Lancaster, Morecambe and District Badminton League

Minutes of the AGM held at The Royal, Bolton-le-Sands.

Wednesday 27th June 2018, at 7.30pm

Chairman: Mike Tyrrell

1. Apologies for absence

Mark Wyatt - Hest Bank BC

2. The minutes of the previous AGM having been previously circulated were accepted by the meeting.

3. Matters arising: There were no matters arising from those minutes.

4. Chairman’s Report - Mike Tyrrell

‘The Lancaster, Morecambe and District Badminton League has seen massive changes in the administration this year.

Taking over from Brian and Hilary has not been easy especially with the registration changes to Badminton England system but Gaye, Adrian and Linda have done a fantastic job of holding it all together, so a big thank you to all three of you.

I would like to thank also the league committee who work tirelessly behind the scenes making sure that everything runs smoothly, doing the handicaps for Cups and tournaments and generally keeping the league running.

Thank you to all the Club Secretaries, this year has not been easy with all the changes, but you have all copes very well, so well done.

A big thank you to Ashley for running the Mystery Mixed competition in which the Youth Games participants have benefitted and also to Janet, Wendy and their many helpers at a very well attended end of season tournament.

Well done to all winners and runners up in all the competitions and hopefully many will have more success this year.

Thank you to Sunnyside Badminton Club for running this years dance at Lancaster Brewery, a very well attended evening with a lot of faces from the past showing up, a great band which meant I was on the dance floor all night, I think it was a fitting tribute to Brian and Hilary for 40 years service to this league, and also to mark 50 years of playing by Sue Brash.

The junior badminton league has been resurrected this year with teams from Lancaster, Hest Bank and Ripley, Ingleton, Heversham, Furness and Sedbergh.

We have also had three junior badminton tournaments. A big thank you to Dave McGonnigal and Julie Bridgeman for all they have done.

Also a big thank you to David Newton and all others involved in junior badminton.

It has long been thought that Badminton England thinks Birmingham is as far north as you can travel, but this year one of their reps has lost his way and found himself up here in Lancaster, thanks mainly to the hard work by our new secretary Gaye, they have put on and paid for taster sessions over the summer to en outrage new players into our league. Thanks to Adrian for making this happen.

They are also helping to bring more level one and two coaches into Lancaster area. Well done to all the new coaches and food luck to all that are going for their level two award.

Lastly I hope you all have a great relaxing summer and come back refreshed and ready for the new season come September.’

5. Treasurer’s Report - Linda Simms.

The Treasurer gave a verbal report covering the senior and junior league accounts.

The balance sheets were previously circulated.

Registration to the Lancaster League is £40 per team.

Lancashire League - initial invoices will be based on the number of initial registrations and a second invoice at the end of the season for additional players registered during the season.

Both set of accounts will be audited by Peter Bracewell.

The accounts were accepted by the meeting

6. Election of Officers

President - Shirley Hodgson, Chair - Mike Tyrrell and. ice-chair - Ashley Jones are moving into the 2nd of their 3 year term of office.

The positions of:

League Secretary - Gaye Jackson

Registration and Affiliations Secretary - Linda Simms

Fixtures and Results Secretary - Adrian Greenwood

Hon. Treasurer - Linda Simms

Hon. Tournament Secretary - Janette Lund

Hon. Cup Secretary - Mike Tyrrell

Hon. Auditor - Peter Bracewell

All post holders were accepted by the meeting to continue in their posts for another year.

7. Formation of the League

The League will be made up of 4 divisions of 8 teams. Torrisholme BC is unfortunately folding but Hest Bank is fielding a 4th team.

The calendar of events for the League 2018/19 will be devised and circulated to Club Secretaries.

The Mystery Mixed Tournament will be run again by Bailrigg BC and take place Tuesday 18/12/18.

8. Proposals

The proposals were previously circulated to club Secretaries so that they could be discussed at Club AGMs.

The Rule changes below are proposed by the League Committee and will be changed in the League Handbook 2018/19.

1. Rule 7 amendments have to adhered to by all clubs affiliated to Badminton England and so were not voted on.

2. Rule 10 d) amendment was accepted.

3. Rule 11a), b) and c) amendments were accepted.

4.Rule 13 amendment was accepted.

5. Rule 16 amendment was accepted.

Rules for the Riley and Hayhurst Cup

6. Rule 6 was accepted with a minor amendment - instead of ‘a player starred for that team’ to be changed to ‘a player eligible to play for that team’.

7. Rule 7 amendment was accepted.

8. Rule 9 amendment was accepted.

CLUB PROPOSALS

9.Proposal from Adrian Greenwood, Ascension BC - 1st Division Play off.

This proposal was accepted by the meeting.

10. Proposal 1 from Kirkby Lonsdale BC was accepted with a minor amendment of -‘up to 2 teams’ and ‘ This should be agreed with the opposition prior to the start of the season’. This will be added to the Rules in the League Handbook 2018/19.

11. Proposal 2 from Kirkby Lonsdale BC was not accepted by the meeting.

Proposals 12, 13 and 14 which all addressed a similar issue were not accepted by the meeting. The vote was for no change.

15. Proposal by Storeys BC - This proposal was not accepted by the meeting.

9. A.O.B.

1. GDPR - new data protection rules which affect all badminton clubs came into force on 25th May 2018. Badminton England have some templates on their website which may be of use to clubs. The League Secretary will investigate what clubs need to do to comply and email information to all Club Secretaries for their action, before the start of the new season.
2. Badminton England pricing for 2018/19 - This information was circulated today and is on the Badminton England website.
3. End of season dance - Torrisholme BC should have been running the end of season dance so this is now being organised by Ascension BC. The proposed date is 30th March 2019.
4. All junior clubs and senior clubs which have juniors playing in them, are required to have a nominated Welfare Officer. All Club Secretaries will be contacted by the League Secretary, before the start of the next season, to provide the name and contact details for their nominated Welfare Officer. The League Secretary will then bring these individuals together to explain the training they require, their role in more depth and the resources which are available to them. The League Secretary will also contact Emma Gibson the Badminton England Safeguarding lead to set a date for a fully funded Time to Listen course which all Welfare Officers must undertake.

The meeting ended at 9pm.