



Crawley Pool League
Annual General Meeting - Minutes

Agenda 26th February 2018

8pm Start. Grasshopper.

1. Roll call of team representatives in attendance

Team	AGM # attendance
All Chalked Up	2
Balls Deep in Copthorne	0
Barhoppers	2
Beachbums	2
Breaking Bad	1
Casablankas	1
Crawley Rugby Club	0
Drink & Sink	2
Fairways	2
Happy Slappers	2
Jubilee Club	2
Lils Knight Ballers	2
Mavericks	2
Moonatics	2
Next Gen	2
Nomads	0

Team	AGM # attendance
Pelham Jewels	1
Pink Flamingo's	2
Potadoms	2
Rack Em Up	2
Raiders	2
Rot Em To The Core	0
Scrum PJack	2
Special K	2
Steamy Llama	0
The Cunning Stuntz	2
The Hawks	1
The Hoppers	2
The Inn Crowd	1
The Rocketeers	2
Windmill Original	2
Windmill Underdogs	0
Windymillers	2

2. Chairman's Comments

- Mainly everything has been running very smoothly with no issues outside of those that the constitution covers and allows for.
- Noticeable that we have had more teams playing with shortages and this, as a league, we will need to address over the next 12 months. This could result in the league being reduced in team numbers to ensure teams have sufficient players wanting to play.
- Also we have had more than the usual 'postponed' matches. This has been mainly due to Valentine's day falling on a league night and we will look to avoid this in years to come.
- Finally as the Summer League approaches we will need to be mindful of the World Cup matches and *where* possible avoid known dates where teams from the UK are playing.

3. Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting ratification

Simon Armstrong talked through the minutes at a high level, highlighting the proposals raised at that meeting which were captured and formed part of this meeting's agenda.

The minutes had been available on line for a few weeks and it was agreed by all that the minutes were a true account of the previous meeting and these were ratified.

4. Secretary's statement

Summer Season 2017

The Summer League ran well overall, although this was fronted by Jon, the management was by the committee and input / website updates completed by Simon.

Current Review of Winter Season 2017/2018

In addition to what the Chairman has commented

- Transfers / new signings have been higher
- Teams playing short each week has been higher
- Next Winter Season we should be seeking assurances from those teams that they can field a full team
- The new annual structure seems to be working and you will see tonight some impact that has had. It has certainly been well received by the sponsors and we secure the support from the following:

New Annual Sponsorship

Thank you once again to all our sponsors.

All committed to the 12 month programme and this week I will be collecting the final payments.

Total sponsorship amounted to £2,425 for the year which comparable to the combined sponsors for both season from previous years.

Sponsorship Event Winter 2017-2018 Season	Sponsorship Event Summer 2018 Season	Sponsor
KO Cup	KO Cup	Wiltshire Flowers / Wiltshire Car Wash
Consolation Cup	League Doubles	Windmill
Three Person Team	Three Person Team	Pelham Buckle
League Singles	League Singles	Jubilee Club
League Doubles	Third Division	Downsman
Divisional Singles		Fosters
Premier Division	Premier Division	Signs Express
First Division	First Division	Grasshopper
Second Division	Second Division	Apple Tree
Chairmans Cup		D A Digital
Ladies Singles	Ladies Singles	New Moon
Mixed Doubles	Mixed Doubles	Dr Samuel Johnson
Facebook / Website	Facebook / Website	Paula Lee-Lyon
Seniors		Rugby Club
		JEM Trophies

5. Treasurer’s statement - Financial statement of Summer Season 2017

CRAWLEY SUMMER POOL LEAGUE			
ACCOUNTS 2017			
INCOME			
BALANCE FROM PREVIOUS SEASON			0.00
TEAM REGISTRATIONS	42	60	2520.00
TRANSFERS			0.00
TOURNAMENT ENTRIES AND SPONSORS			
LEAGUE SINGLES	NEW MOON		100.00
LADIES SINGLES			
LEAGUE DOUBLES	WINDMILL		100.00
MIXED DOUBLES	JEM TROPHIES		50.00
3 PERSON TEAM	PELHAM		100.00
TEAM KNOCK-OUT CUP			
PREMIER DIVISION	SIGNS EXPRESS		100.00
DIVISION 1	SAMUEL JOHNSON		100.00
DIVISION 2	GRASSHOPPER		100.00
DIVISION 3	THE KNIGHT		100.00
ADVERTS			
PRESENTATION NIGHT			
TICKET SALES			
RAFFLE SALES			80.00
MISCELLANEOUS			
LATE CARD FINES			
TOTAL INCOME			3350.00

