

MINUTES OF 2012 AGM

Updated Monday 10 June 2013

Held on Thursday 20 September 2012 at HMRUFC. Teams represented: Tiviot, Alexandra, Park, HMRUFC, Railway Fliers, Sun & Castle, The Ratpit, Chunky, Little Jack Horner, Travellers Call, Star and HMCC

1. 2011 AGM Minutes

The [minutes](#) of the 2011 AGM were agreed.

2. Election of Committee

The [committee](#) was re-elected for the 2012–13 season.

A vote of thanks was approved in appreciation of the committee's work during 2011–12.

3. Financial matters

- a) The accounts for [2011–12](#) were approved.
- b) A team subscription fee of £30 for 2012–13 was agreed.

4. 2011–12 Season

- a) The [final league placings](#) and results of [Cup and Plate competitions](#) in 2011–12 were confirmed.
- b) As a result of the decisions made in item 9 the Navigation will be relegated to the B Division for the 2012–13 season.
- c) The Printers were confirmed as the fourth WIST Champions Cup representative for 2012–13.

5. Withington Quiz League

- a) The pre-season friendly (WIST Trophy) and WIST Champions Cup will be continued during the 2012–13 season.
- b) Stockport's representatives in the 2012-13 WIST Champions Cup will be: Chunky, Travellers Call, Alexandra and Printers.
- c) The following will provide members of the Stockport team for a friendly against a representative team from the Withington Quiz League on 26 September: Alexandra, Chunky, Crown, HMRUFC, Railway Fliers and Travellers Call.

- d) Volunteers are still required to set questions for the 2012–13 WIST Champions Cup.

6. Number of teams/format for 2011–12 season

A new team, the Ratpit, has joined the league for the 2012–13 season, bringing the number of teams to eighteen. Therefore there will be two league divisions of nine teams and the knockout competition will be revised to accommodate an additional team. This will involve a qualifying phase with two (randomly-drawn) groups of nine teams. Each team will play all other eight teams in its group once. Matches will be handicapped (based on average league scores in 2011–12) and teams will score two 'league' points for a win and one for a draw. At the end of the qualifying phase the top four in each group will progress to the quarter finals of the Cup; teams finishing in positions 5 to 8 will contest the Plate quarter finals. The ninth-placed team in each group will be eliminated (and will set the questions for the Cup and Plate quarter finals). From the quarter finals onwards the Cup and Plate will be 'normal' knockout competitions and before each round handicaps will be re-calculated based on league scores during the 2012–13 season.

7. Questions

a) **Proposal (by The Crown):**

A proposal was considered to 'punish' teams that are late in submitting or fail to submit their questions for publication on the website. It was agreed that a team will receive a warning for a first offence, but further transgressions may result in points deductions, at the discretion of the committee.

b) **Proposal (by The Crown):**

A proposal to replace the current system of paired questions for league matches was rejected.

8. Knockout competitions

a) **Proposal (by The Crown):**

A proposal to play the Cup and Plate finals at the home venue of one of the finalists in each competition was rejected.

b) **Proposal (by the Committee):**

It was agreed that following its successful debut in 2012 the Sun & Castle will be used as the venue for Cup and Plate finals for the foreseeable future.

c) **Proposal (by the webmaster)**

It was agreed that handicaps for the 2012–13 knockout qualifying phase (see agenda item 6) will be based on average scores in the 2011–12 season. Handicaps for the knockout 'proper' (i.e. quarter finals onwards) will be re-calculated before each round based on average league scores during the current season.

9. Teams finishing level on points

a) **Proposal (by the webmaster):**

The following proposal was accepted and [the rules](#) have been amended accordingly:

That we use head-to-head results, rather than play-offs, to separate teams that finish the season level on points. The rules currently state: *If two or more teams finish level on points and this affects first, second or relegation places or qualification for the WIST Champions Cup, average scores will **not** be used to decide these placings. There will be a play-off between the relevant teams.*

Play-offs require additional question setting, involve teams giving up an evening during the close season and are impractical if more than two teams are involved. Therefore it is proposed that we use results from league games between the teams involved during the relevant season. In the event of teams winning/drawing/losing the same number of games, the aggregate score from all head-to-head games will be used. If this fails to separate them, the team with the highest single score from 'head-to-head' games will be declared the winner.

b) **Proposal (by The Crown):**

A proposal to use average scores to decide any relegation, promotion or championship positions for teams finishing the season level on points was rejected.

c) **Proposal (Anonymous):**

A proposal to use points difference to decide any relegation, promotion or championship positions for teams finishing the season level on points was rejected.

10. Dates for 2012–13 season

The following dates for the 2012–13 season were confirmed:

- Pre-season friendly v Withington: 26 September 2012
- First matches: 4 October 2012
- Christmas Quiz: 20 December 2012
- Re-start after Christmas: 3 January 2013
- No quiz on 28 March 2013 (Maundy Thursday)
- Presentation night: 23 May 2013

11. Any other business

A vote of thanks was made to the webmaster for his efforts on behalf of the quiz league. The draw was made for the two groups in the knockout qualifying phase.