

2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Updated Friday 12 September 2014

Held on Thursday 11 September 2014 at HMRUFC

Teams represented: Alexandra, Bulls Head, Chunky, Fingerpost, HMCC, HMRUFC, Horse & Farrier, Little Jack Horner, Printers, Railway, Railway Fliers, Railway Tiviot Dale, Smart Alex, Star, Sun and Castle,

Apologies: Tame Valley, Traveller's Call

1. 2013 AGM Minutes

The [minutes of the 2013 AGM](#) were approved.

2. Election of Committee

The [committee](#) was re-elected for the 2014–15 season.

3. Financial matters

- a) The [accounts for 2013-14](#) were approved. An error (which overestimated the amount raised at the presentation night quiz by £30) was corrected and as a result the balance in the Building Society account is £30 lower than previously thought. It was also agreed that, to aid visibility, future accounts will include figures for both the current and the previous accounting periods.
- b) It was agreed to keep the subscription fee at £35 for 2014–15. Any teams yet to pay their subs should do so as soon as possible.

4. 2013–14 Season

- a) The 2013–14 [final league placings](#) and [Cup and Plate results](#) were confirmed.
- b) Railway and Star are relegated to the B Division for 2014–15, whilst the Smart Alex and HMRUFC are promoted to the A Division.

5. 'Non-domestic' competitions

- a) Stockport's representatives in the 2014–15 WIST Champions Cup will be:
Chunky, Travellers Call, Alexandra and Bulls Head.
- b) Stockport's representatives in the 2014–15 A-Trophy will be:
Railway Tiviot Dale, Printers, Tame Valley and Railway (a.k.a. Lokomotiv Stöckpört).
- c) The traditional WIST Trophy pre-season friendly against the Withington League will be played on Wednesday 24 September at The Albert Club, Withington. The following teams will provide players for the Stockport squad: Chunky, Smart Alex, Travellers Call, Alexandra, and

HMRUFC. This year's will be a three-way quiz, with a team from the [Sett Valley Quiz League](#).

- d) Volunteers are needed to set the questions for each of the (three) rounds of the 2014–15 WIST Champions Cup and A-Trophy (aka 'European') matches. Please get in touch if you would like to offer your services. Questions will be needed for fixtures in mid-November, mid-February and mid-May.

6. Number of teams/format for 2014–2015 season

- a) There is no change in the number of teams for 2014–2015, so the format will remain the same: a nine-team A Division and eight-team B Division. Knockout competitions will also use the same format as last season. Provisional league and knockout fixtures will be approved by the committee before being circulated to teams.

7. Proposals from teams

a) Question subjects

After a discussion on question setting it was agreed that any change limiting the number of questions in any particular category/subject would be unenforceable. All teams are encouraged to adhere to the [existing guidelines](#) and set questions on as broad a range of subjects as possible, to cater for the wide variety of tastes and interests within the league.

b) Charity donations

It was agreed that the money raised at the Christmas Quiz will be donated to a designated charity. Each team will be invited to nominate their favourite charity and all teams will then vote for their top three from the list of nominations. The 'winner' will become our designated charity for the 2014-15 season.

There will be no change to all other charity donations: teams that come first or second in league and knockout competitions may choose to make a donation to a charity **of their choice**, rather than receive individual trophies/gift tokens.

c) Start Times

It was agreed that there will be no change to the official start time of 8.45 p.m.

However, the Fingerpost have been given 'special dispensation' to start their matches at 9 p.m. (and the facility still exists to start *any* match at 9 p.m., as long as it is agreed in advance by both teams). Teams are encouraged to start matches promptly and aim to finish no later than 10.30 p.m. Matches should start by 9 p.m. at the latest; any players not present by this time should be allowed to join in once they arrive. To speed things up question setters should avoid long-winded questions, teams should answer promptly and the thirty-second time limit should be more strictly enforced, particularly after the final question in each written round.

8. Dates for 2014–15 season

The following dates were agreed for the 2014–15 season:

- Pre-season friendly v Withington: Wednesday 24 September 2014
- First matches: Thursday 2 October 2014 (knockout qualifying matches)
- Christmas Quiz: Thursday 18 December 2014

- Re-start after Christmas: Thursday 8 January 2015
- No quiz on 2 April 2015 (Maundy Thursday)
- Presentation night: Thursday 28 May 2015

9. Any other business

- a) We are now [on Twitter](#). Our main channel of communication will always be [the website](#), but a presence on Twitter should help to raise our profile and may even attract new teams, or players younger than forty!
- b) The Mayor of Stockport has asked us to 'plug' a charity quiz he is holding at St Peter's Church, Hazel Grove on Friday 24 October. For those interested in taking part further details will be published on the quiz league website as we get them.
- c) In future seasons the deadline for submitting AGM agenda items will be brought forward to allow more time for teams to consider the agenda prior to the meeting.
- c) It is possible that the Horse and Farrier will close for refurbishment at some point during the 2014–15 season. If this does happen further details (including any temporary new home for the Farrier's quiz team) will be published on the website.
- d) The following requests for byes/question-setting dates were received:
 - Railway Fliers will set the questions for first matches of the season on 2 October. To aid question setting at such short notice these will be knockout qualifying matches (as these use non-paired questions).
 - The Star will play away on 2 October.
 - The Railway Tiviot Dale will set questions on 16 October.
 - The Bulls Head will have a bye on 27 November.
 - The Star and Printers will set questions after Christmas
- e) A vote of thanks was made to the committee and webmaster in recognition of their work in administering the league.