

Northampton Darts League
AGM – Tuesday 30th July 2024

Teams Present:

Barratts C The Vocal Crispins SC
The Trumpet Con Club The Old Bank
The Cock Hotel Monks Park WMC The Foundry
Queens Park WMC Monks Park WMC B RTM A
Barratts A Con Club

Finance Statement read out by RJ.

Election of Officers

Committee:

Dave Dorman – Chairman
Rob Jay – Secretary
Jaime Wastell – Committee Member
Mark Wastell – Committee Member
Ben Harris – Committee Member
Ben Goodger – Committee Member
Marc Judkins – Committee Member
Richard Carpenter – New Committee Member

Proposals:

LD - Look to get a few more teams and aim for 3 leagues of 8 rather than 2 leagues of 10 – hopefully

have a more even split of standard and stop the yo-yo'ing of teams from A section to B sections.

If unable to do this, then look to scrap the 3 up/3 down as teams will become disheartened going up

from the bottom section to lose every week – have people been losing games to avoid going up?

Once suggestion is to speak to the village league about joining forces as that is reducing its entrants

and could make a strong 3 league darts night.

o Votes for – 13 Votes Against - 6

o Motion carried – fixtures will be drawn up based on 3 sections of 8 teams, any new teams

entering the league will be discussed by the committee and placed in the section where they deem relevant.

o Independent Darts League will not be joining forces with the Village League

CH - I think it's fair to say that numbers of people attending have dwindled over the last

few seasons.

I'd say mainly down to them assuming they will likely lose so see if a pointless night.

Maybe could consider splitting the comps into two sections so you have the Prem competing against

each other and the B section competing against each other. Top 2 players to go through to a finals

night at the end of the season where 1st play 4th, and 2nd play 3rd, then the 2 winners play for the trophy?

o Votes to keep competitions in one night - for – 11 Votes Against - 13

o Motion carried – singles/pairs competitions will be split by sections

TM - This will be our 3rd season and an increase has happened in the last 2.

I hope everyone involved with the league, want to encourage more teams into this league but do the

fees put teams off? How do these fees compare with other leagues the area? How do you justify these

fees? The annual fees are £85. We raise our reg fees by doing a football card. We raise £10 a home

game. With only 9 home matches, we are not just about covering our fees. Of course, we would hike

up our football card but cash isn't always in people's pockets for a couple of reasons.

Cashless society

and cost of living crisis. We use the surplus for buying things like football cards, put towards new board

and equipment. The venue supply our food for free, but the team covers the fees.

We as a team will raise more funds if necessary but it could put other potential teams off.

Just to clarify, do league fees fund any of the competitions?

o League fees will remain the same, entry fees and sponsorship from Barratts Club have allowed the opportunity to raise the prize money across the league.

BG - I would like to discuss the idea of having a longer winter season with a condensed summer season

moving forward at the AGM. Whether this is done in 3 sections or 2, I feel it could work. I also think it

would give the opportunity for some new cups and knockouts to freshen the darts night up. To have a

pretty regular start and end date for this, along with a regular date for the ko's, may improve the turn

outs for these events.

Longer winter league format, with a shortened summer league format, to include a new competition

with multiple teams playing in one venue on the same night – this allows the league to

start and finish

on the same dates every season giving breaks for summer and Christmas. The League fees will remain the same over the year but a additional payment will be needed towards the end of season £ 35 if leaving the season £85 in committing to summer league

o Vote unanimous – motion carried

Following vote for BG proposal date for new league to start Tuesday 3rd September.

o Vote unanimous – motion carried

Reminders:

o Outstanding teams to submit registration fees and Team Sheet

o Maximum of 12 players per team – if teams have any issues with this please contact a member of the committee asap

o Providing food and buying drinks are not compulsory

AOB:

MJ – suggestion of change of league format to play 6 singles first and 3 pairs to play all legs

o Votes for – 7 Votes against – 16

o Motion not carried

Meeting Closed.