

Lancaster, Morecambe and District Badminton League
Committee meeting
Tuesday 18/7/23
Post AGM
SUMMARY NOTES

Attended: Nick Haigh, Jess Logue, Adrian Greenwood, Linda Simms, Gaye Jackson, Glenys Knowles, Sue Ward, David McGonnigal, Duncan Carr, Sandra Moody and Jan Lund.

1. Apologies - Lynne Williams and Shirley Hodgson.

2. Proposed new club in Division 3- Carnforth BC.

Playing venue - Carnforth Sports Hall

Playing night - either 7.30pm on Tuesday or Friday evening.

The Club is BE registered.

Club Chair - Neil Wilkinson

Secretary, Welfare Officer, Treasurer and Club rep on committee - Adrian Greenwood. Adrian will pass over some of these roles when the club grows and there are more seniors in the team.

The League Secretary spoke to Badminton England who advised that this is not against the rules but that it is not best practice to have a player from another club holding an position of responsibility in a second club.

Senior Players: Sandy Fowler and Neil Wilkinson.

Gordon Jackson will nominate another person from Ascension BC to be rep on the committee.

Discussion about what would occur if there was a Fair Play complaint against either Ascension or Carnforth. If either team were involved in the complaint they would not have a vote.

Adrian will ask Neil Wilkinson to be the Carnforth BC Fair Play rep and if not then the club will not have a vote as there would be a conflict of interest.

The League Committee voted to approve Carnforth BC to be included in Division 3.

3. Actions from the last committee meeting held 13th April 2023.

a) L&M District Badminton League Facebook. Jess's response had been previously circulated.

ACTION - Jess will amend the Facebook page name to 'Lancaster and Morecambe Badminton Player's Forum.

ACTION - Jess to create a page for the Lancaster, Morecambe and District Badminton League.

Only the committee can post on the page, conversations can take place on the page or comments can be turned off. Jess will manage this page. This page will be linked to the League Instagram.

Both actions voted in by the committee.

There has been another Facebook page set up in 2022 by Michelle Zhong called Lancaster Morecambe and District Badminton League and is linked to the League Baddersweb. No-one knows who Michelle Zhong is and she is not a League member.

b) Linda Simms to find out if Tournament Secretary can view the League accounts.

The bank informed Linda that the Tournament Secretary cannot be added to view but can be added as a signatory. Linda explained about 'joint and several responsibility' to Sandra Moody and she agreed that she would like to be added as a signatory as this would make running the Tournament easier.

The committee agreed to this action

ACTION - Linda Simms to have Sandra Moody added as a signatory to the League accounts.

c) Trophies and costs for engraving.

The committee agreed that the Division 1, 2 and 3 trophies still need to be engraved.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Due to the value of the Division 1 trophy the committee agreed that this would be presented at the End of Season Evening but then returned to the League Secretary for safe keeping, as it is uninsurable.

The League trophies still have a few years left with space for engraving and if it occurs that space is limited a wooden base can be added for plaques to be put on.

The cost of engraving of Tournament trophies last season was £330. The information is put on Baddersweb so the history is not lost.

ACTION - A vote to be taken at the next AGM of Tournament trophies are to continue to be engraved.

Discussion took place that individual trophies (£9.00+) might be replaced by boxed engraved medals (£4.50). This requires further discussion.

Also with no Finals night the League would miss out on approx £100 x2 of revenue. Can we run the raffle at the Tournament on other evenings - for further discussion.

d) Age of Veterans for end of season Tournament. Badminton England do not govern the regulations of local League so our League can amend the age of veterans to over 50. This was agreed by the Committee.

ACTION - League Secretary to include this information in the communication to Club Secretaries.

e) Date of the Mystery Mixed is Friday 15/12/23. Carnforth has been booked by Sandra Moody for this event but Jess Logue will contact Lancaster University at the end of July to see if they will book all 8 courts this evening for the Mystery Mixed free of charge as part of their Community Engagement programme.

ACTION - Jess to report to League Secretary when she has had a response from Lancaster University.

4. Actions and implications from the AGM.

a) 3 Divisions - agenda item 5

b) 'Teams in Div 2 can use players in the Div 3 pool/loan system if they are unable to replace an unavailable Div 2 team member with a player from a lower team in their own club.'

*All communication must be Club Secretary to Club Secretary only.

*Requests will be dealt with by clubs on a first come first served basis.

*If a club is approached for pool/loan players and say it is only on a week by week basis they are not being obstructive but cannot plan too far in advance. Every club will have different time scales.

