

Gatehouse Snooker Club

13th AGM : 17th February 2025

Snooker Room, Community Centre 7pm

Minutes

- Present :** Douglas McDavid (chair), Graham Wright (competitions), Alastair Richardson (treasurer), Jack Donald, Bill Blackley
- Apologies :** Nick Morris, Ian Carson
- Opening :** DMcD opened the meeting. Another successful year. Kirkcudbright match has been postponed until a date still to be arranged in late November.
- Membership :** There were 27 members at the end of 2024. There are currently 23 members for 2025. There have been problems with under-18s mis-using the Community Centre and it is possible that some of the persons involved may have had associations with a new 17-year old member of the snooker club. The member has now been excluded from the club despite appearing to be a responsible young man. We need to develop a policy towards younger members and whether they should be allowed to entertain guests. This issue is to be urgently addressed as one or more of the juniors involved will become 18 within a few months. Action : Committee to address.
- Accounts:** DMcD thanked AR for the clear presentation of the accounts. It was unanimously agreed that the membership fee should be kept at £60 p.a. Ian Carson will be asked to examine our insurance contract and to confirm the type and level of insurance that might already be covered by the Community Centre insurance policy.
- Competitions :** DMcD will arrange to have 3 trophies engraved with winner's names for the last 3 years. GW will arrange future winners to arrange engraving with the club re-imbursing cost of engraving.
- Booking :** BB has had problems cancelling a booking. The feeling was that this situation has now been corrected. GW to check with Nick Morris.
- Table :** Nick Morris and Pete Haslam each clean and iron the table regularly for which they were thanked. BB and JD asked if the 'spots' on the table where the coloured balls are placed were actually needed as they can cause balls placed on them to be unsteady. GW to speak to Nick and Pete.
- Officials :** Douglas McDavid to remain as chair and organizer of Kirkcudbright match
Alastair Richardson to remain as treasurer
Graham Wright to remain as competitions organizer
Nick Morris has agreed to become Membership Secretary (this position to include induction and training of all new members).
Nick Morris to continue management of the booking system
Ian Carson will continue to take minutes at the AGM
The position of Club Secretary is still to be filled
- AOB :** JD asked if it would be possible to set up 'Whats App' groups to facilitate last minute arrangements to play games. DMcD will look into this.
- JD explained that, although we had a reasonably clear written statement of the rules applying to billiards matches, those rules have been interpreted differently by different players. GW will attempt to describe 3 situations which have occurred during the current series of matches and to formally agree how they should be interpreted.
- Close :** Meeting closed at 7:55pm