

## **CAPTAINS MEETING 12th APRIL 2015**

Treasurers Balance: £4663.64

Copies of last year's accounts are now available for review; you should have picked up a copy when you paid your subs. Are there any queries?

**Fixtures:** Men's summer league and World Rules summer league are underway already with the Ladies league starting tomorrow evening. Good luck to all teams, I hope each league is closely contested right down to the last fixture.

A belt and braces notification for teams in the Men's summer E league that the Puss in Boots are no longer in the league – please amend your fixture lists accordingly with an additional BYE.

The requirement of getting results cards posted in the box here at the club by 3pm on Saturday is still in place. Please ensure you stick to this deadline to give Jane the best chance of keeping League Manager up to date and also to avoid being liable for statutory late card fines.

**Trophies:** There are still Trophies to be collected from Olympus Trophies. These need to be collected as soon as possible.

**Competitions:** You should have collected entry forms for Men's Individuals, Men's Pairs and Ladies Individuals and Ladies pairs. These are all due in at the next Captains meeting.

**Refs Exams:** Lee will be holding more Refs exams in the near future covering both MPL and World Rules, so any teams that have not yet got a qualified ref need to get their name down as soon as poss.

**Committee:** We are still in need of additional members to join the Committee. With both Angie and Jenny stepping down after 19 years' service we currently have only six serving members and need a minimum of two more to ensure the Committee can manage the league successfully and with a true representation of the membership.

There are specific vacancies for Vice Chairperson and Fines Secretary but an additional general member would be ideal.

Please give this some serious consideration and let me or any of the Committee know your interest and we can get the wheels in motion.

**Website:** Keep your eye on the website for all the latest information – everything you need to know will be on there.

**Captains Meetings:** To reiterate and remove any confusion, it is compulsory that all teams have a member present at every Captains meeting. If you do not have team member present at a Captains meeting your team will become liable for a fine as stipulated in the General Rules, section 7.

The next Captains Meeting will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

**AOB: NONE**

**Draw:**

**£100 Ian Jackson – British Flag A**

**£50 Adam Waller - Brewers**

**£20 Joe Wilcox – SSSC D**

**£10 Stuart Drabble – Spinners A**

**Card Bournemouth - SNAP**

## **CAPTAINS MEETING 10 MAY 2015**

Treasurers Balance: £5300.64

**Fixtures:** It is apparent that there have already been quite a few games re-arranged from the original fixture programme in the early stages of the men's summer leagues.

I need to remind all teams that all games are expected to be played on the original scheduled date.

However, where good reason exists and both teams are in agreement, an alternative date and time may be arranged as long as the game is played by the Saturday following the original date.

If it is not possible to fulfil the fixture within this time frame, it is a requirement to gain agreement from the Fixtures secretary (Jane Mitchell) or Competitions secretary (Charlie Mitchell) whichever is relevant in advance, as detailed in the General Playing Rules 8.1.

In addition to this please be aware that only three league games and a single competition game may be re-arranged in a season by any team and only if good reason exists and has been sanctioned by the committee.

For reference, the committee view that a team consisting of THREE players is still a viable option to fulfil any fixture as, technically, this provides sufficient players to win the match.

**Competitions:** Entry forms for the Vets and 3's competitions will be available for collection this week from SSSC or download from the web site and will need to be in by the **June** Captains meeting.

Entry forms are due in for the men's and ladies individuals and pairs competitions. Please let Charlie have all your entries in before you leave the meeting today.

However, to allow for last minute entries, registration for the men's competitions will be held open until close of business at SSSC tomorrow. All late entries to be handed in behind the bar.

Ladies competition registration date will be held open until close of business at SSSC on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Again, all late entrants to be handed in behind the bar.

### **Competition Format:**

This season, all competitions will follow the single elimination format commonly used in major knock-out tournaments throughout the sporting world, eg Wimbledon or the World Snooker Championships.

The draws will be held as open events at SSSC which anyone can attend and bear witness to. Please note, for each competition there will be a single draw to determine opponents which will then follow a linear format through all rounds to the final.

A separate draw will determine the venue for each match in each round.

All venues registered in MPL leagues will be entered into the hat for any preliminary and the first round of each competition. The venues will be determined on a luck-of-the-draw basis.

