

# Huddersfield Billiards & Snooker Association

## **AGM PAPERS 2020**

Members sadly passed during the year include Bryan Almond, David Walsh, Roger Bintcliffe and Martyn Willans.

### **CORRESPONDENCE.**

Nothing material to report.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Tony Clegg)**

Well, here we are in the most difficult of times (hopefully improving), with Covid 19 lockdown making it impossible to fulfil the last 1 - 2 games of the 2019-2020 season.

Unfortunately, due to the on-going situation there will be no AGM this year, these papers being issued instead.

May I take this opportunity to thank John Wilson for all of his hard work over the last 13 years after having to stand down due to recent health issues. And wish him all the very best for the future.

May I take this opportunity to welcome John Bastow into his new role, Paul Schofield, Dave Wenzel and Oliver Read on to our committee (Dave & Oliver to help promote junior snooker) and I am sure all four will be a great asset.

I would also like to thank our committee members for all of their sterling work over the season and feel that the "new recruits" will help put the association in a stronger position moving forward.

### **LEAGUE SECRETARY'S REPORT (John Bastow)**

John Wilson resigned his position in March 2020, following a recent health scare. HBSA is in a much stronger position now than the day John started 13 years ago and HBSA would like to thank him very much for all his time, effort and hard work during that period.

I've been in the position since then and whilst there haven't been any matches during this time, I have none the less been very active in ensuring that we were properly prepared for all outcomes, in the midst of COVID-19. I've looked at many different options and discussed the relative merits of each with players and officials. In the event of further COVID-19 problems, as much as we all love snooker and billiards everyone's safety is far more important and that will continue to be the most important consideration.

Although it's disappointing that we were unable to complete the fixtures, the vast majority of games were played, with at most 2 un-played games per team. 2-2 draws have been assumed in order to complete the season. (For Billiards and Vets, the equivalent is 1.5 points each per game but these tables have not been updated). Please note that this gives exactly the same outcomes as if we had used 'points per game'. Where teams are tied on points, wins and 4-0s, for the 2019/20 season only, final league positions were based on the 'points per game' (prior to the assumed 2-2 results) and 'head-to-heads' between tied teams. This rule is only applicable for the purposes of deciding normal promotion and relegation places, into the 2020/21 season. In practice this only affects Division 4, with Broad Oak C finishing above Almondbury Con B as a result. This also means Lepton Lib A and Moldgreen Con A are *joint* winners of Vets Snooker section 1.

For next season, as always, the final promotion and relegation places will be decided once we know how many teams have registered. Congratulations to the teams who did well last season and commiserations to those who have had a less successful time!

If elected for 2020/21, I look forward to helping the league to run effectively, to grow and to continue to work with Pete Gilbert on the website, and helping to ensure it meets your needs. I am particularly pleased that we have got Dave Wenzel and Oliver Read on board to help grow the junior game.

### **COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT (Rod Taylor)**

Final receipts for entries this season had been £1,544 compared to £1,539 in the previous season. Snooker entries had been similar to the previous year but there was a shortfall in the Billiards competitions – which had been kept open with the view of trying to attract more entries. Basically, these failed to materialise; but the difference was offset with the introduction of the new Vets Steve Whiteley Memorial Pairs competition which attracted 16 entries.

Following the Covid-19 'Lockdown' at the end of March; all Competitions had reached the Semi-Final stage, with the exception of the Billiards Handicap, where there were still two Quarter Final matches remaining un-played.

The Committee agreed to review the situation again, on the 1<sup>st</sup> June, with regards to playing all outstanding matches at the earliest possible opportunity. Unfortunately, as the Pandemic situation still prevailed it was agreed to postpone this review date until the 1<sup>st</sup> July. It is hoped that Competitions will still be able to be completed prior to the start of the new season; and if time permits and the current situation is resolved; to also be able to hold a Presentation Night.

The question of playing the League Winners Championship, the John Needham Plate and Vets League Winners Championship raises a different issue; in that these involve playing additional matches to determine Semi-Finalists. These may pose more of a problem to complete, as opposed to the other Competitions, due to the limited time available. However, the Committee will decide on the appropriate course of action over the coming weeks as to whether it will be possible to play them or alternatively be faced with having to cancel them for this year.

In the unfortunate event that we are unable to complete any of the Competitions, the Committee will then decide how Prize Monies will be dealt with, going forward in to the new season.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT (Dean Poutney)**

Due to the unfortunate issues brought by the Coronavirus resulting in the non-completion of the regular snooker season, the play offs and the all competitions the Treasurer is not in a position to provide a definitive statement of accounts at this time for the year ended 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Subsequently the Treasurer has provided an interim statement of accounts based on the Association's financial position as at 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

These figures are based on the expected and historic income and expenditure for the remainder of the year ended 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020. However, these figures are not definitive and may be subject to change based on any unforeseen circumstances as at the time of completion.

Once in a position to do so the Treasurer will provide an audited statement of accounts for its members for the year ended 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020. It is currently expected that this will not be until after completion of all competitions which the Committee hopes to effect during late summer/autumn should it be in a position to do so.

