

**Minutes of the Council meeting of the Merseyside Quiz Leagues held at Old Swan
Conservative Club on Sunday 11th September 2011 at 8:00 pm**

1. **Apologies:** Were received from David Hodgson, Brian Cunningham, Ronnie Woods and Jim McGrath. **In attendance** were Frank McFarlane, Cliff Houghton, Dag Griffiths, Brian Thompson, Angela Houghton, Jack Bennett, Brian Bates, Elaine Bates, Bob Wilkie, Val Gannon, Alan Ainsworth and Bill Thomas.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting:** The previous minutes having been circulated were accepted as a true and fair record.
3. **Matters Arising:** Wirral had 30 teams arranged in two divisions therefore requiring extra weeks to the season.
4. **Chairman's report:** The Chairman had no report.
5. **General Secretary's report:** The question distribution plan had been completed and circulated to Gen Secs and Question Distributors. Handbooks had so far been received from four areas
6. **Treasurer's report:** Fees had been received for 130 teams although some had been late causing a minor cash flow problem. 3000 envelopes had been purchased for the coming season.
7. **Assistant General Secretary's report:** The system for the submission of question sets was working and sets were being received.
8. **Area reports:** **Liverpool** – All in order after the first matches. **Northern** – No report. **Ormskirk** – no report. **Southport & Formby** – All OK. **Warrington** – All OK. **Wirral** – Presentation Night would be on September 25th at Oxtou Cons Club featuring a Pairs competition.
9. **Competitions:** **President's Trophy** and **President's Shield** dates had been circulated. The finals of the **Merseyside Challenge Cup** and **Mimir Trophy** would be held at the Unison Club, St Helens during week commencing 21st May 2012. **Feeny & Rendon** – Finals would be held at St Charles Parish Club, Aigburth Road, Liverpool along with the final of the MQL Plate on Thursday 19th May 2012. The MQL heat of the **Mimir Trophy** would be at New Brighton Cricket Club on Weds 21st March 2012. **Merseyside Challenge Cup** - there was a mistake on the website showing some fixtures incorrectly, this had been rectified.
10. **AOB:** None.
11. **Next meeting:** Sunday 11th December 2011 at 8pm at Old Swan Cons.