to Paresh now standing. A vote was taken and the members agreed that Paresh could stand.

A show of hands then confirmed that the new committee would be

Jean Hancock, Steve Hancock, Richard Sheldon, Clive Smith, Sarah Hawkins, Paresh Patel and Brian Burleigh. A motion was then put forward for the Chairman's role, there was only one nomination which was Steve Hancock proposed by Richard seconded by Clive approved by members.

Sarah Hawkins was proposed as the new Treasure proposed by Steve seconded Jean approved by members.

AOB

Dennis asked if the December best average and league winner would receive prizes, Steve said that they would be the first to receive our new style winner's prize.

Dennis asked if the next AGM could be held in a different venue as he felt it was noisy in the pub, Jean said that with such a small number of people expected to attend the AGM that we would not use funds to rent a hall but we would look for a better venue.

Meeting closed at 7.40