

Gatehouse Snooker Club

14th AGM : 23rd February 2026

Snooker Room, Community Centre 7pm

Minutes

Present : Douglas McDavid (chair), Graham Wright, Jack Donald, Ian Carson, Nick Morris, Mark Kirkland, Richard Holroyd, Richard Glass, Pete Haslam.

Apologies : Alastair Richardson, Allen Slingsby

Opening : DMcD opened the meeting. Another successful year for the club and good to see such a good turn out for the AGM

Membership : There are currently 23 members. RH asked what the clubs' approach to recruiting new members was . The consensus was that we didn't really want to particularly push for new members until numbers dropped a bit lower

Accounts: DMcD thanked GW for the presentation of the accounts in Alastair's absence. It was unanimously agreed that the membership fee should be kept at £60 p.a. There was a discussion around raising the charge for the electricity meter to £1.00 for 20 minutes. It was pointed out that this would require a new meter so the decision was taken to leave the rate unchanged. The electricity supply meter is currently out of service so our bills are currently estimated by the Community Centre. It is unclear if / when this will be replaced.

Competitions : JD has taken over the organising of the competitions from GW. He has introduced a Whatsapp group for the billiards competition. Everyone feels that it is working well.

Booking : The cost of booking system has increased to £156.00 pa. JD asked if the booking system could be integrated into the club website. The website will need to be changed in the near future anyway as it is currently hosted on GW's personal webpage. PH has agreed to look into this and report back

Table : NM feels that we should look at renovating the table. All members agreed with this. (Although the life of the Community Centre is still unclear it is understood that the Community Centre is planning to try to keep the building open as long as it can, with the hope that more funding will become available at some time in the future.) The slate will need to be levelled, the cloth and the cushions replaced. We will need to establish whether any work will need to be done to the floor prior the renovation work. Ball park cost expected to be circa £2,000.00. NM, advised by PH and MK, has agreed to contact a couple of companies with a view to getting estimates / quotations.

It was agreed that we should try using the " competition " snooker balls kept in the cupboard.

MK mentioned improving the lighting. Cost estimated at £1000.00. It was agreed to leave the lighting at this stage

Officials : Douglas McDavid to remain as chair. Alastair Richardson to remain as treasurer. Graham Wright to remain as Secretary. Nick Morris to continue management of the booking system. Ian Carson will continue to take minutes at the AGM. Jack Donald now manages competitions.

AOB :

IC has agreed to remove the sofa and the green armchair as it was agreed that they restrict access to the table. MK asked if we could source a couple of bar stools to replace them.

RG has agreed to look into a bigger capacity dehumidifier.

Close : Meeting closed at 8.00 pm