CRAWLEY SUMMER POOL LEAGUE			
ACCOUNTS 2017			
OUTGOINGS			
LEAGUE SECRETARY			
HONORARIUM			50.00
EXPENSES			100.00
COMPETITION SECRETARY			
HONORARIUM			50.00
EXPENSES			
PRESENTATION NIGHT			
PRIZE MONEY			1560.00
TROPHIES			1310.00
DJ MUSIC	FREE		
RAFFLE CASH			100.00
FOOD			100.00
MISCELLANEOUS			
TOTAL INCOME			3350.00
TOTAL OUTGOINGS			3270.00
BALANCE			80.00

(This seasons Winter 2017/2018 will be presented at next year’s AGM along with this year’s Summer Season 2018)

8.20pm Break – 10 minutes

Team captains collected 2 Red / Green voting cards per team for the proposal review.

6. Proposals:

Simon Armstrong explained how the proposals would be managed.

- The proposer will deliver the proposal and their thoughts behind each proposal.
- The committee will then state any considerations.
- We will then vote, holding up your Green Card for in agreement or Red Card for disagreement at the same time so they can be counted.

Proposal 1. Proposer: Dave Humm

AGM to accept proposals verbally (captured at last AGM)

Reason: None given

Benefit: None given

Dave presented his proposal to the room..

Committee Considerations: Breaks constitution rules giving 2 weeks’ notice to all members.

Danger of agreeing proposals without proper due considerations.

Votes: Green 3 Red 37

Proposal not carried

The next 2 proposals were heard together and voting was completed on the overarching proposal which if successful would apply to both:

Proposal 2. Proposer: Cliff Berry

Lag for break on Competitions only

Reason: Skill needed not luck.

Benefit: Skilled player wins not lucky player

Votes: Green 23 Red 22

Proposal carried

Proposal 3. Proposer: Mark Stevens

Lag for break

Reason: Lagging for break provides the opportunity for a skilful outcome to determine the breaker. Tossing coins over pool tables can cause damage to the cloth. The league is affiliated to the EPA and lagging for the break is part of their constitutional rule set.

Benefit: Many Players in Crawley participate in competitions and championships outside of Crawley and represent the league. In all these events lagging for the break is the norm. So by introducing lagging to league competitions and matches it will provide the opportunity for players to get use to this style. No damage to the cloth. It adds a dimension of excitement to pool league match nights.

Both proposers voiced their proposals

Committee Considerations: No further comments required. Just clarity that if successful single frames would be lagged each time and 'best of' would be lagged before the first frame.

Votes: Green 23 Red 22

Proposal carried

Proposal 4. Proposer: Cliff Berry

Reduce registration fees

Reason: Making the league more affordable for all teams that wish to join.

Benefit: More teams may enter. Making the league better

Cliff declined to present saying it is as he proposed. Simon Armstrong presented the proposal.

Committee Considerations: Currently we work well with the registration fees set and have not increased them for over 5 yrs. Reduction would result in more sponsorship required and we currently struggle to attract what we have.

Votes: Green 3 Red 43

Proposal not carried

Proposal 5.**Proposer: Cliff Berry**

Summer League format to move to 3 x blocks of 5 games

Reason: Allows 5 to 10 players to be used on the night. So no one gets left out.

Benefit: More fun for every player in your team

Cliff declined to present saying it is as he proposed. Simon Armstrong presented the proposal.

Committee Considerations: Venues have time restrictions. Most matches during winter take us up to 11pm+ for 13 frames. We cannot really be seen to add to this. Too late for some players that have shifts / early starts.

