

Item	Description	Action
6	<p><u>Scottish Pool Association Matters</u></p> <p>Separate sheet is attached relating to SPA competitions. "Grass Roots Classic" heats will be played over 21st and 28th July 2007. Probably venue is North Berwick Royal British Legion. Entry for all other competitions to B Chisholm.</p>	
7	<p><u>League Annual Presentation Evening</u></p> <p>As everybody now knows this will take place on Saturday 2nd June in the West Barns Inn. A bus has been laid on and will depart from the bus stance opposite the "Golfers Rest" at 6:45. It will stop at NB Legion on the way out to Dunbar.</p>	
8	<p><u>Any other Business</u></p> <p>(a) R Douglas read out a letter forwarded by Colin Sinclair expressing his concern at various aspects of the playing rules currently in place as well as other points of order including order of merit awards, duration of period taken to complete the League, 9 ball championship and Pool League Website. The points of discussion that Mr Sinclair brought to the attention of the League meeting were discussed at length.</p> <p>Point 1 – Blackball rules. This was discussed and voted on first. It was of the opinion of the majority of the meeting that after a season of the new rules, the rules would then be easier to understand in ensuing seasons.</p> <p>Point 2 – League Player of the year awards. It was agreed by the majority of the meeting to continue to utilize the current system based on pure statistics and not manipulated figures.</p> <p>Point 3 – Duration of League season. It was pointed out that new teams had been approached over the last two years to help enhance the standing of the League. It was also pointed out that if new teams continued to join the League then it would be split in two. This would help to ease fixture congestion and still finish the season in good time. In the meantime, if the size of the league remained the same, an earlier start in September would be aimed for.</p> <p>Point 3B – The majority of teams represented were happy with the way the League competitions had been run during the season.</p> <p>Point 3C – 9 Ball Championship. It was pointed out and agreed by the majority that holding this competition over one day had actually enhanced the entry number for this particular competition.</p> <p>Point 3D – NBDPL.org.uk Website. The Chairman B Chisholm was of the opinion that the website had received a significant number of hits over the duration of the season. Team players with e-mail addresses are encouraged to forward these to their relevant team Captains to make the website even more viable. Results of Matches – It was agreed that it would be too difficult to tabulate the League results within 24 hours although teams should be encouraged to forward results as quickly as possible.</p> <p>(b) League Singles</p> <p>J Hart of the Victoria Inn asked the question regarding how a Competitor could be knocked out of the League Singles heats and still win the competition. It was pointed out that this was not the first time that this had happened. After a long discussion it was proposed and seconded that in future when a Competitor is knocked out of a competition in the heats there should be no way back in. This was voted on and accepted by the majority of the meeting.</p>	

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	There being no other business the meeting was closed.	
9	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting shall take place in The Victoria Inn, Haddington on Tuesday 5th June 2007 at 20:00.</p> <p>One member at least from each team to appear.</p>	ALL

R Douglas
Minute Sec'y

Scottish Pool Association Matters

S.P.A. Meeting 6th May 2006

Grass Roots Classic

N.B.D.P.L. have 13 entries for this new tournament enabling us to receive 5 qualifiers from this pool. Draw and dates shall be forthcoming, the venue being North Berwick British Legion. Finals shall be played Pennies Bar, Falkirk 18th – 19th August 2007 (down to last 32 to receive prize money).

5 Man Team

Unfortunately there shall be no 5 man team this year due to contractual conditions with caravans whereas 105 caravans have to be let out with not enough players for this tournament to fulfil this requirement. The tournament shall return in 2008 with the possibility of this being taken to Blackpool, if not, another venue will definitely be found.

British Open

Entry fee £50 per player. Qualifying within your own area. Each league shall receive 1 qualifier initially. Any remaining qualifiers from the 30 affiliated leagues to the SPA shall be balloted among the playing leagues. Names and money for 1st July 2007.

Contact Brad Chisholm – 07989 199 003

Super 15s (15-18 players)

Entry fee £200 per team. Date 15th – 18th November 2007. Accommodation £32 per player. Venue Craig Tara, Ayr. Any interest please contact Brad Chisholm before 30th August 2007.

In recent years NBDPL have played in tournaments where the requirements are for 5 6man teams, as we are now expanding both our leagues and players registrar we would be hoping that players would be interested in participating in this tournament. This is Scotland's most prestigious team event.

Scottish Pairs

Entry fee £10 per pair. Date 15th – 18th November 2007. Accommodation £32 per player. Venue Craig Tara, Ayr. Any interest please contact Brad Chisholm before 30th August 2007 (If Super 15s team is achieved and any players who are playing in the pairs have only to pay their accommodation once).

New Tournament

A new tournament is being devised for season 2007/2008. All affiliated league champions will be invited to Blackpool to a league Champion of Champions tournament.

Note: Anyone playing outside SPA rules are not permitted to play in SPA events (SPA rules come under the flag of European Black Ball Rules).