

Present:

Andy Handley	Chairman	Tom Robbins	Fixtures Secretary
Stewart Barnes	Committee	Steve Montieth	Committee
Theresa Wareham	Secretary/Treasurer		
Apologies:	Jay Gulbins		

There were representatives from 7 teams.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 8 pm and thanked those attending, stating it was a better turnout than previous meetings.

The reason we have called this meeting tonight is to throw a few ideas around, trying to attract more teams.

Gipe enquired how many teams we have in the league at the moment.

Tom replied that we have 12.

Gipe then suggested that we have one division instead of two.

There was some general discussion and most people thought we would lose teams if we did this. On the plus side it would lengthen the season and we would not have a Winter and Summer league, reducing the amount of trophies needed. Ian Steele stated he felt strongly that one division and one long league is now the way to go. There was more general discussion, mainly regarding teams not represented. Unfortunately for them as they didn't attend the meeting they would have to put up with whatever is decided.

A question came from Dick Merritt regarding canvassing pubs with tables to see if we could get more teams. This has already been done by Jay Gulbins. Nelsons and Kings Arms are interested in having a team, they just need players. Colins Club now has a second table, so could possibly have another team. There are venues that could accommodate more teams, they just don't have the people interested. Tiffany's is also making changes and will have tables later on in the Summer, too late for this coming season, but may enter team/s next time.

There was further discussion regarding qualifying for singles. Tom informed those present that he had to put more league games in at the start of the season to allow for players to qualify for the knockouts. It was decided that this was no longer necessary and that players are eligible if their names are on the team sheet when the team is registered.

A few options were discussed and those present decided the best ones were as follows:

If we decide to change the format it can be tested for a season, be open to review and see how we go. We will still have an AGM at the end of the coming season where we can discuss how this again.

Options:

1. Stay as we are.
2. One big league. Put both divisions together. Making the season longer.
3. Stay as we are but play Home and Away twice. This would make the season longer.  
Good for the venues.
4. Change format to 4 players in a team. Playing 2 singles each and then 2 doubles  
We would lose players.
5. Change format to 6 players in a team, playing 2 singles each and no doubles  
Add a captains leg at the end of the evening.

Tom put the options on the table and they were voted on accordingly.

Vote:

	Vote	Vote for format
Option 1:	0	4
Option 2:	10	
Option 3:	0	
Option 4:	0	5
Option 5:	6	7

Option 5 was then discussed and those present decided that they didn't think a captains leg should be added, most people preferred the captains cup remains a separate competition at the end of the season. There would also be an issue if the captain wasn't at a match, should be have a designated vice captain? The captains leg is removed from option 5.

Richard Williams stated without the doubles there would be no beer leg. This was discussed and it was decided that a beer leg could be done on the first 6 singles.

Theresa proposed that for the singles and doubles we still have a division in the league. Those in the bottom half play against each other, and vice versa with the top 6 teams. Making it fairer on the weaker players, or people may not enter the ko's.

There was a proposal to change the start time to 8 pm. This was discussed at length and it was decided by a majority vote that we remain at 8.30 with an option to start earlier if both teams agreed.

A further proposal was to play the team knockouts Home & Away. This was also decided against.

Ian Steele proposed and increase in charge for the Singles & doubles. £3 for singles and £5 per pair. A cost of £5.50 if you enter both.

Steve Montieth proposed we charge and entry fee of £10 per player and no further charge for ko's. This would generate a greater amount of money for the league. Rob Wareham stated he would not pay £10 for someone who is signed on as reserve and doesn't play. Alex Williams

stated they had players in their team that never enter the ko's, so we would be charging them for something they didn't participate in, that's not fair and they would be put off entering the team.

Options:

1. £50 to enter team. £2 singles £4 doubles
2. £50 to enter team. £3 singles £5 double.
3. £10 per player and no further charge.

It was decided by a majority vote that we would adopt option 2  
There would still be no charge for the captains cup.

There was a further proposal regarding the marksmen.

If we have more than one player tied for marksman they should play off for an overall winner, best of 3. This was discussed and decided against. Any player who had won a majority of their matches has earned a marksman trophy.

Theresa has resigned from one or both of the posts she holds on the committee.

The chairman asked those present if anyone would take on the treasurer or secretary role.

Andy Handley proposed Alex Williams for treasurer. Seconded by Ian Steele.

Alex kindly took on the role, as there were no further candidates.

Theresa will remain as secretary.

Richard Williams and Gipe were co-opted onto the committee. Proposed Tom Robbins

Seconded Martin Hooper.

The chairman thanked everyone who attended and stated it was a brilliant turn out. He closed the meeting at 9.15.