

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) - SEPTEMBER 2021

### AGENDA / OUTCOME

#### COMMITTEE

- 1 - No proposed changes.

The current Committee were voted in at the April 2019 AGM. As the League was suspended from March 2020 to August 2021 as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, the current Committee will remain for the 21/22 season.

- Noted. During the AGM Mick Bull announced that he would be stepping down at the end of the 21/22 season. Any members interested in applying for the position of Players Representative should contact the Committee prior to the September '22 AGM.

#### PLAYING RULES

Proposals have been received for the following :-

- 2 - Change to Blackball rules.
  - Carried - 25 votes to 20. This rule change will come into effect from November '21.
- 3 - If Blackball rules are voted in, do not adopt the "lag for break" rule. Leave the current coin toss rule to determine break.
  - Carried - 30 votes to 14. No change to the current rules.
- 4 - Change to Blackball rules in the Premier Division only.
  - n/a
- 5 - Change to World rules.
  - n/a
- 6 - After the break, you may hit the black as a "free ball".
  - n/a

#### GENERAL RULES / CONSTITUTION

Proposals have been received for the following :-

- 7 - Rule 18. One automatic postponement allowed per season.
  - Overruled - 12 votes to 21. No change to the current rules.
- 8 - Rule 18. (a) Where a postponement is requested with less than 24 hours notice, the Committee will consider any extenuating circumstances. E.G. bereavement, or car accident.
  - Carried unanimously. This rule change will come into effect from November '21.
- 9 - Singles and Doubles Plate - In the opening round, players who win their first match, but lose their second, will go into the Plate. Anyone losing their very first match is out completely.
  - Overruled - 4 votes to 22. No change to the current rules.
- 10 - Reduce monthly packs to just match cards. All League results, Divisional changes, draws etc.. are all online, and hard copies are unnecessary aside from being an expense in both cost and time to the Committee.
  - Overruled - 16 votes to 21. No change to the current rules.
- 11 - Rule 2. (a) Increase the fine for a meeting non attendance from £5 to £10. A fine may be avoided by registering apologies "to a member of the Committee", BEFORE the meeting is due to occur. To be clear, a team having their pack collected by another team who HAS NOT registered their apologies, will be classed as having missed the meeting.
  - Carried - 28 votes to 8. This rule change will come into effect from November '21.

- 12 - Rule 2. (a) Limit apologies for meeting non-attendance to 2 per season.  
- Overruled - 3 votes to 20. No change to the current rules.
- 13 - Rule 3. (c) A team needs to be present at the AGM in order for their vote to count.  
- Carried - 29 votes to 2. This rule change will come into effect from November '21.
- 14 - Rule 26. (d) Any player involved in an individual or pairs competition at Finals Weekend that fails to attend will be fined £20, and will be barred from entering that competition during the next league season.  
- Overruled unanimously. No change to the current rules.
- 15 - Rule 12. Any team or individual found guilty of cheating, or of misleading the Committee in any way, will be subject to a minimum of automatic loss of match, together with a 5 point penalty, and a £10 fine.  
- Carried unanimously. This rule change will come into effect from November '21.
- 16 - General rules, Rule 18. If a rest is needed, and one is not available, then it will be considered as a foul, and two visits will be awarded.  
- Overruled. This was discussed at length, and it was agreed to leave the current rules unchanged. Not having a rest is the responsibility of the home team, and the current rules rightly penalise them. This rule change could lead to an away team player being penalised for something they had no control over.
- 17 - General rules, Rule 16. In the Trio Competition, change the 3rd pool game to a doubles game to allow a full complement of 8 players to compete.  
- Overruled - members voted overwhelmingly to keep the existing 7 player format.
- 18 - General rules, Rule 2. Change the playing format from 8 singles frames, to 6 singles frames, and 2 doubles frames.  
- Overruled - members voted overwhelmingly to keep the format at 8 singles frames.
- 19 - General rules, Rule 2. Keep the playing format as 8 singles frames, but where a team only has 6 players, allow 2 players to play twice.  
- This was discussed at length, but there were too many variables and opinions on what would decide who would play twice - Captain's choice, other Captain's choice, randomly drawn out of a hat, etc.. ? Whilst beneficial to teams short of players, particularly in the current post Covid state, this rule change would also be open to abuse.  
- Captains to contact League Secretary with suggestions on how to select the player(s) to play twice. This will be presented and discussed at the October League meeting.
- 20 - General rules, Rule 3. Change the start time of matches from 8:30pm to 8:00pm.  
- Overruled - members voted overwhelmingly to keep to an 8:30pm start time.
- 21 - Champion of Champions - If a Cup winner (Champion of Champions, Knock-out, Alternative, Challenge, or Trio), has already qualified for the following season's Champion of Champions, then the runner-up in that competition will qualify.  
- Overruled - members voted overwhelmingly to keep to the existing qualifying rules.
- 22 - General rules, Rule 20. Refreshments to be provided for Cup games, as well as League games.  
- Overruled - 16 votes to 20. No change to the current rules.

## **FINANCES**

- 23 - A set of accounts for 19/20, and 20/21 will be issued at the AGM.  
- Accounts were duly issued and discussed. No queries.