THIS MEANS IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR A PLAYER TO BE DRAWN AT HOME IN THESE INITIAL ROUNDS.

The Men's Individual and Pairs competitions will be drawn at SSSC on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May @ 20:30hrs.

The Men's Individual competition will commence Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May

The Men's Pairs competition will commence Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May

The Ladies Individual and Pairs competitions will be drawn at SSSC on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May @ 19:00hrs.

The Ladies Individuals will commence Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

The Ladies Pairs will commence Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

**Website:** Keep your eye on the website for all the latest information – everything you need to know will be on there. Jane will update the website with all latest competition draws as soon as she can.

**Trophies:** There are still a number of trophies that remain uncollected from Olympus Sports. Under the current set up, winners of trophies have three months from the presentation evening to claim their awards. After this period all trophies will revert to become the property of MPL and will be used for future events. This means that all outstanding trophies must be claimed from Olympus by close of business, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

**AOB:**

**There was no other business.**

**Draw:**

**£100          Dolphin**

**£50          Silk Trader A**

**£20          Navigation Ladies**

**£10          SSSC E**

**Card          Blackburn Rovers – Colin S**

The next Captains Meeting will be on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Don't forget your competition entries.

## **CAPTAINS MEETING 7th JUNE 2015**

Treasurers Balance: £ 6457.28

**Fixtures:** In the Men's Summer League, C league, the Golden Lion have changed venues to the Puss in Boots with immediate effect.

**Trophies:** All unclaimed trophies must be collected from Olympus Sports by Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Any remaining trophies will revert back to be the property of MPL and be used in future competitions.

**Competitions:** You should have submitted your entry forms for **Vets** and **3's** today. The deadline has been extended to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 17:00hrs. Any late entries must be put in by this time at SSSC. Single elimination draw format will be used again, taking place at 20:30hrs at SSSC Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

The draws for the Men's and Ladies Individuals and Pairs competitions are available on the website. Just go to the **competitions** tab and double click to reveal all.

The next round of competitions are:

- Ladies Pairs Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June
- Men's individuals Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June
- Vets Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June
- Mens Pairs Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June
- 3's Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June
- Ladies Individuals Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Can any teams not wishing to enter the 7-a-side competition notify Charlie Mitchell in advance.

**AOB:** **Good luck to MPL members-**

- Andrew McKie currently playing in the IPA tour (Black Ball rules)
- Jane Mitchell + Maddy Wilkinson in the Ladies Premier League and Challenge Cup on the UK tour (World Rules)

- Any MPL members playing in the World Masters competition in Blackpool from 26<sup>th</sup> June to 28<sup>th</sup> June
- Jane Mitchell for her second year playing for Wales in the world championships from 21<sup>st</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July also in Blackpool.

The next Captains Meeting will be on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

**Draw:**

**£100          Bruce A**

**£50            Weaver A**

**£20            Silktown Snooker E**

**£10            Dolphin**

**Card          PB      -          Liverpool**

## **CAPTAINS MEETING 5th JULY 2015**

Treasurers Balance: £ 7,468.28

**Fixtures:** Just a reminder with only four weeks of the Summer league remaining, that any rearranged games must be played before the last night of the season. No points will be given for games played after the season finishes.

A reminder to all in the C league, that White Lion will complete the Men's Summer League playing from The Queens as Queens B.

Congratulations to the Chain & Gate for the winning the World Rules A League and the runners up SSSC C. SSSC G for winning the B League and the runners up Silktown C. Congratulations to Ryan Cox and Carl Mehan for winning the merits. As these leagues are now finished, there will be a Knockout Cup starting next week and weekly thereafter. The draw is as follows:- ..... The losers of the first round will compete in a plate event.

**Competitions:** Competitions are in full swing, please keep your eye on the website for the venue draws.

If you need to rearrange your game, please remember to give your opponent at least **48 hours notice**.

Upcoming competitions are **Ladies Pairs** 1<sup>st</sup> round this Tuesday, **Vets** 1<sup>st</sup> round next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>, **Mens's Individuals** 2<sup>nd</sup> round Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>, **3's** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>, **Men's pairs** 2<sup>nd</sup> round Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>, **Vets** 2<sup>nd</sup> round Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> and finally **Ladies individuals** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July.

