Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 6th December 2023

Present: Tony Kelly Jeff Robinson Danny Horridge Paul Ellison Steve Quinn Chairman - Newton Conservative 'B' Secretary - Newton Conservative 'B' Golborne CMC 'A' Mr Earls The Turpin View

- 1. Minutes of Last Meeting Confirmed
- 2. New Player Re-Handicaps JR apologised asd not brought to meet but will be published and updated on Web site.
- 3. Pairs Handicap Draw

Draw conducted by Tony Kelly, Jeff Robinson, Danny Horridge and Paul Ellison, observed by Steve Quinn.

4. AOB

Rule Change Proposals

JR presented three proposals for rule changes to be submitted to the next AGM. The proposals are to be taken by the delegates to their teams for discussion and comment before the AGM proposal submission date, (date to be arranged)

A separate statistics sheet submitted with proposal one was explained: The statistics showed quite clearly that the current 40 cap on handicap was significantly benefitting just the two lowest handicap players. JR also commented that such a cap would simply further decrease each of these players handicap but with no actual effect on the starts they will give.

See over...

Rule Change Proposals

The following rule change proposals are to be discussed with your Team members and comments to be fed back in time for the AGM for considered proposals to be submitted.

- 1. The removal of the 40-point cap be removed. The attached addendum indicates that this cap gives an unfair advantage to the two very lowest handicap players. In its place the minimum handicap to be increased and fixed at -30 whilst maintaining a maximum of 25. Thus, giving a maximum start of 55 which in one frame snooker should be sufficient for any league player.
- 2. Any professional, or player who has competed in any WPBSA professional ticket qualification events (e.g.: Q-School etc) to concede a further 14 points below the current lowest handicap.
- 3. For players who are new to the League, it is the responsibility of the team delegate to recommend a fair handicap. If it is found that team delegates have recommended an unfairly high handicap for an individual then the team will be subject to a penalty, imposed at the discretion of the committee, of the number of points up to that gained by the individual, plus a fine.