

CQL 2014/15 AGM – Sunday 29th March 2015

Minutes – notes taken by Chair (CDS):

1. Chairman's welcome including taking apologies
CDS apologised for late arrival; following a power failure at home he provided hand-written agenda. Noted that all committee members were present except Nick who had sent apologies. Noted that all seven teams were represented.
2. Minutes of last AGM
With no printed version to hand, CDS did not sign anything. However, the consensus of the meeting was that the minutes of the last AGM were a true and accurate record. There were no matters arising which were not to be covered elsewhere in agenda
3. Treasurer's report including recommendation for 2025/16 subscription
Andrea Green gave a summary of the accounts, already circulated. Accepted by meeting. Discussion on subscription was deferred until later in the meeting but eventually the meeting agreed to maintain subs at £20 per team assuming we remain a league in its current guise.
4. Review of scoring protocol – average vs nil for quiz writers
Proposal from Chair: that we revert to awarding the writers of each quiz the average score rather than nil.
Following discussion of the year's trial, the meeting agreed to revert to awarding the quiz-writing team the AVERAGE score rather than NIL. (Vote taken on one-per-team basis; five teams in favour, two against.)
5. Review of knock-out phase
Proposal from Chair: that the knock-out be decided in a single, final match of the year; questions to be provided by an independent volunteer or the Chair; handicaps as now; all teams play the first half; in the second half the lowest two teams get knocked out at the end of each round until only two left to go through to the bitter end.
Following discussion, and noting consensus against his proposal, CDS withdrew his proposal. The format for the knock-out will thus remain as for this year's knock-out. In particular, whilst noting some voiced concerns, the meeting agreed that handicaps continue to be applied to both weeks' scoring.
6. Making it easier to field teams
Proposal from Chair: that any given team comprise THREE or four players; that any given venue fielding two teams can use "floating" reserves able to play in both A and B teams.
Following discussion - and noting in particular the views of the Dicky A and ROB representatives, neither of whom could see the need for a "floating" reserve - the meeting decided against the chairman's proposal and agreed instead that once a person plays for any given team they cannot play for another team that season.
7. Making it easier for quiz masters
Proposal from Chair: that question writers provide TEN questions for each round, so that there is always a relevant spare.
Following discussion and a show of hands (for 8, against 4) (it was spotted that some teams couldn't agree amongst themselves), it was agreed that question-setters provide TEN questions for each spoken round so that the spare question is relevant to the round.

Proposal from Chair: that questions can only be right or wrong. Completely right for two points otherwise passed on with no clues given; one bonus point available for a completely right answer.

Following discussion, the meeting agreed (by consensus) with the proposal that questions can only be right or wrong. The team being asked the question must get it completely right for two points, otherwise the question is passed on with no clues or points given; a completely right answer must be given to be awarded a single bonus point.

8. Format of league:

If seven teams, then no change required.

On current intent as voiced at the meeting, it is anticipated that there will be seven teams for 2015/16 and so no change in format is required.

However, the following proposal was discussed as a contingency to be considered as necessary if the league wishes to retain a competitive element with fewer teams. (An alternative would be in effect to abandon the league as such and instead invite venues to put on a series of all-team friendlies.)

If fewer than seven then proposal from Chair: in any given week, three teams A, B & C play a scoring match; team D provide the questions and ALSO host a friendly at their venue for teams E & F and any locals who happen along. (This should be made easier by running it as a written quiz, hence the 10 questions per round above.)

Team D get the average scored by A/B/C. Teams E & F also get the average but only PROVIDED they field a team of at least two players at the friendly.

9. Committee for 2015/16

With no alternative nominations forthcoming, the current committee members stay in post for a further year. However, it was noted that the Chair will have to change at the next AGM.

10. Registration for 2015/16

Registration will be at the Red Lion, East Bergholt, from 8:00 pm until 9:00 pm on Sunday 20th September.

The first fixture will be an all-team friendly Sunday 4th October, host/venue t.b.c. but first refusal with the Case Carriers who will check viability with the Carriers.

With no AOB raised, the Chairman presented the prizes:

- KO winner was the Dicky A (trophy & perpetual shield); runners-up were Dedham (trophy)
 - League winner was the Dicky A (trophy & perpetual shield); runners-up were the Lion Lings (trophy)
- and closed the meeting.

ADDENDUM – I forgot to invite a report from our results/website guardians. My abject apologies: I'm guessing all is well and assume everybody is happy to continue as now (especially as nobody put up their hand to take it over).

My retrospective thanks go to all members of the committee and also to Derek who has been looking after the fixtures algorithm.

Charlie Stannett

30th March 2015.