

2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Updated Tuesday 15 September 2015

Held on Thursday 10 September 2015 at HMRUFC

Teams represented: Alexandra, Bulls Head, HMCC, HMRUFC, Horse & Farrier,
Little Jack Horner, Printers, Railway, Railway Tiviot Dale,
Smart Italics, Star, Sun and Castle.

Apologies: Chunky, Fingerpost, Railway Fliers, Tame Valley, Traveller's Call.

1. 2014 AGM Minutes

The [minutes of the 2014 AGM](#) were approved.

2. Election of Committee

The [committee](#) was re-elected for the 2015–16 season.

3. Financial matters

- a) The [accounts for 2014-15](#) were approved. A payment of £25 (overlooked at the time) was made to Greg Spiller in recognition of his efforts in setting the Presentation Night Quiz in May.
- b) It was agreed to keep the subscription fee at £35 for 2015–16. Any teams yet to pay their subs should do so as soon as possible.

4. 2014–15 Season

- a) The 2014–15 [final league placings](#) and [Cup and Plate results](#) were confirmed.
- b) Bulls Head and Tame Valley are relegated to the B Division for 2015–16 and will be replaced in the A Division by the Railway and Railway Fliers.

5. 'Non-domestic' competitions

- a) Stockport's representatives in the 2015–16 WIST Champions Cup will be: Alexandra, Railway Tiviot Dale, Smart Italics and Travellers Call.
The first round will take place on **Wednesday** 11 November 2015.
- b) Stockport's representatives in the 2015–16 A-Trophy will be: Bulls Head, HMRUFC, Printers and Railway (a.k.a. Lokomotiv Stöckpört).
The first round will take place on **Wednesday** 11 November 2015.
- c) The traditional WIST Trophy pre-season friendly against the Withington League will be at 8.30 pm on Thursday 17 September at The Albert Club, Withington.
The following teams have been invited to provide (two) members of the

Stockport squad: Alexandra, Chunky, HMCC, Railway, Railway Fliers and Smart Italics.

6. Number of teams/format for 2014–2015 season

a) There is no change in the number of teams for 2014–2015, so the format will remain the same: a nine-team A Division and eight-team B Division. Knockout competitions will also use the same format as last season. Provisional league and knockout fixtures will be approved by the committee before being circulated to teams in week beginning 14 September 2015.

b) There are a number of venue and/or name changes for the 2015–16 season:

The Smart Alex have a new home and name. They will be the second team based at The Printers Arms in Cheadle and will be known as the [Smart Italics](#).

The Chunky have also 'moved' and will now play home matches at the Armoury, Shaw Heath.

To reduce the number of possibly confusing Railway-related team names the Railway Tiviot Dale have kindly agreed to revert to their former name and will once again be known simply as 'The Tiviot'.

7. Proposals from teams

a) **Question setting for knockout finals**

It was agreed that the Cup final questions will be set by the two Plate finalists and vice versa.

b) **Substitutions**

An amendment was agreed to the league rules relating to the use of half-time substitutes. Rule 3.1 has been amended with the bold text below:

*For any match a team shall consist of no more than six players. **If a team has an extra player available, ONE substitution may be made at half-time. A team intending to make such a substitution must make their opponents aware of the nominated substitute before the start of the quiz.***

c) **Nominated Charity**

It was agreed that we keep the system introduced last year, in which teams select (by voting on the night) a charity to receive the money raised at the Christmas Quiz.

d) **Maundy Thursday**

It was agreed to discontinue our policy of not playing matches on the day before Good Friday and fixtures will therefore be scheduled for Thursday 24 March 2016.

8. Dates for 2015–16 season

The following dates were agreed for the 2015–16 season:

- Pre-season friendly v Withington: Thursday 17 September 2015
- First matches: Thursday 1 October 2015
- Christmas Quiz: Thursday 17 December 2014
- Re-start after Christmas: Thursday 7 January 2016
- Presentation night: Thursday 19 May 2016

9. Any other business

- a) With immediate effect The Pineapple will no longer be the collection point for question sets. Question setters should leave their question papers at the [Railway on Wellington Road](#).
- b) Teams yet to pay their subscription fee for 2015–16 should send a cheque for £35, payable to 'Stockport and District Quiz League', to Dave Badley at: 33 Shaftesbury Avenue, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire SK8 7DB
- c) As (most) teams sharing a venue can't both play at home on the same night there is an unavoidable impact on the 'balance' of the fixtures. Although every effort has been made to avoid it, please show some understanding if your team has a run of consecutive home/away fixtures. There is no problem with the Railway and Tiviot playing at home on the same night as the Railway has sufficient room to host two matches simultaneously.