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President signals renewed efforts to recruit more clubs to the Union

Union President George Dawson CMD used his address at the 153rd Annual Meeting on April 9 to signal a renewed effort on the part of the CIU leadership to actively recruit new clubs to the Union.

Mr Dawson stated his belief that the CIU should be targeting the estimated 6,000 unregistered clubs which exist in the UK with a view to bringing them under the auspices of the Union.

He said: "The number of clubs lost to the Union is the smallest number for a considerable number of years – in fact, returning to pre-Smoking Ban levels. The Union now needs to start recruiting instead of contracting.

"Our high was in the mid-70s when we had 4,000 clubs and in no year since 1976 has the Union had more clubs in membership than the year before. We must start recruiting and our procedures at Head Office have been updated to facilitate this.

"We've also introduced a model Rule Book for unregistered clubs, of which there are an estimated 6,000 in England and Wales.

"I ask you to support the National Executive Committee (NEC) to recruit clubs to the Union so they can enjoy the benefits of being part of an umbrella organisation. Please help us to recruit new clubs and bring back into the fold those who have left."

Mr Dawson also suggested that the Union would be looking into the issue of providing financial assistance for member clubs which are struggling.

He said: "I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge that some members would like to see financial help for clubs. This has been discussed and we have asked the West Midlands Branch to investigate the legal aspects of this.

"This complete change in Union policy needs to be investigated. If the NEC just throw money into 'no hope' cases, we would be, quite rightly, criticised for not managing the assets of the Union prudently."



Union President
George Dawson
CMD

In his address, General Secretary Ken Green CMD highlighted the importance of the Union's education programme and gave details of a new course which is expected to be rolled out to members later this year.

He said: "Along with one of our partner breweries, Carlsberg, and CPL Training, a new education programme is very close.

"We have produced manuals covering legislation and management procedures, and hope later this year to roll out an accounts package to enable us to provide a successor to the same-day programme.

"The NEC believe education is an extremely vital component of the services we provide as a Union.

"We are still receiving claims for arbitration from club members who feel they have not been dealt with in a fair manner.

"It is imperative that Club Committees follow their Rule Book to the letter, or they run the risk of having a decision overturned at arbitration and bad members being allowed back into the club."

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Newbottle WMC win CIU Quiz title

Newbottle WMC, Tyne and Wear, have been crowned Dransfields CIU National Quiz Champions for 2016 after winning the final held at the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool on Conference Weekend.

The winning quartet – Tony Gold, Clive Dunning, Mick Frith and Tony Walmsley – won the £500 top prize, beating last year's champions, Gosforth Empire Social Club from Newcastle upon Tyne, by a single point in a highly competitive encounter.

Taking third place was a team from the Clarence Club in Newport, South Wales, while the Ashford Road Club, Swindon, finished in fourth place.

● See page 5 for the final scores and more photos from the day