Please get your results in to the box as soon as possible after your matches to give Charlie best visibility of competition progress.

Draws for the 5 & 7 Aside competitions will be in the very near future.

This is a free entry competition and all teams will automatically be entered. If your team does not want to enter this competition, please let Charlie know to avoid arranging unnecessary fixtures.

Over the last fortnight, several players from MPL travelled to Blackpool for the Masters and World Championships. Two of our ladies stole the show, casting the men into the shadows. Jane played in the World Singles and got to the last



32, she also played for Team Wales. They were unbeaten in the group stages for the second year running, but unfortunately lost in the Semi-Final to the overall winners Northern Ireland. She also ended up in 14<sup>th</sup> position overall on the averages. Well Done Jane.

Maddy entered the Masters, getting to the Last 32, unfortunately she got beat to the tournament winner Emma Cunningham, she gave Emma a run for her money too. Well Done Maddy.

And then we come to the mighty Men! Dave Cobey, Des Cobey, Lee Holmes and Dave Hine, all took part in the Masters, brimming with confidence ready to put Macc on the Map, but unfortunately they all went out in the first round.

The next Captains Meeting will be on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**. We will be giving out Winter Registration forms for both MPL and World Rules leagues at this meeting.

**AOB:**

**Draw:**

**£100          Andrew Oliver – Silktrader B**

**£50            Dave Benson - Dolphin**

**£20            Andy – Weaver A**

**£10            James Ward – Silktown D**

**Card**

# Captains Meeting Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2015

Treasurers Balance: £7906.28

## Summer League:

Congratulations to all winners and runners up:

E League:            Bate Hall            Last Orders

D League:            Fox and Grapes      Railway View B

C League: To be decided by a three way play off between Lord Byron A, Puss in Boots and Brewers B after an eventful end of season run-in.

B League            Nags Head A            Baths B

A League            Railway View A      Spinners

World Rules B      SSSC G            Silktown Snooker C

World Rules A      Chain and Gate      SSSC C

Ladies            SSSC            Navigation

## Competitions:

World Rules KO cup Winners: Chain and Gate

World Rules KO plate Winners: SSSC G

The 7-a-side and 5-a-side competitions have been drawn and are available on the website. Each match will be in the MPL format and be played to MPL rules.

Ladies 5-a-side 1st round will be on Monday August 10<sup>th</sup> and the Men's Sam Cooke and Alf Wood Memorial 7-a-sides will commence on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August.

For those players still involved in other competitions, please keep your eye on the web site for the latest information and venue draws.

## **Winter Registration:**

Winter League registration forms are available here now or can be downloaded from the website. Registration remains @£20 per team + £5 per player.

Teams are reminded that all outstanding fines must be paid in full prior to the Winter League registration date.

**The deadline for registration is Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September.**

The Winter Leagues will commence on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

## **AOB:**

There are still a few places available for the Charity match 'Roundheads v Cavaliers', organised by Mick Blair, in aid of the **Bosley fund** to be held at SSSC on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September. The only criteria to enter is to sell £25.00 worth of raffle tickets (1 book). This is not an exhibition match but something we can all join in with for this most worthy cause. If you can spare the time please contact Jane or Mick for further details.

There will also be a 'Speed pool' competition held at George and Dragon on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August, kicking off at 8:30pm also to raise money for the **Bosley fund**.

Please support these events if you can.

## **Draw:**

**£100      Fox and Grapes**

**£50        Spinners A**

**£20        Porters Ladies**

**£10        Navigation Ladies**

**Card       Leeds Utd            Simon B**

This is the last Captains meeting before the Winter League commences, so on behalf of the Committee, have a great summer and we look forward to seeing all the teams back for the Winter League.

## **CAPTAINS MEETING SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

Treasurer's Balance: £11327.17

**Inter-League KO 2015:** To kick off the Winter League on a most positive note, I would like to offer massive congratulations, on behalf of MPL, to the Macclesfield Inter-League team, sponsored by SSSC, Brookside Welding and Cheshire Vehicle Rentals.

Charlie Mitchell Jane Mitchell Dave Cobey Des Cobey Maddy Wilkinson Pete Eccles

Roy Whyatt Rob Oliver Tony Corbett Marc Corbett Adam Jones Rick Aimson Rick Green

The team progressed to the last 8 of this National competition, playing against the best teams the country has to offer and emerging victorious from no less than 3 intense play-off games along the way. They have certainly put Macclesfield pool on the map!

