



All-Party Parliamentary Group for Snooker
Annual General Meeting,
Tuesday 28 February 2023 in W1, Westminster Hall

Minutes

Attendees

Nick Smith MP (in the Chair); Baroness Chapman of Darlington, Judith Cummins MP, Kerry McCarthy MP, Conor McGinn MP, Gavin Newlands MP, Dr Rupa Huq MP, Gerard Jones MP, Anna McMorrin MP, Jeff Smith MP

In attendance: Jason Ferguson (World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association), Chris Hornby (World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, and Secretariat), Nicolas Heslop (Yorkbury Associates Ltd)

Apologies

Received from Sir Gavin Williamson MP.

Minutes of AGM 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2022 had been circulated and agreed as a correct record.

Election of Officers

The following were elected as Officers of the Group:

Co-Chair: Nick Smith MP (Lab) Blaenau Gwent

Co-Chair: Greg Smith MP (Con) Buckingham

Vice-Chair: Sir Gavin Williamson MP (Con) South Staffordshire

Vice-Chair: Conor McGinn MP (Lab) St Helens North

Vice-Chair: Gavin Newlands MP (SNP) Paisley and Renfrewshire North

Vice-Chair: Kerry McCarthy MP (Lab) Bristol East

Vice-Chair: Ian Murray MP (Lab) Edinburgh South

Finance Report

The finance report was presented by the Chair and agreed.

Secretariat

It was agreed WPBSA shall act as Secretariat, supported by Yorkbury Associates Ltd.

AOB

The chair reported the Group's activities since the last AGM. The highlights included support to the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association in raising of sport in the UK, particularly in securing elite and community level support.

Jason Ferguson, Chairman of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association was invited to verbally update members. He advised on the strength of snooker over 200 counties, the growth of junior snooker including 160 in the Junior Masters. He thanked MPs present for their support and campaigns for saving clubs within their own Parliamentary constituencies. A question and answer session followed including structures across the world, women in support, community hubs and how best to raise the profile of the sport in Parliament. Members discussed future meetings of the group.

Thanks was passed to the Secretariat for its support.