

# The English Association of Snooker and Billiards

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 16th April 2009 at the World Snooker Academy, Coleridge Road, Sheffield

The meeting opened at 1.05 p.m. with the following present:

**Directors:** Clive Brown (Chair), Peter Ainsworth, Dan Lewis, Mark Hird and Keith Warren.

**Members:** John Rhodes (Scrutineer), Steve Starkie, Peter Bennett, Vic Hartley, Ron Hope, Frank Williams, Fred Jones, Dave Fisher, Herbert Dean.

**Apologies:** John Hartley, Martin Van Wyk, Ken Janes, William Gibb, Michael Billinge, David V. Smith, Gary Truscott (Jersey Association), Iain Ripo, Rob Wright.

### Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous General Meeting held on Thursday 3rd April 2008 were confirmed and signed as a true record. Prop: Fred Jones; Sec: Frank Williams.

### Matters Arising

None

### Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented his report to the meeting.

A question was raised regarding the current status of Sport England recognition. It was advised that such recognition would require an applicant to demonstrate full control over both snooker and billiards. Work had not ceased during the last three years to find a solution which would incorporate billiards, as operated by the EABA, in an amicable arrangement. It was pointed out that the fundamental problem was a conflict between the criteria specified by the IBSF and the ambitions of the EABA to be independently recognised. It was outside our power to reconcile these positions and we could only hope to facilitate a change of view by one party or the other. Although no agreement has yet been reached, work is still progressing and the process was still some way from reaching a dead-end.

### Presentation of the Financial Statement for 2007-08

The chairman presented the key points in the financial statement which showed a very small surplus. Members were reminded that these accounts included the 2007 Paul Hunter Open Championship which had not incurred in the previous year, and accounted for over £10000 of the increased income and tournament prizes/expenses. During that year the Association had moved to its new administrative set-up, with an unmanned office, and there had been a number of costs associated with the move, although we had benefitted from a savings in staffing costs. It was expected that this trend of financial stability would continue during the current year and result in an improved position again next year.

No questions were received from the members present at the meeting.

### Resolutions

Members present at the meeting were requested to complete a written ballot for the resolutions before them. Seven such ballots were collected and added to the 25 previously received by post and email. The results, excluding abstentions, were as follows:

### Election of Directors

One new Director, and two Directors who had been co-opted during the year, were presented for election by the membership, the voting figures were:

Mark Hird	Votes for	30	Against	0
John Hartley	Votes for	30	Against	0
Dan Lewis	Votes for	30	Against	0

### Election of Life Members

Henry Windlass was the only candidate for consideration as Honorary Life Member. He had already been assessed by a previous administration as having given long service and dedication to the game and awarded this status in 2001. Members were asked to confirm the continuation of this status under the new company Articles. Voting was as follows:

Votes for	32	Against	0
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### Appointment of Examining Accountant

The resolution to re-appoint Jane Boagey FCCA as examining accountant for the Association resulted as follows:

Votes for 32 Against 0

### Ordinary Resolution – Amendment of Company Articles

In line with the objective of the Board to create a structure which more closely resembles a corporate model, it was felt that there could be a need to expand beyond the seven places currently specified in the Articles of Association as being a maximum. This would be particularly useful when considering the appointment of non-executive directors, who could provide a beneficial input, but not be able to take a full time commitment to controlling association activities. It was therefore proposed:

"THAT, Section 8.1 of the Articles of Association be amended to remove the maximum number of Directors. This section to now read: "Unless otherwise determined by Ordinary Resolution the number of directors shall not be less than four but shall not be subject to any maximum."

Ballots counted on this resolution produced the following result:

Votes for 32 Against 0

All resolutions considered by the meeting were declared to have been carried.

The meeting was closed at 1.30 pm and was followed by a general question and answer session.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman) Date: \_\_\_\_\_.