The Association remains in a strong financial position. Below is a summary of the Association's financial highlights with the interim Profit & Loss account and Balance Sheet attached.

### **Income**

- Total income on the year was down slightly at £5897 (2019: £6078) due to fewer teams and no presentation night raffle proceeds.
- League entry and affiliation fees were at £3970 (2019: £4110) which was lower than 2019 due to a net reduction of 4 snooker and 2 billiard teams. The number of clubs affiliated to the Association remained at 44.
- Competition monies received were £1538 (2019: £1524) and saw a small rise in 2020 with the introduction of a new snooker competition, The Steve Whiteley Memorial Vets Pairs.

### **Expenditure**

- The Association saw a small increase in expenditure at £5567 (2019: £5541) though expects to see a significant reduction in the underlying running costs for 2021.
- Costs for running the website were higher due to an addition requirement to purchase a 2-year licence in order to maintain its email status. Though keen to develop the website the Committee continues to look at the options available in order to maintain costs.
- The Association was pleased to donate £100 towards the local fundraising event for the promotion of junior snooker. The Committee understands its role in promoting junior billiards & snooker and will look to support such initiatives going forward.

### **Assets**

- Subsequently the Association made an interim profit of £329 for the year, though this is subject to change once the season has been completed.
- Total assets held by the Association as at 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 stand at £8563.75, leaving it in a strong financial position going forward. A breakdown of the Associations assets are as follows.
- Barclays Current account £2200.57, Barclays Savings account £5158.28, PayPal account, £1104.90, cash £100.

### **Barclays Online banking**

- Due to the increase and greater use of online banking during 2020 the Association initiated online banking for its accounts and set up a new savings account with Barclays. Subsequently it has transferred all monies that were previously with Scottish Widows. This will make the Association's banking easier and more efficient while providing for a greater transparency of its accounts.

### **PayPal Account**

- Though the Committee has requested clubs not to make any further credits to the PayPal account it has retained the account for the use of paying GoDaddy and any other related costs of maintaining and developing the website.

### **Sponsorship & Adverts**

- Looking ahead the Association will endeavour to utilise its website for the purpose of sponsorship and advertising with all received funds reinvested in junior snooker, coaching and the promotion of billiards & Snooker locally. Anyone wishing to advertise on the website should speak to any committee member for further details.

## DETAILED ACCOUNTS

### BALANCE SHEET \*

	14-Jun-13	14-Jun-14	14-Jun-15	14-Jun-16	14-Jun-17	14-Jun-18	14-Jun-19	14-Jun-20	
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>									
cash in hand		449	81	279.65	354.31	311.45	355.14	316.07	100
current account	1570.6	2353.8	2214.17	2066.11	2302.54	1291.79	989.3	2200.57	
PayPal account					25.68	916.94	1,771.07	1104.9	
deposit account	5,029.06	5,041.63	5,064.26	5,087.27	5,110.48	5,134.13	5,158.28	5,158.28	
other current assets									
	7048.66	7476.43	7558.08	7507.69	7750.15	7698	8234.72	8563.75	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>									
trade creditors / accruals									
loans									
overdrawn bank balances									
other liabilities									
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>									
opening balance	6132.9	7048.66	7476.43	7558.08	7507.69	7750.15	7698	8234.72	
net profit/loss	915.76	320.77	-88.35	201.61	112.46	102.85	536.72	329.03	
charity monies		107	170	-252	130	-155	0	0	
<b>cf</b>	<b>7048.66</b>	<b>7476.43</b>	<b>7558.08</b>	<b>7507.69</b>	<b>7750.15</b>	<b>7698</b>	<b>8234.72</b>	<b>8563.75</b>	

