

MINUTES OF 2009 AGM

Updated Monday 10 June 2013

Held on Thursday 14 May 2009 at The Fingerpost, Offerton.

1. Minutes

The [minutes of the 2008 AGM](#), held on 8 May 2008, were agreed.

2. Re-election of Committee

The [committee](#) was re-elected to serve for a further year, although it was noted that Roz Dutton would wish to stand down as secretary should a volunteer for this role come forward.

3. Results of 2008–09 competitions

The final results of the 2008-09 season were agreed:

	Winners	Runners Up
A Division	Chunky	Traveller's Call
B Division	Printers	Flying Swans
Cup	Crown	Park
Plate	Star	Pineapple
WIST Champions Cup	Chunky	Tiviot

4. Number of teams

Reported: That the Devonshire and the Davenport teams had left the League at the end of the 2008/09 season. This left a total of 18 teams in the League, with 9 in each Division.

Considered: Proposals for various different league formats, including: all teams playing in one Division; keeping the two Divisions but introducing more games, i.e. teams all play each other 3 times rather than 2; splitting into 3 Divisions.

Noted: That for most teams the promotion/relegation aspect of the season formed a large contribution to their enjoyment of the League. If there were to be only one League, this element would disappear.

Noted: That the main complaint, based in particular on the season just ended, was the number of byes. However, this won't be an issue in 2009/10 if (as seems likely) there is an odd number of teams in both Divisions.

Agreed: That it was not possible to come to a final decision until the exact number of teams participating next season was known.

Agreed: That Mike Wagstaffe would re-circulate the options, minus the "single division" suggestion, and request the views of all teams, with a view to the final decision being made at the Registration Meeting in September. The outcome of this decision may have an impact on the dates for matches.

5. Withington Quiz League

Noted: That the following teams would be asked to provide a representative for the Stockport team for the pre-season friendly against a representative team from the Withington Quiz League: Chunky, Travellers Call, Alexandra, Printers, Flying Swans and Star.

Noted: That Stockport's representatives in the 2009/10 WIST Champions' Cup will be: Chunky, Travellers Call, Alexandra and Tame Valley.

Agreed: That the pre-season friendly and WIST Champions' Cup be continued during the 2009/10 season.

Agreed: Bob Taylor (Printers) would provide a half set of questions for the pre-season friendly on behalf of the Stockport Quiz League.

Agreed: That the WIST Champions' Cup would use a combination of the quiz formats of both the Stockport and Withington Leagues, with the finer details to be agreed in discussion with Withington.

6. Question format for Cup and Plate competitions

Considered: A proposal from the Alexandra that the second written round be replaced by a round of twelve individually-answered questions. Each player would receive one question: if they answer correctly without assistance they would score two points, but would have the option of conferring with their team-mates, in which case a correct answer would be worth one point. If the question was answered incorrectly it would go over to the opposition who could confer and would score one point for a correct answer. The new format could be trialled in the knockout competition and if it received approval could be introduced in League matches the following season. Following discussion a vote was taken on this proposal, with the following outcome:

For 3 Against 6. The proposal was therefore rejected.

Considered: A proposal from the Crown that the knockout competitions revert to the old "pick a number" format for the oral part of the quiz, as the current 'pick a subject' format had tended to prolong matches to an unacceptable finish time. Following discussion a vote was taken on this proposal, with the following outcome:

For 7 Against 1 Abstained 1. The proposal was therefore approved.

7. Accounts for 2007/08

- Approved: The [accounts for the season 2007/08](#), which had been previously circulated.
- Noted: That the accounts for the season 2008/09 would be circulated at the commencement of season 2000/10.

8. Date of registration meeting and arrangements for 2009-10 season

- Agreed: The following provisional dates:
Registration Meeting – Thursday 3 September 2009
Pre-season friendly v Withington – Thursday 10 September, 2009
First league matches – Thursday 17 September 2009
Christmas Quiz – Thursday 17 December 2009
Re-start after Christmas – Thursday 7 January 2010
No matches scheduled for Maundy Thursday (Thursday 1 April 2010)
- Noted: These dates would be subject to confirmation following consultation over the summer on the League format, the outcome of which would be confirmed at the Registration Meeting (see item 4 above).

9. Any other business

(1) Local Press coverage

Bob Taylor (Printers) agreed to act as 'Press Agent' for the League. He will explore the possibility of coverage in the local press and also the possibility of advertising for new teams to join the League via local libraries, social clubs etc.

(2) Vote of thanks

A vote of thanks was given to Mike Wagstaffe for his continued excellent work in maintaining the League website and to members of the Committee for their assistance during the season.