**Fixtures:** I am sure you have all noticed the leagues for both sets of rules are of 8 teams and that each team will play each other 3times.

This has extended the overall duration of the league slightly but fills in the available calendar perfectly to finish just before the presentation evening.

Can I ask also that the established **World Rules** teams help any newcomers to the rules out during their first season? For example prompting to say "total snooker" or "foul snooker". Any team braving the new rules should get all the encouragement and guidance they need to better understand and therefore enjoy the World Rules game.

**World Rules A league** Railway View A have relocated to Nags Head

**Competitions: Mixed Pairs** and **Open** entry forms went out with the league packs and should be returned this evening to Charlie Mitchell. MPL rules will apply in both competitions.

Charlie has agreed to extend the deadline for entries until 3pm Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November and the draws will take place at SSSC on the evening of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

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Comps will commence **17<sup>th</sup> + 24<sup>th</sup>** November – all details to be posted on website after draw.

**Committee:** Due to work and new family commitments **Lee Holmes** has decided to step down from the Committee. The Committee would like to place on record their appreciation and thanks for Lee's efforts during his time served.

This does bring the requirement to recruit new members onto the Committee into prominence again. I would ask all members to seriously consider joining our small team to assist in running the affairs of the league and become an instrumental player in the future of the League.

If anyone has the time and inclination, please make your interest known to any member of the Committee.

**Grievances / matters for Committee consideration:** Over the last year there have been a number of issues that have sparked off lively debates among the MPL playing community and, on occasion, have resulted in the Committee being challenged for a response or opinion.

The Committee are obliged to safeguard the interests of MPL and will always endeavour to act in the best interest of MPL and resolve any issues arising accordingly. However, the correct process for raising a grievance must be followed, as set out in the **Constitution, Discipline/Grievance, 10.2.**

All matters for Committee consideration and response must be submitted to the League Secretary in writing or by email within 14 days of the event and be accompanied by the appropriate fee (currently £5). The Committee will then deal with each situation on

an individual basis.

**Under no circumstances can the Committee engage in any issue or debate posted on social media.**

**Presentation evening:** The end of season MPL presentation evening will be held again at the **Broken Cross Club** in Macclesfield on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016**.

The venue proved popular with all who attended last year and was well supported.

Further details and ticket availability will be announced at a Captains meeting nearer the time.

**AOB:** There was no other business

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## **CAPTAINS MEETING SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015**

Treasurer's Balance: £11327.17

**Competitions:** Please remember to notify Charlie Mitchell of any rearranged games in the competitions. There have been some instances where this has not been the case.

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2<sup>nd</sup> round due to be played this Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. 2<sup>nd</sup> round scheduled for next Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Since joining the Committee 12 months ago, our numbers have reduced to only five. This is a big ask on a small group of people. All five are ready, willing and able to take on the requirements of MPL but it would be ideal for just another two members to step up to the plate and assist in the administration of the league.

As it says on the web, please make your interest in joining the Committee known to any of the existing Committee members.

**Trophies:** First call to remind all holders of annual trophies that we need to start taking these back from 4<sup>th</sup> January. Please take the time now to make sure you know where your trophies are and return them to Olympus Trophies in a clean condition ready for engraving by 25<sup>th</sup> January at the latest.

**AGM:** Please be advised, the date for the AGM has been moved to **28<sup>th</sup> February 2016**.

All proposals and motions will need to be submitted in

writing to the League Secretary Trevor Gregory,  
accompanied by the signature of a seconder, by 31<sup>st</sup>  
January 2016.

I will remind all again at the January Captains meeting.

Open: Mixed Pairs:

**Committee:**

**AOB:** No other matters were raised.

**Draw: £100 £50** Lord Byron A

**£20** Silktown Snooker B

**£10** SSSC A **Card** Paul Bowden

Wishing all our members a Merry Christmas from the  
Committee.



## **CAPTAINS MEETING SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

Treasurer's Balance: £11927.33

Happy New Year to all!

