

## **2008 – 2009 Annual General Meeting, 9th July 2009 at 8pm**

**Venue – Tunbridge Wells Constitutional Club.**

**Meeting opened by Chairman Brett Parish-Jones at 8pm.**

### **Peter Cracknell**

President Richard Field called the meeting to order to remember our former Treasurer Peter Cracknell who served in the position for 40 years. A few moments of silence were duly observed by all present

### **Minutes**

#### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Tony Eastham, Gary Malyan. Colin Young, Andy Taylor and Jeff Elmer There were 34 other members present, with all League clubs represented.

#### **Minutes from 2008 AGM**

The Minutes from the 2008 AGM were distributed to the meeting. The Minutes were agreed to be a true record. Proposer: Jim Bailey. Seconder: Alan Bradley.

#### **Matters Arising from 2007 AGM Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the 2008 AGM Minutes.

#### **Secretary's/Match Secretary's Report.**

Chris Clear complained about the second half of the season as results came in very late. Two teams also cancelled more than 3 games which caused the results table to be an unfair record of what was happening as some of these games were crucial to the outcome of the League. These games however got played due to the season having to be extended. Chris also complained about clubs turning up with only 2 or 3 players and this was not acceptable. The first half of the season's results came in on time and this was excellent. Cup nights and venues were discussed and Chris suggested the team semi finals and final should both be played on neutral tables if possible.

Chris thanked Brett Parish and Alistair McKay for helping compile the fixture list at the start of the season because it was a complex undertaking balancing teams and available tables. Chris also thanked Bob Shipley who ensured we had a successful singles and doubles competitions this year.

**Treasurer's Report.**

Treasurer Lawrence Dollimore reported that expenditure had slightly exceeded income this year, due mainly to the increase in trophy and engraving costs, and said that club team entry fees will remain unchanged for the coming season.

<b>Assets over period</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Liabilities over period</b>	<b>£</b>
Building Society balance brought forward	898.05	Trophies & engraving	575.00
Club fees (14 teams @ £45)	630.00	Buffet for AGM	50.00
B/Society interest	5.82	Setting up website	51.45
Sub-total	<b>1,533.87</b>	Sub-total	<b>676.45</b>
<b>BALANCE IN ACCOUNT</b>	<b>857.42</b>		

Balance sheet proposed as a true record. Proposer: Richard Field. Seconder: Paul Heneke

**ECBA Inter-League Report**

Secretary Chris Clear explained that the Inter-League competitions were to be held over 1 day (a Sunday) at Eastbourne Q-Ball Club. It was proposed to send 2 teams maximum provided enough interest was generated. Inter League dates were still to be confirmed at this time. The League agreed to pay for each team entered into these events. Chris Clear and John Avery were proposed as 'team 'captains for the various events and duly agreed upon.

**Election of Officers**

No nominations were received by the Secretary prior to the AGM and therefore it was agreed that the Committee will remain the same as last year. This was carried unopposed.

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### **Team Entries 2008/2009**

There are 14 teams proposed to enter the League this year. They comprise 4 teams from Tunbridge Wells Con, 1 team from Victoria. 5 teams from Crowborough Constitutional Club. 3 teams from Crowborough Social Club. 1 team from Rusthall Club.

### **Formal Resolutions**

There were 6 options discussed as to the proposed format of the League. Each option was read out to the meeting and discussed before voting took place. Option 6 was voted for by 21 of the members present and this option was duly adopted. Option 6 stated there would be no change to the League and it would stay as 5 man teams each playing 1 frame on a Thursday night.

**There will be a new rule (RULE 7D) concerning eligibility for playing in the League. Players must be a member of the club they represent in the League. Under-18 players having a parent who is a member, or has Affiliated or Associate membership, of the club shall be eligible.**

### **AOB**

The miss rule was discussed and will again be enforced this year. The committee will also send out further advice regarding this rule.

Bob Shipley kindly offered to again run the Singles and Doubles competitions for the 2009/10 season.

**Trophy Winners**

<b>2009 TROPHY WINNERS</b>	
<b>Sussex Express Cup</b>	
Div 1 Winners	Crowborough Con A
Div 1 Runners-Up	Crowborough Con D
Div 2 Winners	Tunbridge Wells Con D
Div 2 Runners-Up	Crowborough Social A
<b>ConCup</b>	
Div 1 Winner	Steve Howell
Div 1 Runner-Up	Dave Roberts
Div 2 Winner	Scott Bell
Div 2 Runner-Up	Steve Peerless
<b>Singles/pairs</b>	
Singles winner	John Avery
Singles runner-up	Steve Howell
Pairs winner	John Avery/Steve Howell
Pairs runners-up	Peter Sandles/Brett Wiles
<b>Div 1 highest break</b>	Steve Huxtable (59)
<b>Div 2 highest break</b>	Scott Bell (65)
<b>Div 1 Most Breaks &gt; 25</b>	John Avery (11)
<b>Div 2 Most Breaks &gt; 25</b>	Scott Bell (11)
<b><u>CLUB SILVERWARE</u></b>	
Sussex Express Trophy	Tunbridge Wells Con A
Reg Saunders Div 2 Shield	Crowborough Con E
Sussex Express Cup	Crowborough Con A
CDBSL Div 2 Winners Cup	Tunbridge Wells Con D
Reg Saunders H/Average Shield	Scott Bell
Singles Cup	John Avery
Pairs Cup	John Avery and Steve Howell

The meeting was closed at 8-45 pm by Chairman Brett Parish-Jones.