



DICE & BOLTER

Annual General Meeting
5th June 2023 8:00pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome

- i. Apologies (Chairman - Matt B)

2. Committee Updates

- i. Action Tracker Review (Secretary - Mike)
- ii. Finances Review (Treasurer - Ian)
- iii. Memberships Review (Membership Officer - Paul)
- iv. Inventory Review (Quartermaster - Matt C)
- v. Youth Provision Review (Youth Officer - Rich)
- vi. Game night updates (Co-opted Member - David)
- vii. 40k Tournament Terrain (Co-opted Member - Luke)
- viii. Events Update (Various)
- ix. End of Year Summary (Chairman - Matt B)

3. Committee Elections

- i. Chairman (Currently Matt)
- ii. Secretary (Currently Mike)
- iii. Treasurer (Currently Ian)
- iv. Membership Officer (Currently Paul)
- v. Quartermaster (Currently Matt C)
- vi. Youth Officer (Currently Rich)
- vii. Co-Opted Member (Technical Support - Currently David)
- viii. Co-Opted Member (Youth Support - Currently Luke)

4. General Business

- i. AOB

5. Next meeting

- i. Interim Meeting
Date TBC (Q3/Q4)

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| 1. | Welcome |
| 1i. | <i>Apologies</i> Apologies given for Committee Chair Matt Brazier and Co-Opted Committee Member Hodgy. |
| 2. | Committee Updates |
| 2i. | Action Tracker Review (Secretary - Mike) Completed <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The D&B website has been updated with new blog entries, graphics and full Committee Member details○ Lots of purchases - please see QM update below○ To aid new Members, Committee Members now have lanyards for visibility on the night and an introduction to your Committee has been posted on Facebook○ We have reviewed the number of Committee roles/posts and for now we believe that the size of the Committee is still able to serve the needs of the Club at current size○ Lots more actions covered in following updates. In progress <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ New venue update - bit of a none update really. No new dates have been announced. Levens Village Committee have begun selling of the quarried stone, which will go toward further funding○ The Committee were approached by a Kendal pub with the offer to host a regular games night in their upstairs space. Brave Committee Member Paul sacrificed an evening to drink and investigate the venue. Unfortunately, the venue size and resources such as tables would be adequate for our needs, even small games so we have declined the offer at this time○ RPG provision update - I have been working on expanding the Club RPG offerings and many thanks to Ed & Howard who have volunteered to add new D&D games to the regular rota - the places for these were quickly filled! Also, due to my recent absence from the Club for medical reasons I would like to personally thank Sam P & Rich for covering my groups for me with exciting adventures until I return! We still need more volunteers to run any kind of RPG, but there are plans afoot for yet another group given the influx of new Members wanting RPG slots |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We have had serious discussions around Affiliate Clubs given the growth and Members wishing to start other nights outside of Thursdays. While we are not intending to expand the official Dice & Bolter branded Club and constitution we have decided to provide support and will begin work on a 'Start a gaming club' Starter Pack and offer our time and expertise ○ Storage & terrain - please see QM update ○ Other funding - we are researching the possibility of applying for additional National Lottery funding, this is still ongoing ○ We will now be posting all Club documentation such as agendas and minutes on the Facebook site for all to see for complete transparency. We did not do this previously due to privacy reasons but we are confident that we have a closed Member-only group now ○ We have looked pre-set table layouts for busy nights - please see later update. |
| 2ii. | <p>Finances Review (Treasurer - Ian)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Finances for year end are very healthy - over £1,300 in the Club account. We are happy at holding a large reserve as we believe there may be large additional costs when we move to new venue ● Can we please remind people to pay promptly when using PayPal to reduce the amount of administration in identifying and chasing late payers. If you are struggling financially, then please do just reach out to Ian ● We will be looking at another merchandising order run to give opportunity for new members to grab D&B branded dice, mugs, hoodies etc- there will be a Facebook poll to determine appetite. Always happy to hear new suggestions for merch! ● There was a medium spend on some D&B branded banners which we have several uses in mind for, but will help for organised events ● A reminder that when purchasing your hobby goodies that we have affiliates links you can use that gives cash back to the Club - we've raised £50-60 already this year! |
| 2iii. | <p>Memberships Review (Membership Officer - Paul)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Membership growth has been phenomenal, from 73 last year to 149 as of this meeting! ● Advertising is currently restricted to word of mouth, which seems to be working brilliantly; but special thanks to Will (games Workshop) and James (Kendal Market) for all their support and recommending us to their customers! ● It's summer and boy is it hot - so a quick hygiene reminder to make sure it's a pleasant environment for all. Let any Committee Member know if you feel there is an issue and we can have a quiet word! |
| 2iv. | <p>Inventory Review (Quartermaster - Matt C)</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lots of purchases over the year - Our final element games order came through with lots of terrain & mats. We invested in WH40k tournament terrain which seems to have gone down great. As the Club has expanded, we have outgrown the Institute resources so we have also purchased new tables (& table cloths) and mats ● Storage Review - we have identified new storage opportunity under the stairs and we will be looking at maximising storage with new shelves or boxes ● Full stock review is planned - clear out unwanted/unused terrain/resources, repack boxes, make repairs and look at hanging mats for easy storage and identification ● Reminder to contact the Quartermaster (or any other Committee Member) for any purchase requests. |
| 2v. | <p>Youth Provision Review (Youth Officer - Rich)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Been a great year and the trial Youth provision has gone well ● No plans to expand youth provision at this time |
| 2vi. | <p>Game night updates (Co-opted Member - David)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There has been experimentation with different table layouts to make sure we can cope with busy nights so please let Committee Members lead when setting out tables! Can Members also make sure they respond to the weekly Facebook poll so that busy nights can be anticipated ● Another reminder to use sign-in sheets! Please remember to do this as soon as you arrive ● A call to ALL MEMBERS to please take care when packing boxes away - a number of breakages have been found ● Probably won't be applicable for a while, but remember to turn off any heating if you put it on! |
| 2vii. | <p>40k Tournament Terrain (Co-opted Member - Luke)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Committee purchased a couple of sets of official WH40k Tournament Terrain sets. The Club WH40k League players will have priority for using these. Volunteers for painting have been sought and it is acknowledged that more sets would be desirable. However, we are holding off from purchasing additional at this stage until the requirements for the new WH40k edition are understood |
| 2viii. | <p>Events Update (Various)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● After discussion we are looking at two different types of events - Club Member Organised and Club Run events. If Club Members are looking to run their own events, such as tournaments then please speak to a Committee Member to see how the Club can support you through advertising, sponsoring or possible prize help! ● Here are some events we are considering: |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Club run Warhammer World 2023 trip, currently looking into costing transport ○ Club run WH40k 10th Edition celebration & a chance to get to grips with the rules on the day (UPDATE - this went ahead on Saturday 24th June and was enjoyed by all! It was free to attend with added pizza!) ○ Hodgy will be looking at organising a Bloodbowl tournament (None NAF). |
| 2ix. | <p>End of Year Summary (Chairman - Matt B)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Committee Members gave a summation of another fantastic year on behalf of Matt B who could not be with us. The Club continues to grow and go from strength to strength with many exciting opportunities ahead. |
| 3. | <p>Committee Elections</p> <p>Members were again invited to stand and vote in yearly Committee Elections as per the Club Constitution & Rules documents available on Club website.</p> |
| 3i. | <p><i>Chair</i></p> <p>Uncontested - Matt Brazier remains Club Chair.</p> |
| 3ii. | <p><i>Secretary</i></p> <p>Uncontested - Mike Williams remains Club Secretary.</p> |
| 3iii. | <p><i>Treasurer</i></p> <p>Uncontested - Ian Loxam remains Club Treasurer.</p> |
| 3iv. | <p><i>Membership Officer</i></p> <p>Uncontested - Paul Wiliiamson remains Club Membership Officer</p> |
| 3v. | <p><i>Quartermaster</i></p> <p>Matt Carr stands down. Luke Alwyn stands. Luke Alwyn becomes Club Quartermaster.</p> |
| 3vi. | <p><i>Youth Officer</i></p> <p>Uncontested - Rich remains Club Youth Officer.</p> |
| 3vii. | <p><i>Co-Opted Member 1</i></p> <p>Uncontested - Hodgy remains Club Co-opted Member 1.</p> |
| 3viii. | <p><i>Co-Opted Member 2</i></p> <p>Luke Alwyn stands down. Matt Carr stands. Matt Carr becomes Club Co-opted Member 2.</p> |
| 4. | <p>General Business</p> |
| 4i. | <p><i>Club Board Games – Nicki</i></p> <p>Nicki made the Committee aware of the current state of board games and their uptake at the Club. A number of experienced board gaming Members have given up their time to teach those new to board gaming a variety of board game types, but without them organising play themselves there is a lack of effort from others to bring in or learn new games. We opened this discussion to all attending and a number of ideas were suggested. One was that the Club holds a number of</p> |

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| | <p>popular board games (of various styles) so that they are always available for those wanting a game. If storage is a problem, then the games can be held off site and rotated into venue storage. UPDATE: Nicki has kicked this initiative off, please see the 'Game of the Month' Facebook post for more details. A number of great board games have also been donated for Club use. It was generally agreed also that boardgames do better downstairs in the Dungeon with the RPGs for both noise and space reasons.</p> <p>ACTION: Committee – Action added to Tracker to monitor and discuss further initiatives. Maybe appoint someone to oversee board games in the same way as Mike oversees RPGs?</p> |
| 4ii. | <p><i>RPG Dungeon Masters - Sam P</i></p> <p>Sam reiterated the need for more Dungeon Masters to run role playing games at the club. Indeed the appetite is there and there are currently plans to introduce a new game very shortly. Mike Williams is also looking at encouraging players to turn their hand to the dark art of Dungeon Mastering and will be offering complete support for newbies.</p> <p>ACTION: Committee – This is an existing and ongoing action.</p> |
| 4iii. | <p><i>3rd Party/Proxy Models - Will T</i></p> <p>Will asked about the attitude toward 3rd Party models or Proxies at the club, given our 'special relationship' with Will at GW for example. The agreed response is that the Committee has no opinion on the matter. It is up to Members if they wish to use proxies, 3rd party or 3d printed models, it is purely a matter between themselves and their opponent (though it was deemed polite to inform opponents of use of proxies beforehand). Use of official miniatures was enquired about for the likes of D&D and other RPGs but it was pointed out that it was never part of the culture and the current official lines are a recent development in the long history of D&D after many, many failed previous versions! This is really only a potential issue for certain types of games, mostly GW based or similar skirmish games, on a case by case basis. However, the following points were made and agreed during the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Heritage games such as Bloodbowl has always welcomed 3rd party miniatures because the full range was never available! Frostgrave encourages use of any miniatures even though they have their own range! It's very game dependent. ● Some recent skirmish games require WYSIWYG official models to avoid confusion, for fairness and to aid gameplay ● If you are playing in an organised Club League there may be rules already set out for this - to play within the League you must adhere to the rules of the League! ● Recast miniatures are a different subject entirely, and are technically infringing copyright. No-one present condoned use of recasts and they would be seen as morally objectionable. <p>ACTION: Committee – No action to be taken, but interesting debate!</p> |
| 4iv. | <p><i>Charity Events - Will T</i></p> |

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| | <p>Will enquired about any charity fundraising efforts and if the Club has adopted any charity in mind. This has been discussed before and there have been polls previously.</p> <p>ACTION: Committee – There is already an open action for this. Look again at the possibility of charity fundraising opportunities and determining an appropriate local or relevant charity.</p> |
| 4v. | <p><i>Merchandise - Will T</i></p> <p>Will enquired about further D&B merchandising, such as other types of logo clothing, dice trays, objective markers, stickers etc. All ideas have been passed to Ian for further consideration!</p> <p>ACTION: Committee – Existing, ongoing action</p> |
| 5. | <p>Next meeting</p> |
| 5i. | <p><i>Interim Meeting</i></p> <p>Aiming for Q3/Q4 2023 based on when Mike gets prodded to arrange.</p> |