

Sampford Peverell & District Skittles League

Minutes of 68th AGM

Date: **Wednesday 29th May 2019**

Time: **Signing-up 20:00, Roll Call 20:30**

Location: **Cullompton Rugby Club**

Before the meeting commenced the Chairman, Derek Goff, made a special announcement. He read a letter from Joan and Dennis explaining that Joan was resigning as Honorary Secretary and as Treasurer. Both Joan and Dennis are resigning from the committee. Derek thanked Joan for her many years dedicated work for the league and presented her with a wooden skittle memento, which had kindly been donated by Steve and Andy Head, from Wood 'n Head. Joan received a warm round of applause. We'll miss her! Derek also thanked both Joan and Dennis for their work on the committee.

1. Roll Call

By 8:30pm 38 teams had signed up. HCC2 were not present and will play the forthcoming season in Division C.

2. Minutes Silence

Bob Robson (Tiverton Riverside Club); Nigel Hooper, who played for All Blacks last season, and had previously played for Devon Valley Mill and then Bradninch RBL. Reg Maunder (Curly) used to play for Bellies.

3. Apologies

None

4. Chairman's Welcome

Chairman Derek Goff welcomed all those present

5. Minutes of 67th AGM

These had been posted on the website prior to AGM, with a few copies available on the night, and the floor was asked if they were a true record, and were there any matters arising, which there were not. The Chairman asked that therefore these are approved, and as the floor were happy with them, they were duly signed.

6. Chairman's Report

Congratulations to all winners and commiserations to all losers. The Chairman's team narrowly avoided relegation, just a season after winning the League. A situation that has not ever happened. The Chairman again thanked Joan for her hard work during the season and the committee for all their help in the Individuals, Captains and Finals night and anyone else who helped out. He mentioned that Vice Chairman Garry Stephenson has resigned from the committee and Garry was thanked for his dedication and involvement. The Chairman mentioned that we could benefit from another two committee members and asked for any volunteers to get in touch. He also thanked the two venues for their help for hosting our events. The Chairman gave special thanks to Joan for donating the

Coronation Cup and the Jubilee Cup for the KO Cup Winners and Runners Up. Joan added that she and Paul had worked to add the names of winners as far back as possible using museum records of newspaper reports. Derek Goff (Chairman).

7. Election of Officers

The committee stood down and the floor was asked to elect officers and committee – Derek Goff for Chairman was proposed by The Farmers and seconded by Calverleigh. Trevor French as Vice Chairman was proposed by The Farmers and seconded by Bullocks. Changes to the committee were that Joan Baker, Dennis Russell and Garry Stephenson have resigned. Paul Mills has agreed to join the committee. Paul Tooze and Dean Capel will jointly take on the roles of Secretary and Treasurer. The committee were elected on that basis – proposed by Calverleigh and seconded by The Hounds.

8. Secretary's Report

As usual, please leave behind to use again any paperwork you do not need to take away, thanks. At last year's AGM we had 38 teams signed up by Roll Call, with Barmy Army and Bickleigh signed-up after the meeting. The Jockeys and Bellboys subsequently withdrew from the league which left two byes in Division C, which wasn't ideal. We still need to ask you to make sure you use black or dark blue pens, preferably at least a medium point nib when filling in the cards – anything else does not fax or photo very well and makes reading the cards more of a challenge! I am still getting some poor-quality cards emailed over, so it would make it a lot easier for those of us who do the reports, if you could please make sure the photo is clear with no shadows before sending! Card must now be sent to results@spskittles.co.uk. Some of the adding up of scores has been very poor, so please check this! Also remember that results received will always be acknowledged (there is an auto-reply from results@spskittles.co.uk), so if that hasn't happened in a reasonable time, check. We expect all results to arrive by mid-day Friday morning as Rule 16 by whatever means you use. Our aim is to get the results, etc. uploaded as soon as possible, and late arrival of the cards means £1.00 fine, which does not make economic sense! If you are unable to email the card yourself, please ask the opposition or someone with access to email, to do it for you. Though the fixture lists will be posted on the website, if any teams would like a paper copy please tick box on Team Form and pay tonight – 20p. The minutes of this AGM will be on the website as soon as possible, and please make sure you point out any errors or omissions! It will be on the front page in PDF form. When a postponed game is re-arranged please would both teams confirm the new date – it dots the i's and crosses the t's! This season saw several teams involved in tight races to promotion and relegation spots, with Division C Runners Up decided on pin difference and the top two teams in Division B playing each other in the last game of the season. How exciting. I hope you appreciate the work committee members do on your behalf and have the league's best interest at heart. I would also wish to say thank you to everyone who has helped at any of the events and also for the support I have from the committee. Captains' Cup and signing-up night is 4th September 2019. Matters arising – None

9. Treasurer's Report

You all should have a copy of the balance sheet. We started the 2018/19 season with £1280.80 and finished with £1071.05. So we go into next season with £209.75 less than last season. Expenses are increasing annually, and the time will come when fees will have to be reviewed (see AOB for team fee changes). We are so appreciative of our sponsors of which quite a few are skittlers, and their sponsorship covers the cost of printing the books. We cannot thank them enough!! So first please use those businesses whose adverts are displayed in the books and tell them that you found their adverts in our fixture books. We

will make every effort to personally deliver your envelopes, but if any can be picked up, please let us know tonight, if that is possible. If you wish to pay for your players' fees by BACS, please let us know you have by sending your players' form and please use team name as reference. We reduced by half the players' fees for those signing on in the second half of the season, but remember that all players must be signed on, even if playing for one game. This includes cup games. This will be in place again this year, with the concession being reviewed annually. Matters arising – None

10. New Applications & Change of Names and/or Alley

Globetrotters are moving to The Racehorse.

11. Correspondence

Thank you letters from last season's charity recipients – Devon Air Ambulance Trust; Devon Freewheelers; Marie Curie; Exeter Leukaemia Fund.

12. Charities for 2019/20

DAAT; Alzheimer's Society; MacMillan Nurses; Boots on the Ground.

13. Any Other Business –

1. **League Set-Up** – Following the meeting and HCC2 moving to Division C, the intention is to run three 13 team divisions. Captains Cup will be on Wednesday 4th September 2019 and the league will start on Wednesday 25th September 2019, with cup games in between.
2. **Change to Rule 21** to read as follows: The Annual General Meeting of the League shall be attended by a representative of each team. The team subscription of £15.00 membership to the League for the new season must be paid by Roll Cal, to which failure to have a member present will mean deduction of 6 league points. No apologies for absence will be accepted.
3. Please make sure your emails with cards show the cards clearly and also please check your adding up!!!! If you cannot email cards please ask the opposing team if they will do so. Please make sure cards are emailed to **results@spskittles.co.uk**.
4. We had a complaint from a team about others being late on alley – have replied to the team concerned, but as a reminder, rule Rule 10 states games '**commencing at 8:30pm**'. Please contact the opposing captain if you are likely to be late.
5. **Front pin must be marked white** see Rule 14.
6. From the season 2020/21 the **team fee** will be increased to **£20**.
7. We wish to thank Cullompton RFC for hosting our AGM and Finals night. Also, Tiverton RFC for hosting our Captains and Individual Cup Rounds.

Minutes read, approved and signed

Derek Goff, Chairman

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