

# 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Updated Monday 16 September 2013

Held on Thursday 12 September 2013 at HMRUFC

**Teams represented:** Alexandra, Bulls Head, Chunky, HMCC, HMRUFC, Horse & Farrier, Little Jack Horner, Railway, Railway Fliers, Smart Alex, Star, Sun and Castle, Tiviot, Traveller's Call

**Apologies:** Fingerpost, Printers, Tame Valley

## 1. 2012 AGM Minutes

The [minutes of the 2012 AGM](#) were approved.

## 2. Election of Committee

The [committee](#) was re-elected for the 2013–14 season.

## 3. Financial matters

- a) The [accounts for 2012-13](#) were approved.
- b) An increase in subscription fee to £35 for 2013–14 was approved.  
It will be proposed at the 2014 AGM that the fee be returned to £30 for season 2014–15, assuming the league's financial health has improved.

## 4. 2012–13 Season

- a) The 2012–13 [final league placings](#) and [Cup and Plate results](#) were confirmed.
- b) Railway Fliers and HMCC are relegated to the B Division for 2013–14, whilst the Navigation and Tame Valley are promoted to the A Division.

## 5. Withington Quiz League

- a) Stockport's representatives in the 2013–14 WIST Champions Cup will be: Chunky, Travellers Call, Tiviot and Printers.
- b) A new competition will be introduced for the 2103-14 season. This yet-to-be-named competition will give teams finishing in A Division positions 5 to 8 the chance to pit their wits against their counterparts from the Withington Quiz League. The new competition will mirror the already-established WIST Champions Cup, being played on the same dates and using the same questions. Alexandra, HMCC, Railway and Star have been invited to represent Stockport in the inaugural competition.
- c) The traditional pre-season friendly against the Withington League (a.k.a. The WIST Trophy) will be played on Thursday 19 September at The Albert Club, Withington.

The following teams have been invited to provide members of the Stockport team:  
Chunky, Travellers Call, Tiviot, Navigation, Tame Valley and HMRUFC.

## **6. Number of teams/format for 2013–2014 season**

There will be seventeen teams in 2013–14, as the Ratpit have decided not to re-join for this season. There will be an 18-week league programme and twelve weeks will be allocated to the knockout competition, which will comprise a league-based qualifying phase followed by a 'normal' knockout competition from the quarter-finals onwards. The qualifying phase will run as in previous seasons: each team will play all other teams in its group once. Matches will be handicapped (based on average league scores in 2012–13) and teams will score two 'group' points for a win and one for a draw. At the end of the qualifying phase the top four in each group will enter the quarter-finals of the Cup, whilst teams finishing in positions 5 to 8 will contest the Plate. From the quarter finals onwards the Cup and Plate will become 'normal' knockout competitions and handicaps will be re-calculated before each round, based on current average league scores.

## **7. Proposals**

### **a) Recognition of Pete Thomas**

It was agreed that we recognise the contribution to the league made by an external question setter, Pete Thomas of Swansea, by means of a £25 Amazon voucher.

### **b) Change to match start time**

It was agreed that, for a trial period, all matches will start at 8.45 pm. If both teams agree beforehand the 'old' start time of 9 pm may be used. The effectiveness of the new start time in promoting earlier finishes will be reviewed at Christmas 2013.

## **8. Dates for 2013–14 season**

The following dates were agreed for the 2013–14 season

- Pre-season friendly v Withington: 19 September 2013
- First matches: 3 October 2013
- Christmas Quiz: 19 December 2013
- Re-start after Christmas: 9 January 2014 (i.e. 'blank week' on 2 January)
- No quiz on 17 April 2014 (Maundy Thursday)
- Presentation night: 29 May 2013

## **9. Any other business**

The team formerly known as The Navigation will now be known as The Bull's Head and will play at the pub of that name on Market Street, Marple.