

MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE LIVERPOOL QUIZ LEAGUE  
Held at Aigburth People's Hall, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**Present;**

35 members representing 22 teams;

P Davitt, B Thompson, K Clare (Aigburth People), F Smith (Aigburth Swans). A Doyle (Bishop Eton), B Hynes (CI Edwardians), A Brooks J Fennell (CTK Cavaliers), D Cotson (CTK Wanderers), F Jablonski (Duncan's Doughnuts), M Shore, P O'Callaghan (Eleanors), C Leech (Exiles), G Poole (Judges), S Scholes R Zatz (Kluggers), K McDonald (Leyfield Crown), J Forshaw (Monstrous Regiment) J MacGregor, D Simms (Palmy Army), C Quinn, M Kerr (Rainhill Victoria), P Whelan, L Armstrong, J Bidston, D Bidston, (Residents), J Lloyd (Sefton CC) D Woods, B Stogdale, (St Francis), P Devaney (St Patricks) L Straughan (Top Shed), F McHugh (Tramway) D Wright, L Wright J Bennett (Triangle),

**Apologies for Absence:**

D Grimes, J Campbell, J Curphey, J Platt, F McFarlane, S Roberts.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the AGM held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2014 were agreed as a true record, Proposed by S Scholes, Seconded by D Cotson.

**Chairman's Report**

The Chairman gave his report following a point of order raised regarding the agenda and the need to promote the League and bring in new members and teams, it was agreed that this would be the subject of further discussion and action in Council, and that Council had full power to appoint or co-opt members as necessary in order to achieve this goal. He reported that it had been a difficult year, in fact a difficult two years, but made no excuses for not doing as much as he should have done. There were certain things that concerned him. There had not been a council meeting and that he accounts should be available at every meeting. He had been in discussion with Liverpool Echo regarding their daily quiz and possible reference to MQL associated with it. He is tasked with arraigning this in the next few days.

He thanked the officers for their effort over the last year

**General Secretary's Report**

The General Secretary reported that since the 2013/2014 AGM, the 2014 Riley Cup was a success with 41 teams taking part, with the scratch team Rainhill Victoria winning the competition. The number of teams had increased for the first time in a number of years with CI Edwardians returning to the league. The Mimir heats had 16 participants with Rod Moore winning the Arthur Evans Shield. Eight contestants went through to the MQL heats.

He thanked; the vetting group for their work on Liverpool sets, raising the standards of the sets we send to MQL; Frances Mason for her work typing LQL sets and for her assistance with 2014 Riley Cup questions; Angela Doyle and Brian Thompson for organising the 2014 Summer League; Keith Clare for arranging the fixtures.

Questions sets for next season, so far 21 teams have returned sets, nine remain outstanding.

**Treasurer's Report**

K Clare reported a small loss last season, unusual in a year when we pay for the Riley Cup competition. He expects a loss again this year, however this is not unusual in a year when we pay for the Riley Cup. Fees should remain the same unless MQL raise their fees (PMN fees will remain the same as MQL have kept their fees at the same level) Discussion regarding possible sponsorship took place.

### ***Results Secretary***

A Doyle reported that there are few complaints regarding teams sending in their results, however, there is no excuse if they email the results for them taking until Friday to arrive. The results must be with her on a Tuesday.

There is a tendency for teams not to complete the score sheet correctly, it is important for teams to indicate which went first and which went second, six teams marked fewer than six sheets.

Statistics, average scores are down on last season, there were no games in which all 64 questions were answered, only one in which 63 were answered. Nine players got a full house.

Statistics will be posted on the website.

### ***Other Officer's Reports***

#### ***Division One.***

B Thompson reported that the President's Trophy was played by all Division One teams except Wirral and Northern. The competition was won by Ormskirk, with Liverpool coming second. The Liverpool team was made up of C Quinn, M Kerr, A Doyle, R Moore, B Thompson and S Scholes, they played six games and won three drew one (Ormskirk) and lost two.

#### ***Division Two.***

F McFarlane was not able to be present at the meeting, however, he sent a report. Southport and Formby won the Competition. Liverpool 2A beat Liverpool 2B in the Final of the Presidential Challenge by 1 point on the last question

A vote of thanks was passed for the work that Frank McFarlane does organising this competition

### ***Election of Officers***

Chairman. Three nominations had been received for the post of Chairman. Jack Bennett, Mark Kerr and Frank Smith. Before voting took place Jack Bennett announced that after consideration he had decided to withdraw his name.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the General Secretary and this was agreed by all. It was also agreed, that in recognition for the work carried out by Jack he should be President of Liverpool Quiz League. This is for a period of three years.

Both candidates addressed the meeting and the election was carried out by secret ballot on the basis of one vote per team. The result was Mark Kerr 13 votes, Frank Smith 9 votes. Mark Kerr was duly elected as Chairman.

Mark Kerr took the Chair

The General Secretary, Treasurer and results secretary had indicated their willingness to continue in office and were returned nem con

*Officers for 2015 2016 season*

Chairman	Mark Kerr
General Secretary	Paul Davitt
Treasurer	Keith Clare
Results	Angela Doyle.

*Division Secretaries*

One	Brian Thompson
Two	Frank McFarlane

**Resolutions**

Three resolution has been received the deadline

*Resolution One*

'We should return to 3 divisions to make the competition more interesting especially for any new teams entering'

Proposed by Residents, Seconded by Triangle

Following lively discussion the teams voted and the result was 12 for, 1 abstention and 8 against. The resolution was carried and Liverpool Quiz league will be composed of Three Divisions for the 2015 2016 season.

*Resolution Two*

'AGM to be held the Monday night after the last game of the season, as people are used to being out on Mondays this could encourage greater attendance and participation'

Proposed by Residents, Seconded by Triangle

The resolution was discussed and the votes were as follows, 12 for, 5 against. The 2016 AGM will be held on a Monday at a time be agreed by Council.

*Resolution Three*

'To arrange for teams to receive the score sheets from when their questions were used, so that results can be analysed for question setting in future'

Proposed by Residents, Seconded by Triangle

Brian Thompson advised that he does had information and will provide what information he can give. The question vetters would also provide information to the teams. It was agreed that there was no need to vote on this matter.

The AGM closed at 9.20pm

It was agreed that Council would meet on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015. To discuss how we move forward in promoting the league.