### **Competitions:**

**Mixed Pairs:** 3<sup>rd</sup> round scheduled for next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January.

**Open:** Finals night will be **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January** where both semi- finals will be played, followed by the final. 20:00hrs prompt start please.

**Mixed Pairs:** Finals night will be held on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb** in the same format as the Open. 20:00hrs prompt start please.

**Trophies:** A reminder for all holders of annual trophies that we need them all returned to Olympus Trophies by the end of January in a clean condition. Opening times are 9 – 5 Monday to Friday and Saturday am.

Jane has posted a list of registered holders of each trophy on the website to remove any doubt of responsibility.

Any that are damaged / needing repairs or are lost will be re-charged back to your team and failure to return your trophies to Olympus in time will be subject to a fine if the Committee have to track them down.

### **Presentation Evening:**

To confirm, the event will be held at the Broken Cross club

on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

Entertainment will be confirmed at the February Captains meeting and tickets should be available, priced @ £5.00 each.

Numbers are limited for the venue so please be prompt in buying your tickets to avoid disappointment.

**AGM:** The date for the AGM is confirmed as **28<sup>th</sup> February 2016**.

All proposals and motions will need to be submitted, in writing, to the League Secretary Trevor Gregory, accompanied by the signature of a seconder, by **31<sup>st</sup> January 2016** latest. Any proposals received after this date will not be eligible for consideration for inclusion at the AGM.

All proposals will be listed on the website by **7<sup>th</sup> February** as decreed in the Constitution.

Any amendments to proposals or counter proposals will therefore need to be submitted in writing or by email to the League Secretary by **14<sup>th</sup> February**.

**AOB:**

1/ It has been brought to the attention of the Committee that two of last summer's Ladies teams will not be entering this year. This reduces teams intending to enter the league to only 6.

This makes the Ladies league a much less viable option in

the current format. As such, the continuation of the Ladies league is at risk.

It is imperative that Jane Mitchell be advised in advance of the AGM of any other ladies teams intending to join the league.

Alternative formats /solutions are also invited to enable the continuation of a ladies league (to be notified to Jane please).

2/ On behalf of the Committee, I would like to clarify the standard start time for all Captains Meetings is **7:30pm**. This is clearly indicated on the website stating from 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start. This is to allow time for all teams to pay their subscriptions and any fines prior to the commencement of the meeting and a swift progression through the business of the evening.

This has been the situation for a while now and the Committee do not appreciate suggestions that this is a “cock-up” in some way.

The Committee work hard to ensure the smooth running of the league and efficient administration of MPL affairs.

It may not be openly obvious to those members who have not personally been engaged on the Committee, but rest assured, all of us do our utmost to serve the League to the best of our abilities.

As referenced at previous Captains meetings, we do require a couple of capable bodies to join us and spread

the load of running the League. It may be that some members believe they can improve the way we operate? If so, feel free to step up to the mark and join the Committee.

**Draw: £100 Lord Byron B £50 Dolphin**

**£20 Silk Trader A £10 George and Dragon A Card Dave Bedson**

## **CAPTAINS MEETING SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016**

One minutes silence observed to mark the passing of **Alan Darcy** who has been a member of MPL for a number of years playing for Traveller's Rest, The Oval, Pack Horse (Broken Cross) and Nags Head.

Treasurer's Balance:     £12,327

### **Competitions:**

**Open:**                    Congratulations to **Roy Wyatt** on winning his **5<sup>th</sup> from 6** Open title.

**Mixed Pairs:**         Congratulations to **Andrew McKie and Emilie Ward** on retaining their title as Mixed Pairs Champions.

**Trophies:**             Final reminder for remaining trophies to be returned to Olympus Trophies – **Ladies Individual** and **Mixed Pairs** are outstanding.

**Fixtures:**             As published on the web page, in the D League, the Fox and Grapes have dropped out of the League, please amend your fixture list.

Just a reminder to any teams that have re-arranged fixtures still to be played. These must be completed by **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. Any games not played by this deadline will be excluded from the league results with no points awarded.

### **Presentation Evening:**

As you know, the presentation evening is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March at the Broken Cross Club.

Entertainment is confirmed as **JESS SLACK**, a Motown and soul artist who has featured at Broken Cross club in the past and gone down a storm. Also, by popular demand, we have booked a **disco** for your further entertainment and hope to see your best moves on the dancefloor.

