

A.E.B.B.A ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT THE POST OFFICE SPORTS and SOCIAL CLUB
RICHFIELD AVENUE, READING 05 DECEMBER 2010

The meeting was opened by the President of the A.E.B.B.A Mr Eric Hill at 14.10 (2.10pm), who welcomed all those present to the meeting.

Mr Hill then handed over to the Association Chairman Phil Hawkins to chair the meeting.

1 Roll Call and Apologies

6 counties were represented by 11 Association. There were no apologies received

2 Minutes of the 2009 A.G.M. were read by Association Secretary Dave Alder and were accepted by those present.

Prop: Charlie Gildersleeve Sec: Kevin Tunstall

3 Matters Arising

The condition of the table lights being quite poor, it was agreed that at some stage new lights will be necessary for long term savings

A misunderstanding from the secretary led to the confusion over the £20 fee per county to the AEBBA. This was discussed later on in the meeting during the proposals.

Food supplied at the post office club. No complaints received so assumed all were ok with rolls and hot pies.

4 Chairman's Report

Phil began his report by saying best players in the country were better than ever this year, A couple of shock wins for the lesser players was a refreshing change and would like to see more of them to keep us mere mortals interested in our game. He said 2010 had been much more settled than previous years. He gave thanks to Dave & Sam Alder, Post office club & their Staff, Ron & Eileen Britton, Nigel Senior for Newsletter & Rankings Info. Financial support from Paul Sainsbury & Queens Hotel

was very much appreciated & needed to help secure the future of bar billiards. Helping hands at the end of competitions had improved thanks to Kevin & Hayley Tunstall, Jackie Watson and various others. Only disappointment was the attitude of some players who quite literally threw their competition entry money at Ron & Eileen because they felt the cost was too high for a day's entertainment. Phil expressed his concern over the damaged table.

5 Secretary's Report

Dave said it was a better year for communication between himself & Association Members. The table hire delivery & collections were on time & feedback from the table hirers was very good. A poor year in terms of competition entries, these were down due to financial restrictions throughout the latter part of the year. Dave was unable to start competitions on time due to late comers stating the time changes were not relayed to them. Complaints about the levelling of tables at the start of the season quickly led to congrats by the end of the season. Main concern was for damaged table, made worse by his decision to purchase another table, not realising the table had been repaired in the past & was therefore not as good as first thought. He apologised for his poor decision. Recommended new table lights to replace the existing ones. Club lights were a problem and needed to be resolved. Joined forum to improve communication between Association and bar billiard players in general, this helped him keep on track with all matters of the Association. Dave thanked Club & staff, Nigel, Kevin & Hayley, Phil & Myra, Ron & Eileen, Sam, Mark Trafford, Chris Saville and his staff at Pro-boards forum for all their help throughout the year. All competition winners were congratulated.

6 Treasurers Report

Mark apologised for not being available for the 2009 AGM. The Accounts not accepted due to a small error last year were amended and read. He said that although the balance looks healthy we must take into account the money owed to all loanee's. Due to the lower number of entries into the competitions the effect was shown in the decreased of revenue at the door & money spent on raffle tickets. Mark thanked Paul Sainsbury & The Queens Hotel for their increased sponsorship.

7 Secretary's Honorarium

As is customary at this stage, the Secretary was requested to leave the meeting, so those members present could discuss the Honorarium to be awarded. It was decided an increase of 10% shall be given. The Honorarium was increased from £500 to £550. A payment of £50 was also awarded to Sam Alder for his effort throughout the year. The Secretary was asked to rejoin the meeting, and was informed of the Honorarium, to which heartfelt thanks were given to the members by the Secretary.

8 Proposals

1) New re-worded rule

From this...

Each Association affiliated to their county be given one vote each at the AGM.

To this...

All Membership of the All England Association shall be by local league or association rather than county. All league associations (again not counties) that have paid the affiliation fee to the AEBBA are entitled to have one vote each at the AGM and the nominated representative of each member league shall be identified to the chairman. Only those present at the AGM may vote and no voting by proxy or by post shall be allowed. **Counties themselves will have no voting rights, only their constituent leagues or associations.**

This was accepted with amendments.

Amended to...

All Membership of the All England Association shall be by county. All league associations (again not counties) that have paid the affiliation fee to their County are entitled to have one vote each at the AGM and the nominated representative of each member league shall be identified to the chairman. Only those present at the AGM may vote and no voting by proxy or by post shall be allowed. **Counties themselves will have no voting rights, only their constituent leagues or associations.**

This was Passed

- 2) Proposals must be with the secretary 21(Twenty one) days before the AGM and distributed to the county secretaries, so they can be sent to each league / association to be discussed upon.

This was passed

- 3) In AEBBA age related competitions the player has to be under that age on the day of the competition, e.g, under 25's and that age or over on the day, e.g, over 50's & over 60's

This was passed

- 4) Ladies Grand Prix Qualification

Ladies only events to not count in open Grand Prix Standings

This was passed

- 5) Ladies AE Singles to be one point per leg and one bonus point for the win

This was defeated

9 Election of Officers

Officers were elected En-Bloc

Prop: Tony Willis Sec: Chris Saville

10 International Match Report

The England Men's Captain Kevin Tunstall began his report regarding the venue used for the match against Jersey; he regarded the venue as a success and delighted in the 25 – 8 points victory. Especially as this year Jersey sent a strong team. He was however disappointed they did not send a ladies team, although a makeshift team was created for the England Ladies to play on the day. In May England went to Guernsey, and though the result went England's way Kevin pointed out that Guernsey were relatively new to the International scene but were improving all the time.

11 British Isles Open Pairs Competition

This, as usual will be staged at Bournemouth over the week-end of 4th – 6th March 2011. Those interested are to contact the President Mr Eric Hill for details, and entry.

12 All England Competition Dates

The competitions that are overseen by the AEBBA are as follows

February 5 th	ENGLAND v JERSEY
March 5 th /6 th	British Pairs (Bournemouth)
April 17 th	Ladies British Isles Open Championship
July 24 th	Over 50 /60 / Under 25s

August 21 st	Mixed Pairs
September 25 th	Division 1 Championship / Ladies Individuals
October 2 nd	Ladies County / Men's All England Individuals
October 9 th	Alternate Rules
October 23 rd	Team Championships / Special Ladies
November 20 th	Division 2 Championship
November 27 th	Grand Prix / Ladies Grand Prix
December 4 th	All England AGM

13 Other Competition Dates

February 19 th	Oxford Open
April 10 th	Mermaid (Hants) Open
April 30 th	GUERNSEY v ENGLAND
May 1 st	Guernsey Open
May 8 th	Surrey Open
June 12 th	Sussex Open
July 11 th	Kent Classic
August 7 th	Bucks Open
September 11 th	Berkshire Open
November 4/5/6 th	World Championships
December 4 th	AEBBA AGM

15 Any Other Business

Repairs for Tables and Tables Light were discussed and recommendations were made regarding the possible purchase of Slates. Kevin Tunstall to enquire about new venues for taking AGM and Annual Xmas Dinner to different parts of the country.

16 Close of Meeting

The meeting was closed by the Chairman Phil Hawkins at 16.40 (4.40pm)