### PROFIT AND LOSS\*

	2018-19	s/total	2019-20	s/total	EXPENSES	2018-19	s/total	2019-20	s/total
<b>INCOME</b>					<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>Affiliation Fees</b>					<b>Printing &amp; copying</b>				
league	1,100.00		1,100.00		handbooks	550.00		550.00	
<b>League Entry Fees</b>					result cards	-			
open snooker	2,050.00		1,950.00		photocopier	-			
open billiards	260.00		220.00				550.00	550.00	
veterans	700.00		700.00		<b>Stationery</b>				
		4,110.00		3,970.00	printing/ink	18.00		29.00	
<b>Competition Fees</b>					gen. envelopes, files, forms	4.99			
open snooker championship	256.00		256.00				22.99	29.00	
leonard oldham pairs	240.00		224.00		<b>Postage</b>				
open snooker handicap	408.00		414.00		stamps	16.08		7.80	
open billiards handicap	168.00		108.00		gen. league admin.	-			
team snooker k/o	200.00		200.00				16.08	7.80	
team billiards k/o	56.00		40.00		<b>Trophies / Prizes</b>				
veteran snooker team k/o	80.00		80.00		Cash Prizes	2,520.00		2,520.00	
veteran snooker handicap	116.00		136.00		trophies & Engraving	518.49		520.00	
Steve Whiteley Vet Billiards Pairs	-		80.00						
		1,524.00		1,538.00			3,038.49		3,040.00
<b>Other Receipts</b>					<b>Yorkshire Assoc.</b>				
adverts	240.00		205.00		affiliation	35.00		-	
finer	30.00		34.00		referee fees	-			
bank interest	24.15		-		league / competition fees	60.00		-	
additional income	-		-		expenses	-			
raffles / auctions	-		-				95.00		-
creditors	-		-		<b>Secretaries</b>				
		294.15		239.00	honoraria	525.00		525.00	
<b>Sponsorship</b>					expenses	150.00		150.00	
Michael Rath Trombones	150.00		150.00				675.00	675.00	
		150.00		150.00	<b>Other Expenses</b>				
					referee fees	680.00		600.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,078.15</b>		<b>5,897.00</b>	presentation night	200.00		-	
					veterans presentation	-			
					computer / website	217.28		477.79	
					repay o/payments	-			
					training / coaching	-			
					other	46.59		88.38	
					donations	-		100.00	
							1,143.87		1,266.17
					<b>Total</b>	<b>5,541.43</b>		<b>5,567.97</b>	
					<b>Profit (Loss) for season</b>	<b>536.72</b>		<b>329.03</b>	
						<b>6,078.15</b>		<b>5,897.00</b>	

\* Due to Covid-19, the accounts have been prepared assuming similar expenditure for 2019/20, in order to give a comparison with previous seasons. However, as competitions are not yet fully completed, some items (mainly expenditure on trophies and prize money) are not yet incurred. As a result, the actual balance in the current account is £6,466.30, making £12,829.48 in all accounts.

### **AUDITORS STATEMENT (R Taylor & B Keenan)**

Having examined the interim Financial report of the Association; in light of the current Covid-19 situation.

We consider that the A/c's presented are a true reflection of the Association's financial affairs for the season 1919/20.

This is based on the understanding that all Prize Monies, Trophy Engraving, etc. have been accounted for and will be carried forward and incurred as and when current restrictions allow.

### **AGM RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL**

The Committee has decided that (due to our inability to meet face to face) one vote per Club, administered via the website, is the best practical voting solution. A copy of the voting form that you will find on the website is attached, this is for information only (postal votes will NOT be accepted).

**Please can you therefore complete the on-line voting form by 14<sup>th</sup> July. You will need to log in using your "Club" log-in credentials (the same username and password that are used for registering teams).**

It is the responsibility of the person completing the voting form (on behalf of their Club) to ensure that their votes are representative of the teams and players at their Club.

The votes cast by your Club are confidential and will not be disclosed.

### **AGM RESOLUTIONS FOR NOTING**

Please also note:

- **Matches cancelled at short notice.** The rule 3b regarding a 4-week deadline will be enforced from season 2020/21. The £5 fine will be removed.
- **Dave Wenzel & Oliver Read** have been appointed as Junior Snooker representatives with a remit of increasing junior participation.
- **Late payment fees** are to be abolished.
- **At the beginning of a new season.** Any unpaid fines plus fines incurred since mid-February will be due in addition to League Entry fees and settlement in full is a condition of registration.

**----- COPY OF WEBSITE VOTING FORM ATTACHED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE-----**

## 2020 AGM – VOTING FORM

Please reply by logging in using your “Club” log-in credentials and completing the form on the website by 14<sup>th</sup> July. **POSTAL VOTES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

### Ordinary Resolutions

**For      Against      Withheld**

- |   |                          |                          |                          |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Acceptance of minutes of 2018/2019 AGM | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Approve the Annual Report and Accounts | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### Special Resolutions

**For      Against      Withheld**

1. <b>New qualifying criteria for entering competitions.</b> A minimum of 3 games in the current season OR 5 games in the current and last season combined. This does NOT apply to junior snooker competitions. With immediate effect.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. <b>The handbook.</b> A smaller handbook is proposed, reducing down to around 40 pages. To include last season’s league tables and results. 200 copies to be produced: 1 per team and 1 per premises.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. <b>AGM attendance.</b> Non-attendance at the AGM will incur a 4-point deduction, starting in 2021.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. <b>Late Payments.</b> League Entry Fees not received by the November meeting will incur a 4-point deduction. Players or teams not paying competition entry fees by this date will be scratched. Teams not paying fines by the March meeting will incur a 4-point deduction. With immediate effect.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. <b>Venues for the 2020/2021 Finals fortnight.</b> Please tick either box indicating your preferred venue. If you prefer a mix of all 3 clubs, please tick both boxes.	Levels <input type="checkbox"/>	Crosland Moor / Marsh Lib <input type="checkbox"/>	

### Election or re-Election of Officers

**For      Against      Withheld**

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|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Secretary – B Keenan                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. League Secretary – J Bastow         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Competition Secretary – P Schofield | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Treasurer – D Poutney               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Auditors – B Keenan / R Taylor      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |