

TROWBRIDGE AND DISTRICT POOL LEAGUE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at Newtown Social Club on Monday 8th September 2025.

1. Welcome and Introduction. The Treasurer, Barry Moss opened the meeting at 20:10
2. Teams Represented. The following teams were represented: 12 Bells A, 12 Bells Unicorns, Cricket Club A, Cricket Club Pups, Dursley Arms, Gloucester Road Elite, Gloucester Road Trojans, Greyhound Underdogs, Lamb Hotpots (new side), Lamb Ratpack (new side), Legends Sports Bar 1 (new side), Legends Sports Bar 2 (new side), Newtown Colts, Newtown Social Club B, NSC Cannons, Red Admiral A, Rising Sun A (new side), Rising Sun Pretenders (new side), Rose & Crown (new side), Terry Flay's Newtown Army, The View Westbury and Three Horseshoes.
3. Apologies. No apologies were received.
4. Treasurer's Report. Barry Moss, Treasurer, presented his report. The League is still financially sound with a bank balance of £3487.33 but this was before payment for trophies and the costs of the Presentation Night. He once again thanked all the teams for paying their fees up front, and also the sponsors for their continued support over the years. He said if anybody else would like to sponsor the League they should contact him after the meeting. He also confirmed that the League had transferred its account from HSBC to Lloyds due to HSBC charging £5 per month for doing nothing, but since then Lloyds had started charging £4.25 per month. It was generally felt that it was unlikely that other banks would allow free banking so it was decided the account would remain with Lloyds unless a better option was found.
5. Chairman's Report. Russ Matthews said that he had stepped away from the day to day running of the League this season and he intended to carry on doing so. He commended James Rutt, the new Secretary, who had been doing a great job since he took over the running of the League last season, despite the extremely steep learning curve.
6. Fees. It was agreed that match fees should remain at £5 per league match.
7. League Rules. It was agreed that the League would continue playing to Blackball Rules for the next season. In addition, after discussion and a vote, it was agreed to revert back to lagging rather than the toss of a coin in accordance with Blackball Rules.
8. Sponsors. The following sponsors confirmed that they would be willing to continue their sponsorship for the forthcoming season: Kew Electrical and Unique Signs and Graphics and Rood Ashton Logs. Tom Pang of TP Roofing later confirmed he would also be willing to sponsor the League.
9. Presentation Evening. It was confirmed that the annual Presentation Evening would be on Friday 19th September at Newtown Social Club (downstairs). All new teams were also welcome to attend.
10. Charities. It was confirmed that Stepping Stones would continue to be the League's designated charity.
11. Committee. All three Committee members confirmed they were happy to remain in their present posts. Barry reminded everybody that he had only ever signed up as Treasurer but had undertaken considerable extra duties and although he had been happy to help this season, especially with a new Secretary finding his feet, he would rather focus purely on the financial side and suggested the post of Assistant Secretary should be created to help James out.

12. AOB.

- a. The minimum age limit for playing in the League, currently 14, was discussed and it was agreed that, in keeping with the League's ethos of developing young players there would no longer be a minimum age. However, this was subject to individual venues agreeing to allow youngsters in to their premises, and it was agreed that the onus was on team captains to contact venues prior to a match to confirm whether youngsters could attend whether as spectators or to play.
- b. Barry said that it was unfair that players that were unable to make the 1st Round of either the Singles or Doubles Knockouts but had sent their apologies in advance of the draw being made at 8pm on the night were excluded from entering in to the Plate KO Tournaments. He said he personally had fallen foul of this last season when he had booked a holiday before the fixtures were published. It was agreed this would be discontinued providing notice or apologies had been provided before 8pm on the night.

13. League Start. It was provisionally agreed to start the League on Monday 6th October, with the first round of the Team Knockout.

14. Close. Barry called the meeting to a close at 21:15.