*Process - First ask all players from lower teams in their club for availability to play up.

2nd - Contact a Club Secretary to ask if any of their POOL players are available.

3rd - Contact a Club Secretary to ask if any of their LOAN players are available.

c) 'During the playing season matches may only be postponed/cancelled due to playing hall unavailability. If a team cannot submit a full team, the resulting missed games are forfeited by that team and awarded to the opponent. Following the published season fixture's, clubs have until the start of the season to request rearrangement.'

Minimum acceptable number of players for a team to field is 5. (existing rule).

Agreed by the committee- If a match is cancelled the cancelling team to pay for the home team courts. (Existing rule).

5. 3 Divisions - promotions and relegations, as discussed at 2022 AGM and agreed by the League Committee.

Division 1- 1 down

Division 2- 1 up to Div 1 and 2 down to Div 3

Division 3- 1 up to Div 2.

Division 1- 9 teams

Bolton-Le-Sands A

Ascension A

Kirkby A

Sunnyside A

Ascension B

Kirkby B

Storeys A

Hest Bank A

Bolton-Le-Sands B

Division 2 - 9 teams

Sunnyside B

Storeys B

Bolton-Le-Sands C

Hest Bank B

Ascension C

Ingleton A

Bolton-Le-Sands D

Sunnyside C

Storeys C

Division 3 - 9 teams

Kirkby C

Brookhouse A

Sunnyside D

Hest Bank C

Bolton-Le-Sands E

Hest Bank D

Brookhouse B

Storeys D (new team)

Carnforth (new club)

This format was agreed by the committee.

6. Calendar of fixtures

Clubs submit team names, pool and loan players to Registrations sub-committee by 25/9/23.

With 9 teams in each Division, 18 weeks of Play are required.

Dates		Dates	
W/c 2/10/23	Start of season. Week 1	W/c 1/1/24	No matches
W/c 9/10/23	Week 2	W/c 8/1/24	Cup Week 1
W/c 16/10/23	Week 3	W/c 15/1/24	Week 12
W/c 23/10/23	Week 4	W/c 22/1/24	Week 13
W/c 30/10/23	Week 5	W/c 29/1/24	Week 14
W/c 6/11/23	Week 6	W/c 5/2/24	Cup Week 2
W/c 13/11/23	Week 7	W/c 12/2/24	Week 15

Dates		Dates	
W/c 20/11/23	Week 8	W/c 19/2/24	Week 16. Cup Semi-finals
W/c 27/11/23	Week 9	W/c 26/2/24	Week 17
W/c 4/12/23	Week 10. Cup handicap meeting	W/c 4/3/24	Week 18. Cup Finals on Friday 8/3/24
W/c 11/12/23	Week 11. Mystery Mixed 15/12/23.	W/c 11/3/24	Tournament
W/c 18/12/23	No matches	W/c 18/3/24	Tournament
W/c 25/12/23	No matches	W/c 25/3/24	Easter 31/3/24
		23/3/24 Saturday	End of season presentation event - Hest Bank

If a club has 2 teams in the same division and they have to play the home and away fixture before Christmas the club can play these matches the weeks before the season starts. The League Secretary must be advised of any match date changes.

7. A.O.B.

*ACTIONS - League Secretary to send list of Club Secretaries to David McGonnigal.

*Team names to be submitted to the Registrations Sub-Committee by 25/9/23.

ACTION - League Secretary to send request for club members with deadline and RSC email address.

*BIG HIT will be held 23-30/9/23. Badminton England are encouraging clubs to open their doors to communities with an aim of getting more people playing badminton.

*Sue Ward asked if any other clubs had received an email from the Local Badminton Club Directory? Some had received the information. BE are not aware of this and it was felt that it was a scam.

*Linda Simms informed the committee that Chris Foote had expressed an interest in the role of Treasurer when Linda steps down next year.

ACTION - League Secretary to ask if anyone else is interested in the role and deadline is 1/9/23. After that if Chris is still interested in the post he will shadow Linda this season.

*Linda Simms also informed the committee that Chris Foote mentioned that using the BE Tournament software may help with running the end of season tournament. The issue may be the number of events in the tournament.

ACTION - Richard Gardner has devised a programme and this will be tested on the Mystery Mixed on 15/12/23 and then reviewed.

* Sandra Moody requested clarification on this point- if a club has 2 teams in the same division a player from the higher team may not play down into the lower team. This is correct as it is against the rules.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Gaye Jackson
League Secretary