

## APFSCIL Pool League AGM – 01/11/2017

### Attendees:

<b>Steve Grant</b>	<b>Southampton</b>	<b>Chair</b>
<b>Martin Clubb</b>	<b>Newcastle</b>	<b>Minutes</b>
<b>Trev Noronha</b>	<b>Newcastle</b>	
<b>Pete Statham</b>	<b>West Bromwich</b>	
<b>Chris Learmouth</b>	<b>Hearts</b>	
<b>Roger Pyne</b>	<b>Exeter</b>	
<b>Peter Jackson</b>	<b>Sunderland</b>	
<b>Stephen Moon</b>	<b>Nottingham Forest</b>	
<b>Steve Reed</b>	<b>Hull</b>	
<b>Alasdair Muir</b>	<b>Middlesbrough</b>	

Apologies for absence: Philip Burnham-Richards/Dave Leitch, Plymouth/Barrow; Steve Cole; various captains who sent replacements above.

- 1) **Adoption of 2016 AGM Minutes**
  - i) **Minutes adopted and agreed.**
- 2) **Matters arising**
  - i) **Trophies: Chris Learmouth has filled many prior season gaps for league winners. He still has a few pencilled in that he is checking with APFSCIL. Funding from the League 1 Champions Trophy has been secured and he plans to get a quote an engraved trophy, with gaps for the years where he has not definitely confirmed the winner. He will email the captains with an update soon.**
- 3) **Format of league and home venues/preferred days**
  - i) *Coventry have indicated interest in joining the league. After the AGM, Steve Moon agreed to follow up with Martin Garratt from Coventry on 6 November if he attends the next APFSCIL meeting. Martin did not attend so the fixtures have now been published without Coventry joining*
  - ii) **Steve Grant will complete the 2017/18 fixtures as a reversal of the previous season in the next few days, and post it on the website, adding in Coventry afterwards if necessary.**
  - iii) **We will be looking at 2 games before Xmas and 7 (or 8 with Coventry) by 30 June, ideally 13 June when the World Cup starts**

- iv) Teams present confirmed their home venues and preferred days of the week for their home games (last 3 venues and Plymouth/Barrow tbc):

Exeter – Southwark Brewing Company (SBC) – Tue, Wed, Thu

Forest – SBC – Thu

Hull – SBC – Tue, Wed, Thu

Sunderland – SBC – Wed, Thu

Newcastle – Dolphin – Tue

West Brom – Rileys – Tue, Wed

Middlesbrough – looking to move from the Hurricane Rooms to Cousins on Holloway Road – Tue, Thu

Hearts – plan to move from a Rileys to a venue in Tower Bridge – Tue, Wed, Thu

Saints – currently Rileys but exploring other venues – Thu

Those without a confirmed venue should confirm it with Steve Grant by the end of the week so he can incorporate it into the fixtures.

4) Election of League Officials:

- i) The meeting agreed that all current officials retain their positions for another year.

5) Rule changes:

- i) The following two changes were agreed to the process for consulting during doubles. a) If a player legally pots a ball from the break, they can consult with their doubles' partner prior to their next shot only. This change to rule 12 will need to be incorporated into the rules as it represents a mid-visit consultation. b) Apart from this, rule 12 will continue – only consulting at the start of a visit, with the agreed exception for novices if they request it (12.1). However, if both captains agree before a match starts that consulting throughout doubles' matches is allowed between all pairings, then this can be applied instead. This option will need to be incorporated into rule 12.

There was a recognition that b) could increase the length of the match. No specific provisions were agreed to address this, and no changes agreed to the rules. Our discussion suggested that captains would need to agree in advance if a referee's role included encouraging players to speed up, and imposing a sanction after a warning has been given, or whether each captain would be responsible for applying common sense with their team members to ensure that games move forward promptly. The prevailing view was that the latter would work best, but it was not put to the vote.

- ii) It was agreed that consultation between doubles' players at the start of a visit is deemed to have ended when the player plays a shot, not when they or their partner touch the table. So, doubles' players can still consult, even after they have touched the table. This should be inserted into the rules as a point of clarification for rule 12. The AGM agreed that this is separate to consideration of who is 'at the table' when a ball overhanging a pocket drops in - which will need to be incorporated into the rules if it is not already picked up by the EPA (old) rules - as the relevant player in a pairing is deemed to be 'in play' as soon as they touch the table for the purposes of that rule.
- iii) The AGM agreed that players should not pick up chalk from the pool table when an opponent is playing their shot. No rule change was agreed for this and no sanctions, but it was agreed that it is the responsibility of the captains to ensure that appropriate etiquette is followed in this regard.
- iv) The rules were clarified around breaking. None of the below is thought to involve any changes to the rules currently in place but they should be incorporated into our rules if they are not already picked up by the EPA (old) rules. 'Colour' below excludes the white and black ball.
- a. If one type of colour is potted from a break, then the player needs to continue playing this colour or will have committed a foul. They do not have the option of choosing their colour on their second shot. The only exception to this is if the player comes to the table to break with two shots in hand.
  - b. ~~If more than one colour is potted from a break, then a free/open table will continue until another ball is potted. No nomination of colour is ever required – if one colour is then potted a. applies, and the player needs to continue playing this colour, or if more than one colour is potted, then b. applies, and they continue to play on a free table. If no colour is potted with a legal shot, then the opponent will have a free table. After review, this change to the rules was set aside and it was agreed with continue with the EPA rules – if more than one colour is potted from a legal break, the player must nominate their colour at this point.~~
  - c. If a black is potted from the break, a re-rack is required in all circumstances, with the same player breaking, regardless of any fouls or pots taking place at the same time. This rule takes precedence over a., b., and d.
  - d. If the white is potted from the break or goes off the table, then the opponent has two shots and the normal rules around a free table apply (pot anything except the black, 2 shots carry). This rule takes precedence over a. and b.

