

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Merseyside Quiz Leagues held at Old Swan Cons Club on Sunday 22nd April 2012 (commenced 8pm)

Attendees; Frank McFarlane, Dag Griffiths, Cliff Houghton, Jack Bennett, Brian Thompson, Bob Wilkie, Angela Houghton, Val Gannon, Elaine Bates, Brian Bates, David Hodgson, Angela Doyle, Paul Davitt, Peter Deakin, Alan Ainsworth, Ray Oakes and Matt Murphy, representing thirteen teams.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Brian Cunningham, Bill Thomas and Karen McDonald.

2. The minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes, having been circulated to all teams, were accepted as a true and fair record of the meeting. Proposed by Val Gannon and seconded by Bob Wilkie.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's report

The Chairman thanked all those who had worked for the MQL and for the local leagues, councillors, officers and players. He also asked council to remember Peter Richardson, a Vice-President of the league, who had passed away recently.

5. General Secretary's report

The General Secretary thanked the Assistant Gen Sec, all the area Gen Secs, the question distributors and question setters. Competitions had run successfully helped by prompt submission of question sets. The Feeny and Rendon Cups were under way but with reduced numbers of participants. He gave a reminder of the impending finals and presentation nights.

6. Treasurer's report

The accounts had not been audited as expense claims had been late. There had been a loss of nearly £800 on the season but this had been allowed for in setting the subscriptions last year. Registration moneys would be needed as early as possible in the summer to meet early season expenses. It was felt that economies could be made; discussions would be held at MQL council meetings. The Treasurer proposed an increase in the annual fee from £17 to £20, this was carried.

7. Assistant General Secretary's report

The Assistant General Secretary thanked the question distributors, there had been few problems with set submission during the season but he asked that provision be made for the Question Distributors to hold some spare sets in case of difficulties.

8. Election of Officers

The President took the chair for the election of the Chairman,
Chairman: Frank McFarlane Prop; Jack Bennett Sec; Angela Houghton
General Secretary: Cliff Houghton
Treasurer: Dag Griffiths
Deputy Chairman: Jack Bennett
Deputy General Secretary: Brian Thompson
Auditors: Paul Davitt and David Hodgson
The officials were re-elected en bloc.

9. Proposals There were two proposals, both from the MQL Council.

- 1.** That the Feeny and Rendon competitions be discontinued.
- 2.** That the Merseyside Challenge Cup is open to entry from first division clubs from all areas and that a new competition is formed to run alongside the Challenge Cup and be open to all other teams.

After much discussion it was resolved that the Feeny and Rendon competitions be continued but in an amended format, the sixteen qualifying teams meeting at four venues, four teams at each venue playing to a winner, the four winning teams meeting later at a venue to decide the winner. The second proposal was then withdrawn.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm