

Minutes - Paphos 8 Ball Captains Meeting 10 June 2026 @ Crazy Spoon

Present: Crazy Spoon - Andrew Mc Cullough
Noor – Kellie Knight & Simon Watkins
Petsas Rangers & Paphos 8 Ball – Mark Phillips & Michelle Aldous

Meeting Bar – Gary Miller
Crazy Gang – Lee Setterfield

Not Present: Petsas Restaurant, Two Pints & Aces

1) Team Changes/New...

1. New - 2 pints & a Half with Panos from Aces as Captain
2. New - The Crazy Gang – Lee Setterfields new team playing at Crazy Spoons
3. New Venue – Kellies team moved from Godfather
4. Aces not playing Summer Season

2) Teams for Summer Season

1. Petsas Restaurant
2. Petsas Rangers
3. Crazy Spoons
4. The Crazy Gang
5. The Meeting Bar
6. Two Pints & a Half
7. Noor – *Can Kellie has been turning players away. MA to meet up with Kellie to discuss 2nd team*

3) Summer Draw on website – 17/6 - Noor vs Rangers, Restaurant vs Spoons, 2 pints vs Meeting Bar, Crazy Gang vs Bye. As we have 7 teams, every team will have 2 byes. When a team is not shown on an upcoming fixture, they will have a bye that week

4) Review:

- 1) **Accounts** incl. sponsorship, trophies, pool tops & charities – MP
 - i. MP ran through accounts and after paying for league republic, presentation evening expenses and income from registration, sponsors, Jimmy White Tickets, Break and Dish, we are in credit by 300 euros
 - ii. Discuss Paphos 8 Ball Team tops. Plan to have these sponsored so free for everyone. Wide range of colours available. Consensus was positive.

2) **Football cards** – a great way to build funds 50% towards charity or match food/50% winner – everyone agreed good idea. MP to get scratch cards with 20 places.

5. Knockouts – The double elimination went really well. It was a good idea to keep teams playing. Singles knockout - ensure that when the tournament is split between 2 bars, that there are no preferences and everyone goes into the random draw.

6. Leagues - Spring & Winter moving into Summer

1. Format 6 singles, doubles etc. Much discussion on whether to bring back doubles into the league – consensus no, stick to 6 singles.
2. When team only has 5 players and the 6th player MUST be DRAWN from the 5 players present. YOU CANNOT PICK THE PLAYER.
3. Player Pool: The idea of creating a pool of players who are not signed up with any team but may be available for a game. A team short of players one week can ask for a player to be assigned from the pool for the night. MA/MP to pursue further.

5) **Handicaps** – the report which explained the process taken, aims, reviews and handicap allocation was not read by most captains. It is hard to discuss when people do not know information. Brief overview given. Handicap has worked very well bringing matches much closer together, even with playoffs... very competitive and more enjoyable for more people. Crazy Spoons are not happy with decision to only reduce their handicap from -2 to -1. See attached Appendix A.

6) **Choosing colours - we reviewed 3 options**

- 1) Current – 1st legally potted ball including off the break
- 2) Previous – Break and nominate to choose a colour
- 3) **Blackball Rules – chosen**

Rule 2: Choosing Colours

- a. Break and ignore all potted balls. The table is “open”.
- b. Colours are decided by the 1st legally potted ball.
- c. The table is still “open” if a ball from **both groups are potted**.
- d. If there is a foul, the subsequent player has a “free” table for their 1st shot and can hit/pot either coloured ball. For the 2nd visit, the table is “open” and remains open until the 1st legally potted ball is allocated to that player.

7) **Rule 6:c – Remove rule** – when ball in hand and placed behind line, it is not permitted to *move* white ball with cue. Act allowed.

8) **Other rules?** We looked at 3 additional rules 1) stalemate, 2) Unsportsmanship & 3) slow play – no further action. “Skills/Combination Shots” were discussed and we agreed to introduce them.

Rule 3: Playing the Game – e. Combination Shots

- Object balls from **both groups can be potted without penalty** in a single 'combination' shot.
- Combination shots do not have to be called.
- The balls may drop into the pockets in any order but the 'on' ball must be struck legally first.
- Attempting to complete a combination shot that results in only potting your opponent's ball is a foul shot.”

Combinations shot using the black ball to win the frame

- **Potting both balls**, play your remaining group of ball(s) first onto **the black ball** to win the frame
- **Where you are “on” the black**, you can hit the black onto your opponent's ball potting both balls to win the frame
- **After a foul**, the opponent takes his turn with 2 shots **using the “free” shot** to play an opponent's ball onto the black ball to pocket the black and win the frame. In this instance you do **not** need to pot the opponent's ball.

9) Weekly write ups. – both Mark & Michelle spend a lot of hours doing these every. Are they read/wanted. **Move to summary with photos**

10) Every club should have rests available – **agreed**, but Simon wants a chair!!!

Appendix A - Handicaps

Sport handicapping is a method used in competitive sports to create a more level playing field by adjusting scores or conditions to equalize participants' chances of winning. This practice allows less skilled players to compete against more skilled opponents, making the games fairer and often more enjoyable for participants and spectators alike. [Sport handicapping | Sports and Leisure | Research Starters | EBSCO Research](#).

Where the Crazy Spoon argument does not stand up. The team play for a Snooker & Pool Club. Most of the Crazy Spoon pool team play snooker with some playing in the snooker league. This includes the owner, an ex-professional snooker player who runs the snooker league and plays in the pool team.

In the Crazy Spoon Snooker League you are given a handicap.

- If you do not win, you stay on that handicap.
- If you win you are given a harder handicap.
- In the next league, if you do not win, your handicap stays at the more difficult level – it does not get easier just because you did not win.

By contrast the Paphos 8 Ball Pool League offers a zero equal starting handicap

- Upon winning, the difficulty of handicap adjustment depends on the size of win. Spoons won by 12 points, given -3 handicap. The range is no handicap to -3.
- They won the Plate Knockout. Reviewed to -2 with recognition of change from 6 singles & 3 doubles to 6 singles and less overall legs
- Next league: No win - depending on where you finish in the standings, the handicap is made easier by either -1 or -2.
- Spoons finished in the top half of the standings and their handicap was reduced to the easier level of -1 (not staying the harder level as in the snooker league).
- If they had really struggled and finished in the bottom half, they would have received a -2-adjustment taking their handicap to zero.

Playing in the snooker league at Crazy Spoons, they accept a handicap difficulty adjustment is made for a win and maintained for future leagues/losses.

Yet playing in the Paphos 8 Ball Pool League, the more generous conditions are not acceptable to Crazy Spoon. They were given an initial handicap of -3 which is now down to -1 in under 4 months.

That is reactive, very fair and in line with the principles of handicapping.