Tickets are available now from SSSC priced **£5 each**.

Please ensure you keep your tickets safe, no ticket - no entry and, more importantly, the counterfoil will be your entry to the cash prize draw on the night.

Numbers are limited for the venue so please be prompt in buying your tickets to avoid disappointment.

## **AGM:**

All proposals will be listed on the website by close of play today as decreed in the Constitution:

### Proposals:

1. Following the successful introduction of **World Rules** format into Macclesfield Pool League, and continued popularity of the format with the pool playing community, The Committee propose that World Rules be formally incorporated into and alongside current **MPL Rules** in the MPL constitution, General Rules and Playing Rules. Both sets of rules will continue to be available to the membership.

The introduction would require the administrative amendment / addition of the following highlighted items to **section 8, Playing Rules of the Constitution:**

- Amendment to 8.2

8.2 The Playing Rules **(Except world Rules, see 8.4)** may be added to, deleted, or amended by a majority vote at an AGM or EGM. Please note: Minor amendments for clarification purposes may be carried out by the Committee at any time without being voted on at an AGM.

- Amendment to 8.3

8.3 Each season's playing rules will be determined at the AGM. The current rules in force are essentially Old EPA rules (known as MPL rules) with a few amendments as voted in by the membership, **and World Eight Ball Pool Federation rules (known as World Rules) as adopted by the EPA**

- Addition to Constitution

8.4 **World Rules are governed by the World Eight Ball Pool Federation and may not be changed by the League. However, any changes or amendments to World Rules by the governing body will automatically be adopted by the League.**

2. To enable the efficient running of the Leagues and **rational use of existing annual trophies**, it is proposed that World Rules will apply to A + B Leagues and MPL Rules will apply to C, D, E, F, G and any subsequent Leagues.

Therefore the top two teams in league C will have the opportunity to be promoted into the B league and play World Rules and conversely, the bottom two teams in the B league will have the option to drop into the C league and play MPL Rules.

These will not be mandatory, automatic moves. Each team in the promotion and relegation places in these two leagues will have the choice to remain in the league they currently play in and continue to play the same rules format. The World Rules section has capacity to absorb additional teams at this time with no detrimental effect on the league structure.

Any amendments to proposals or counter proposals will therefore need to be submitted in writing or by email to the League Secretary by **14<sup>th</sup> February**.

AGM will be held at SSSC on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February, commencing at 7:30pm.

**Summer Registration will go ahead directly after the AGM.**

Registration forms will be available from SSSC this week, or can be downloaded from the website. Team registration fees will remain at £20 per team and £5 per player.

**AOB:**

1/ As mentioned at the January Captains meeting, it looks likely that there will only be 6 teams entered into the 2016 Ladies league.

It is imperative that Jane Mitchell be advised in advance of the AGM of any other ladies teams intending to join the league.

If there are only the 6 known teams, this is likely to be the final season of Ladies league pool as continued support would prove very difficult.

Alternative formats /solutions are also invited to enable the continuation of a ladies league (to be notified to Jane please).

2/ Review of entries to the Ladies Individual and Ladies Pairs competitions have also declined over the years. These competitions will only be run if sufficient entries are received. The minimum number of entrants required for both competitions has been set at 16. If this is not achieved, the competitions may not be run.

<b>Draw:</b>	<b>£100</b>	<b>Silk Trader A</b>
	<b>£50</b>	<b>Weaver B</b>
	<b>£20</b>	<b>Navigation B</b>
	<b>£10</b>	<b>Flowerpot B</b>
	<b>Card</b>	<b>JTO</b>

## **Annual General Meeting – 28th February 2016**

**Present:** D Moss, R Clayton, J Mitchell, C Mitchell, T Gregory

**Apologies:**

**Last AGM minutes were read.** The minutes were proposed by Dave Cobey and seconded by Angie Miah as a true record.

**Chairpersons Comments** – In time honoured fashion, I would like to thank my colleagues on the Committee for their hard work during this year. Without their continued dedication, service and organisation, we really would have no league at all.

It is also credit to all of you involved in playing in the League that MPL continues to maintain a strong presence in the community and is able to vigorously contest so many leagues and competitions both locally, at County and National level and even as high as on the International stage.

