

Minutes of Captains Meeting 20th November 2016

1) Minutes of last meeting

Pete read the minutes of the previous Captains Meeting

2) Finance

A copy of the accounts were provided to each team. The balance to date is approximately £2,300 but the summer trophies still have to be purchased.

3) Summer 2016 Review – vote to keep next year and any proposed changes

- a. Group Stage & second set of Round Robin: To reduce the number of weeks it was agreed the second set of round robin would be dropped for future summer competitions and the top 2 of each division would go straight into a knockout competition.
- b. For the 2016 summer competition it was agreed that trophies would be awarded to the winners and runners up of the Champion and Europa leagues.
- c. It was also agreed that for all team competitions there would be an option of trophies or a set of “Pro Cup” balls.
- d. It was agreed that the 5 Player rule introduced for the summer would be carried forward for winter and summer seasons. This raised the question about the league singles cup and it was agreed **that all players from the team with 6 players would have their win recorded for the league single cup but the player who plays twice from the team with only 5 players would only have their FIRST game counted.**
- e. The Presentation Evening will be in January 2017 on a Sunday. Venue TBA.

4) Winter 2016 Format

- a. Doubles knock out: This may have to be on a Sunday night but Ian will see if it can be included in the Wednesday fixtures. This will still be a scotch doubles competition.
- b. Team knock out: will remain on Wednesdays.

5) Rule Changers including proposed additions / changes

- a. Frozen balls: it was agreed **NOT** to introduce the Frozen Ball rule (A Frozen ball is a ball that is already touching a cushion and therefore cannot be counted as a ball that has made contact with a cushion after impact).
- b. Tactical Foul: It was agreed that a tactical foul would only result in One shot one visit and not a loss of frame (A tactical foul is where a player intentionally pots an opponent's ball after they have originally hit a ball of their own colour)
- c. Colour selection after Break: Three options were discussed. Option1 - stay same (Old EPA rules, option 2 - open table if ball(s) potted on break or option 3 - change colour if only one ball is potted. The vote was 8:7:0 respectively in favour of staying the same.
- d. Skill shot: Three options were discussed. Option 1 – staying the same and not to implement a skill shot, option 2 – allow skill shot on colours only, option 3 – allow skill shots on colours and black. The vote was 9:6:0 respectively in favour of staying the same.

6) Future of the league – candidate for taking over

Ian asked if anyone was prepared to take over the running of the league. He said he would still help the new person out. As yet there were no offers.

7) Captains questions raised

- a. 5 man rule to stay for the winter: see 3) d.
- b. Doubles speeding up: It was proposed that to speed up the doubles that there should be no conferring after the first shot of the visit. This was carried by 13 votes for and 4 votes against. To clarify this means that the 2 players can confer prior to the first shot of a visit to the table, but, once that first shot has been taken and a ball is potted then that player must continue the visit as though he or she are playing a singles match until their next visit to the table.

8) AOB

- a. Ian advised all that he has a number of carry cases and sets of pro cup balls. They are at reduced prices and people should contact him if they want them.
- b. Score cards: Teams were reminded that **both** team must send in a photo of the score cards. It was unanimously voted that the score cards must be sent in by the Monday following the Wednesday match. Failure to send in the card would result in the team not sending in their card losing their points (this applies to both the winning and losing teams).
- c. Total snookers: Ian to put on the web site diagrams of what constitutes a total snooker.
- d. Team finals played at neutral venues; it was agreed that the captains should write down on paper the order of play for their team without knowledge of their opponents order of play and exchange them prior to being written up on the board. A coin should be tossed for the privilege of the first break.

Meeting closed at 20:35