Votes: Green 15 Red 30

Proposal not carried**Proposal 6.****Proposer: Jon Sharpe**

Instead of newly formed teams being automatically added to Div 2, they should be added to Div 1.

Reason: If the new team is good, they remain in Div 1 or are promoted the next year to the Prem. If they are not great, they get relegated to the 2nd div the next year.

Benefit: This way we do not have one or two teams made up of players who really should not be in Div 2. The reason I would like to propose this for discussion is that there is a growing problem in the second division where it is virtually impossible to gain promotion because the 'new teams' often made up of players who belong in other divisions get the promotion places. Some teams are getting fed up with it, to the point where it is hard to keep teams together.

Jon presented his proposal and reasons & benefits.

Committee Considerations: Suggest wording would be 'New teams are entered in an appropriate division (where possible) at the discretion of the committee'.

Votes: Green 46 Red 5

Proposal carried**Proposal 7.****Proposer: Sean Trivass**

AGM proposals to take effect at next Season start. No delay.

Reason: The in-build one year/season delay has no obvious reasoning behind it. It deters anyone from coming up with new and relevant ideas and as such is outdated and a negative. It also confuses players as to what can or cannot be changed for the following season when considering any proposals.

Benefit: Encourages new ideas. Allows the immediate implementation if voted in. Does not affect the running of the league as each idea will still need proposing and voting in at the AGM.

Sean presented his proposal to the room.

Committee Considerations: Take proposals as current view and then get implemented whilst its hot!

Votes: Green 45 Red 1

Proposal carried

Proposal 8.**Proposer: Committee**

Teams that are short of players to leave their blanks places starting at position 7, then 6.

Reason: To avoid deliberate placement on vacant frame positions

Benefit: Fairness

Simon presented this proposal to the room.

Committee Considerations: Avoid away teams picking to put blanks against stronger players. Not what we are about.

Votes: Green 39 Red 2

Proposal carried

Proposal 9.**Proposer: Heran Limbachia**

Extra ranking point to be added for: break dish, dry dish & 7 ball.

Reason: Can give more players a chance to catch up if they are 3/4/5 points behind.

Benefit: 1. You will be rewarded for your dish etc... 2. Will keep more players involved in rankings. 3. Might help with the time keeping in matches.

Heran presented his proposal to the room.

Committee Considerations: Not really the point of ranking points. Hard to police / capture. If 2 players close in rankings play each other and one dishes the other they gain 2 points on their opponent having had no shot. Bad enough losing 1.

Votes: Green 4 Red 42

Proposal not carried

Proposal 10.**Proposer: Heran Limbachia**

Extra frame to be played if match ends 6-6 or 7-7 Nominated by captain.

Reason: A clear winner on night.

Benefit: Keeps more pressure on both teams . Makes more exciting for team who maybe 4-0 down or can only achieve a draw going into last game.

Heran presented his proposal to the room.

Committee Considerations: Don't really understand the benefit of this, in fact keeping it as it is, in the Summer, means the competitions greater and teams towards the end can see clear goals on what they need to achieve.

Votes: Green 6 Red 39

Proposal not carried

The next 2 proposals were heard together as they covered the same subject. Voting was completed on these as a single proposal:

Proposal 11. Proposer: Heran Limbachia

All draws to be done on Facebook live

Reason: Fair draw

Benefit: No more 'fixed' claims

Heran presented his proposal to the room.

Proposal 12. Proposer: Andy Kessell

Competition draws to be recorded and then published on the Facebook group.

Reason: To ensure that the draw is conducted correctly so that every team has a fair opportunity.

Benefit: So that everyone can feel involved in the draw process and it would also give everyone the chance to see how the draws are done.

Andy presented his proposal to the room.

Committee Considerations: Excel sheets – random generated, moved away from pieces of paper a long time ago. Adam added that the draw only takes a few seconds, time is taken to prepare the draw but the macro button takes seconds. He does a lot of the preparation at work and is not allowed to record at work.

Votes: Green 4 Red 41

Proposal not carried

Proposal 13. Proposer: Andy Kessell

No more bye nights.