However, as an organisation, we have been going through a period of change and a general decline in the number of teams playing in the League, and indeed suitable venues to host our matches, for some time now.

With each team that drops out of the League and each venue that closes it becomes all the more challenging to maintain the playing format of the Leagues.

The current point in order is the regrettable suspension of the Summer Ladies League.

So despite the current strength of MPL as a whole, we cannot be complacent and must work together to embrace change and be fearless in finding the best way forward and continue to promote the game of pool to all, in whatever form it may take. I ask that you support any changes deemed necessary to achieve this as whole-heartedly as you can.

Be it MPL Rules, World Rules, Mixed gender leagues, new competitions, supporting long established competitions or simply making the presentation evening a fitting end and highlight of the pool year, we all need to work together to keep MPL in the best shape possible, keep **all** our players playing and ensure the next generation have the best league to play in and are ready to step up and take us into the future.

**Treasurers Report** – The current balance of funds is £10,203. The Accounts report will be available at the first Captains Meeting of the Summer League

**Committee Re-elections** - Standing for next year will be Jane Mitchell, Charlie Mitchell, Trevor Gregory, Rob Clayton and Dave Moss.

There were no objections from the floor to vote the Committee in en-bloc.

Re-elections were proposed by Maddy Wilkinson and seconded by Paul Snape.



The Committee was voted in, en-bloc for another term.

D Moss asked if anyone would like to help to run our league and can commit the time, to please contact a Committee Member

**Proposals** – There are two proposals for consideration this year, can I remind everyone, that only registered members are eligible to vote:

Proposed and seconded by the Committee

3. Following the successful introduction of **World Rules** format into Macclesfield Pool League, and continued popularity of the format with the pool playing community, The Committee propose that World Rules be formally incorporated into and alongside current **MPL Rules** in the MPL constitution, General Rules and Playing Rules. Both sets of rules will continue to be available to the membership. The introduction would require the administrative amendment / addition of the following highlighted items to **section 8, Playing Rules of the Constitution**:

- Amendment to 8.2

8.2 The Playing Rules (Except world Rules, see 8.4) may be added to, deleted, or amended by a majority vote at an AGM or EGM. Please note: Minor amendments for clarification purposes may be carried out by the Committee at any time without being voted on at an AGM.

- Amendment to 8.3

8.3 Each season's playing rules will be determined at the AGM. The current rules in force are essentially Old EPA rules (known as MPL rules) with a few amendments as voted in by the membership, and World Eight Ball Pool Federation rules (known as World Rules) as adopted by the EPA

- Addition to Constitution

8.4 World Rules are governed by the World Eight Ball Pool Federation and may not be changed by the League. However, any changes or amendments to World Rules by the governing body will automatically be adopted by the League.

Show of hands:

FOR	AGAINST
Landslide	0

The proposal was passed

**Amendment to proposal 2** to clarify the unchanged application of item **4.6 of the Constitution** and clarification that **any** team outside the promotion and relegation positions

of B + C league may opt to play either set of rules subject to the spirit of item 4.6 on team registration.

4.6 The Committee will aim to place new teams in a league reflecting their ability.

Proposed by **Mike Blair** and seconded by the **Committee**

Amended proposal:

1. To enable the efficient running of the Leagues and **rational use of existing annual trophies**, it is proposed that World Rules will apply to A + B Leagues and MPL Rules will apply to C, D, E, F,G and any subsequent Leagues.

Therefore the top two teams in league C will have the opportunity to be promoted into the B league and play World Rules and conversely, the bottom two teams in the B league will have the option to drop into the C league, **or league reflecting their ability**, and play MPL Rules.

These will not be mandatory, automatic moves. Each team in the promotion and relegation places in these two leagues will have the choice to remain in the league they currently play in and continue to play the same rules format. The World Rules section has capacity to absorb additional teams at this time with no detrimental effect on the league structure.

