



# LEEDS WEST POOL



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## Minutes from the AGM 10<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at the Globe

**Teams present.** Bramley Globetrotters A, Bramley Globetrotters B, Minnesotas, Dragon Hotel, Halfway House, Armley Liberal Club.

**Apologies.** Delaneys, Leodis.

The meeting opened at 11.10am.

The registration of teams took place and deposits were collected. The teams were informed that the remaining balance will be collected at the next meeting.

Election of the committee took place and was as follows:-

Chairman - Rob Johnson. Proposed by Tony McHugh. No objections.

Secretary Brian Whitaker. Proposed by Rob Johnson, seconded by Kev Brook. No objections.

Treasurer - Les Wilkinson. Proposed by Brian Whitaker, seconded by Steve Knights. No objections.

Committee members.

Steve Knights. Proposed by Steve Wade. No objections

Kev Brook. Proposed by Luke Meadmore. No objections.

Tony McHugh. Proposed by Shane Blagborough. No objections.

There are still two vacancies on the committee. I will be asking for more volunteers at the next meeting when, hopefully we will have all teams present.

A vote then took place on the points system and number of frames we will be playing on the match night. The proposal was for 10 frames with 1 point for every frame won. No bonus points will be awarded. In cup matches, if the score reaches 5-5 after all frames are played, both captains will pick one player from their own team to play a single deciding frame. The proposal was passed with a majority of 5 votes in favour.

A debate took place on the best start date for the league. It was agreed that, because teams will be attending the Leeds Premier League presentation night on 28<sup>th</sup> January, the start date will be moved back to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

We then discussed which knockouts we will be organising during the season. We will be having a Singles knockout, a 3 man team knockout and a team knockout as discussed below.

**Team Knockouts.** Rob Johnson suggested this would be done by drawing out two groups of 4 teams. Each team plays each other team in the group once only. It is the luck of the draw whether you are playing home or away. The top two teams with the most frames won will then go into the Main Cup semi finals. The bottom two teams will go into the Plate semi finals (based on the 8 teams that we have this season). All members present agreed with this format.

**3 Man Team.** This will be a straight knockout, best of 9 frames, played on a round robin system where each player plays each one of his opponents. Entry fee is £10 per team. It was never decided at this meeting whether teams are allowed to sign up reserves or if names can be changed before the first rounds. I will bring this point up at the next meeting.

**Singles Knockout.** There was some confusion as to the format of the singles knockout. I will be bringing this up again at the next meeting. The proposal was for singles matches to be best of 5 frames throughout the competition. Nights have been put aside on the fixture list for singles rounds. The knockout will be £3 entry per



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player. The draws will take place at a meeting. Because the matches are best of 5 frames, it was decided to have no more than 3 matches at any one venue and to stagger the start times. The first pair drawn out would start their match at 8pm, second pair at 9pm and third pair at 10pm. The pair drawn out third would be given the chance to play their game on another day providing the game was played before the next meeting.

Prize money and trophies will be awarded to winners and runners up in all knockouts where there is an entry fee. Trophies only will be awarded to winners and runners up in all other competitions. This will be added to the Constitution. I will be proposing at the next meeting a limit of 6 trophies awarded in a team event and if any team requires more then they should pay the cost price for the extra trophies.

It was agreed that all semi finals will be played at neutral venues. The two finalists will pick the venue for any of the finals. If they cannot agree, then the meeting will decide the venue.

Kev Brook proposed that we have a neutral ref for cup finals. This will be discussed again later in the season.

## **Any other business.**

League Rules rule 5d) was discussed and all agreed to amend the rule as follows:-

‘No player shall play the same opponent twice (exception being an 11<sup>th</sup> frame decider in cup matches). When frames are played out of order, it is the away team’s responsibility to make sure he is playing the correct player from the opposing team. Playing an incorrect opponent will result in the frame being awarded to the home team.’

I have also added a Rule 5e) which will be discussed and, if agreed, amended officially at the next meeting. :-  
5 e) A player is only allowed to play once in each half of the 10 frames (exception being the 11<sup>th</sup> frame decider in cup matches).

**Meetings** It was agreed that the meetings would be rotated amongst teams in the league. This will be done alphabetically. Teams may refuse meetings. The constitution will be amended accordingly.

Kev Brook asked if professionals are allowed to play in the league. A small discussion then took place. It was agreed unanimously that only two cue sport professionals per team are allowed to sign up. This will be written into the League Rules.

The meeting was closed at 12.10pm.

The next meeting will be at the Dragon Hotel. 150 Whitehall Road, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS12 4TJ. As we are a new league and the League Rules and Constitution have been seen by most teams for the first time, this meeting will be treated as an EGM. This means the rules may be amended for one last time, until the next AGM or EGM.