Reason: There were two very simple options available to avoid (or reduce) the number of bye nights in Division 2 this winter: Option 1. start the season 2 weeks later & finish the season 2 weeks earlier than the Premier Division & Division One. Option 2. placing an equal number of teams in Division one & two in order to reduce the number of bye nights. However, neither of these options were taken by the committee.

Benefit: Teams who are due to compete in Division Two in the winter and Division Three in the summer would receive time off between the two seasons instead of going straight from one into the other.

Andy presented his proposal to the room.

Committee Considerations: Usually we would be ok with numbers but teams have dropped out either before or after the start. We manage it the best way to ensure all leagues run together however if you'd prefer a division to start later and finish earlier (if possible) then we can look to see how that works. But committee has final say as each year is totally different. Simon added we do a lot of work to limit byes but sometimes dropouts are last minute. Rob Gibney added we cannot avoid dropouts.

Votes: Green 45 Red 1

Proposal carried

Proposal 14.**Proposer: Andy Kessell**

The league should implement some sort of retrospective action against players (and teams) who fail to attend competitions that they have voluntarily entered into.

Reason: To reduce the number of no-shows.

Benefit: To improve fairness in favour of players (and teams) who are able to attend.

Andy presented his proposal to the room.

Committee Considerations: Unless we have a single committee member to be responsible for capturing evidence of non-attendance without facebook notice this is near impossible to manage. Darren added that we could look to exclude people from that competition the next year if nothing put on Facebook prior to the competition, so a 'no show'.

Rob Gibney suggested a 48 hours notice period. Sarjay Patel suggested competition entries closer to the draw. Les Weatherill apologised for not attending competitions himself. Rob Hood supported the committee and voiced 'how would you police it. Darren Ayling added that with some competitions we look to have a bigger group which allowed for some people to drop out but this should be notified on Facebook.

Votes: Green 38 Red 5

Proposal carried

Proposal 15.**Proposer: Committee**

Competitions must have a minimum entry of 8.

Reason: Less than 8 de-values the competition.

Benefit: Competitions only run with a sensible number of entrants.

Simon presented this proposal to the room.

Committee Considerations: Pointless managing a competition without sufficient entrants.

Votes: Green 45 Red 0

Proposal carried

7. Resignation of committee (This is a new process of deferred resignation and allows handover to any newly appointed position prior to Summer Season Start)

Simon explained that the new process required as we had pulled the combined AGM forward to allow for any proposals to take effect at the start of the Summer Season. This also allowed for any new committee appointed members to receive a handover period before the start of the next new committee start at the beginning of the next Winter Season. For example if the League Secretary stepped down then a good handover period would give the new League Secretary a good start.

Simon also advised that neither Nicki Bradberry nor Aiden Jones would be re-standing due to being unable to commit to the positions. Also mentioned that taking new nominations on the night of the AGM does not work as proven by Aiden Jones's appointment last July.

The committee resigned under this new process.

8. Election of new committee

A vote was taken on each of the below positions

Chairperson	Pip Boyle was voted in.
Vice Chairperson	Sean Trivass was voted in.
General Secretary	Jon Baxter was voted in.
Competitions Secretary	Adam McSharry was voted in.
Treasurer	Darren Ayling was voted in.
League Secretary	Simon Armstrong was voted in.
General Member	Nick Chant was voted in.
General Member	Terry Holmwood was seconded by Simon and was voted in.

9. Honorariums – No vote required as this was agreed in last year's AGM with the new annual structure.

Simon explained that no vote required as this was agreed in last year's AGM with the new annual structure.

Single Yearly Honorariums:

Main Weekly Duties:

League Secretary: £350.00

Competitions Secretary: £350.00

Treasurer: £200.00

Main Monthly Duties

All other Committee members: £75.00 (70% attendance)

Simon further explained that these are maximum payments for a full 12 months service however these are subject to pro-rata payment awards based on available funds and therefore may be reduced but not exceeded. Payable at end of Summer Season.

10. Any other business

Simon asked the room if anyone had any other business, and no one had anything further to add to the meeting.

11. Close of meeting

Simon closed the meeting at 9.45pm and thanked everyone for attending.

12. Summer League Registration

The committee then proceeded to take the registrations of the Summer League entrants.