***This proposal will not prevent any team from voluntarily changing playing rules either from MPL Rules to World Rules or visa-versa on team registration.***

Show of hands:

FOR  
23

AGAINST  
33

The proposal was rejected

**Proposed Management General Rules amendments** (assuming acceptance of World Rules, to be notified at AGM)

- Addition of General Rule

**2.5 The formation of the World Rule League and all associated team competitions will be 10 singles. 2 sessions of 5 singles. Players are allowed to play twice. Teams can consist of all men, all ladies or a mixture of both.**

- Addition of General Rule

2.5.1 The world rule League is played on Wednesday nights during the summer and Thursday nights during the winter, with a start time of 8.15pm

- Amendment to General Rule 3.1

3.1 In the Summer League, Ladies Summer League and the Winter League, one point will be awarded for each game won and two bonus points for the winning team (i.e. the team winning a minimum of four games).

Please note: No bonus points will be awarded if the match is drawn or if four games have not been won by the winning team, i.e. a team winning 3-2 (both teams have only enough players to play five games) will be awarded 3 points. In addition, one extra point will be awarded, and added to a team's league points for every legitimate 8-ball clearance recorded on the official match result card.

- Change General Rule 3.2

3.2 In the World Rules League, one point will be awarded for each game won and two bonus points for the winning team (i.e. the team winning a minimum of 6 games). In the event of a tie, each team will be awarded one point for each game won and an additional one point per team. Please note: No bonus points will be awarded if the match is not complete. No points will be awarded for an 8-ball clearance, however, they are noted for personal achievement purposes only.

- Additional General Rule

3.3.1 World Rules captains / representatives should write all 5 player's names on the match result card at 8.15pm. The home team should write their names down first, then fold the card (thus hiding the player's identity) and hand it to the opposing team captain / representative who will write down their players without revealing the home players identity.

#### **Proposed Management General Rules amendments (to be notified at AGM)**

- Amendment to General Rule 7.2

7.2 Captains Meetings will open for business 30 mins prior to the notified, scheduled meeting time to enable payment of subs, registration fees, etc .

- Amendment to General Rule 7.5

7.5 There will be 4 cash prizes at each of the Summer Captains Meetings: £100.00 - £50.00 - £20.00 - £10.00, £10 subscription applicable to ALL teams

- Amendment to General Rule 11.2

11.2 Failing to fulfil a fixture is defined as not turning up for a league match with at least **three** players for all Men's, Ladies, mixed Winter and World Rules matches.

## Section 2 "League Formations"

Due to insufficient team entries, the Ladies League has been suspended by MPL.

As a result, a management change was imposed to make the MPL Men's Summer League a mixed gender league as is in place during the Winter League.

Several textual amendments need to be made to section 2 of the General Rules. Where appropriate, the phrase "Men's Summer League" will be replaced with "Mixed Summer League".

### Proposed Management changes – Competitions (to be notified at AGM)

- All competition entry fees will be raised to **£5**
- Amendment to General Rule 13.6  
13.6 The format for the Men's Summer League 7-a-side KO competitions (Sam Cooke & Alf Wood) **will be as in the league**. Please note: To win the match and progress to the next round (if there is one) a team must have at least three players. If neither team has three players then neither team progresses to the next round.
- As the Summer League is now a mixed format, players of either gender will be eligible to play in the 7-a-side competitions.

### Summer Comps:

- The format of the **3-a-side** competition will be reviewed prior to commencement of the competition with a view to spicing up the competition and ensuring all three members of the team must take an active part in each match.
- Introduction of new **Scotch Pairs** competition. This will be played to **World Rules**.

### Winter Comps:

- Entries for the Open competition over the last couple of years have been reviewed and a clear majority of players adopting World Rules as their code of play has been identified. As a result the Open will be contested to World Rules format this year.

All MPL members are eligible to enter competitions played to MPL or World Rules.

### Presentation

Tickets are selling fast for this year's presentation evening to be held at Broken Cross Club on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, featuring **JESS SLACK**, disco and cash prize draw. An absolute snip at £5 each, tickets are available from SSSC.

Any Teams that have won a league or competition that are not planning to attend the presentation evening as requested to inform Charlie or Jane Mitchell in advance.

**Summer Registration** - Summer Registration will commence following this meeting. Before you come to the front to register your teams, can you please make sure that all names are legible and correct (no nick names) and that there are as many phone numbers as possible. Also, make sure it is clearly marked on the sheet which rules you wish to play. If your form is not correct, you will be asked to fill it in correctly and re-join the queue.

**AOB** – There was no other business raised from the floor.