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Minutes of ECM Monday 19th June 2023 8pm at The Falcon, Waterlooville

Attended by: MJ Etherington, Rob Beacher, Mark Trotter (Secretary), Chris King (Chairperson), Mick Hall (Treasurer, Fixtures & Competition Secretary)

Apologies: Mark Harris

Minutes of Last Meeting

Agreed by Committee.

1 Key Dates:

AGM – 24 July at the Falcon at 20:00. Mandatory for all teams to attend. £10 fine applied to any team that does not attend.

Registration Deadline for Teams and Players – 21st August. Submit to any committee member or to Rob at the Falcon on or before 20:00 on 21st August.

SGM – 4 September. Teams are not required to attend. The Committee will agree league format (number of divisions) depending upon entries received and also fixture list production and checking

Estimated Season Start – 19th September

Competition entries deadline – 25th September

2 Proposals received for AGM which will require votes on the night by all existing teams.

Proposal to remove 31st December as signing on date and instead allowing signings at any date during the season. The committee SUPPORT this request but is subject to the signing on form and fees to be paid to a committee member by Sunday. In this case the new signing would be eligible to play on Tuesday. If received after Sunday they would be eligible the following Sunday. Both the signing on form and funds are to be paid in order to be considered.

Change of rules from current World Rules to International rules. The committee shared the rules with teams so you have had an opportunity to try them. The committee will give some pros and con's at the



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AGM but itself does NOT have a view on which set of rules we should adapt. This is the sole decision of the teams entering. Only 1 set of rules will be adopted for the entire league (i.e. both divisions)

Change Number of players required for a team from 6 to 5. The Committee does NOT support this proposal on the basis we consider this will simply make strong teams even stronger.

Change match format from 8 Singles and 2 Doubles to 10 singles. The Committee does not support this proposal as it aligns with the above 5 player teams allowing each to play twice but also given we believe including a small number of doubles actually creates more involvement and many games are often decided in the doubles.

Request from the Committee to allow us to update and bring in line the constitution as this will be required to cover some of the changes above but also it is required to cover some clarification points we have had to make during this season. We are asking for the ability to make the changes and put into practice without further approval in the next 12 months but with the knowledge that we will then ask for formal approval at the 2024 AGM. Without this ability we will need a Special meeting for all members to vote and agree on the revised Constitution.

Increase in cost of signing on from £7.50 per player to £10 per player and also reduce trophies for the cup and plate competitions to winners only. The Committee are asking for this given we spend over £2000 per winter season on trophies but recoup around £1000. This is clearly not affordable. By increasing the cost of signing on and removing runners up trophies for the Cup and Plate we will close the Gap required funding the league. Further details will be provided on finances at the AGM. The committee supports this proposal.

- 3 **New Teams:** The committee would like to ask venues and captains and all players to reach out to any potential new teams. We currently have 12 teams but are conscious that if we lose any it becomes hard to replace teams once they are gone so any new teams please ask them to contact marktrotter@hotmail.co.uk.
- 4 **Vacancy on the committee:** We are down to only 5 permanent committee members and we need help in order to ensure we can continue to operate. The committee would like to ask anyone interested in joining the committee to approach Mark Trotter via email or text or via the website. Please note there is a maximum of 2 people allowed per team on the committee.
- 5 **Please use the website as your first port of call for any information:** The website Meon Valley Pool League is fully operational and should be your first port of call for all information including results, tables, forms, meeting minutes, venue and captain details etc. Many questions are being asked for information



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that is on the website. A lot of effort goes into maintaining the website and so please use this before contacting the committee.

- 6 Next meeting will be at **The Falcon** at 20:00 on Monday 24th July 2023 and is the AGM which all teams must have a representative in attendance.