

Lancaster, Morecambe and District Badminton League  
Minutes of the AGM season 2018/19  
Held Tuesday 16/7/19 at 7pm

Chairman: Mr M. Tyrrell

1. Apologies for absence

Shirley Hodgson - President

Mike Whittaker - Kirkby Lonsdale BC

2. Minutes of the previous meeting, having been previously circulated, were accepted by the meeting.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's report - M. Tyrrell

'This year has been a difficult year for our league. We have lost two valued members in Ann Blundell and my very good friend and sometimes mentor Tony Barker. I am sure that you will all be with me in wishing their families our deepest condolences.

Also this year we lost our vice-chair Ashley, who has moved onto pastures new. Ashley worked tremendously hard for this league and also spent time helping out the Youth Games. He is a hard act to follow. I wish him well in his future ventures and hope he remembers us with fond memories.

I would like to thank all those who work tirelessly behind the scenes keeping the league running. Thank you Gaye, Adrian and Linda for your hard work. Mistakes have been made this year, remember they are all still fairly new in these posts, but as we gain more experience I am sure that we will all learn from these and hopefully make less in the future.

Thank you to the League Committee, we have had many meetings this year so thanks for turning up and putting your views forward. A great job done with the handicaps again in both the cup competitions and the tournament, so well done to all involved.

As always with Jan and Wendy at the helm for the tournament, it went very smoothly. I can't imagine anyone doing a better job so a massive thank you to you both. Also a big thank you to Ashley for running the Mystery Mixed to help with the badminton squad going to Aalborg Youth Games.

A big thank you to all Club Secretaries for all your hard work. I think most of you have now got a grip on the new registrations system, so well done.

Well done to all successful teams in the league and cup competitions and I wish you all success next season.

Thank you to Ascension BC for hosting a great night at Lancaster Brewery. Proving they can!

We had a very successful junior league and tournaments again this year so a big thank you to Dave McGonnigal and Julie Bridgeman for making this happen.

We now have three more Level 2 and a number of Level 1 badminton coaches in the area, thanks to funding from Badminton England. They have also helped fund Adrian's summer sessions which are proving to be very popular and will hopefully bring even more new players into our league.

To finish, hopefully you will all have a great summer and return ready to play come September.'

#### 5. Treasurer's report- L. Simms

Linda Simms gave the report below. The accounts to the year ended 31st May 2019 had been forwarded with the agenda.

'I hope that you all have sight of a copy of the League accounts. The league is in a very comfortable position, ending the year with a balance of £6038.28.

The tournament incurred a loss of £210.50, despite Carnforth High School again generously giving us a 25% discount on hall hire. Overall income is down around 14% on the previous year, probably due, in part, to the popular free entry offered to juniors.

The Bailrigg Mystery Mixed raised a further £334 for the Youth Games team, bringing the total given over the 2 years to £666.70.

The end of season dance raised £468.50.

The 2018 summer sessions ran for 9 weeks and incurred a loss of £487.40. From the £700 received from Badminton England following Adrian's successful grant application, £312.60 remains and is held with the league accounts. The 2019 hall hire of £700 has already been paid.

As a league we received bursaries for our new coaches from Lancashire Badminton totalling £1225, £1050 has been claimed and we have £175 still to be claimed.

Given the comfortable financial position, I (and Ascension) have put forward a proposal that clubs are not required to pay the £40 per team registration fee for this year.'

#### 6. Election of Officers

The President, Chair and Vice-Chair are moving into their third and final year of their terms of office. Due to Ashley Jones departure mid-season Nick Haigh has taken on this role.

President- Shirley Hodgson

Chair - Mike Tyrrell (Ripley BC)

Vice-chair - Nick Haigh (Bolton-le-Sands BC)

The committee positions below were approved by the meeting:

Hon League Secretary: Gaye Jackson (Hest Bank BC)

Hon. Registrations and Affiliations Secretary: Linda Simms (Bolton-le-Sands BC).

Supported by the Registrations Sub-Committee.

Hon. Fixtures and Results Secretary: Adrian Greenwood (Ascension BC)

Hon. Treasurer: Linda Simms (Bolton-le-Sands BC)

Junior League Representative: David McGonnigal (Ingleton BC)

Hon Tournament Secretary: Mike Tyrrell

Hon. Cup Secretary: Jan Lund (Kirkby Lonsdale BC)

Hon Auditor: Peter Bracewell.

Mike Tyrrell informed the meeting that next season will be his last running the Cup competition.

The Registrations Sub-Committee (RSC) and its membership were approved by the meeting.

RSC - Linda Simms, Nick Haig and Callum Douglas (Storeys).

It was agreed by the meeting that each club should have a representative on the committee, as agreed at the AGM 2017.

ACTION- Club Secretaries will be reminded of this before the next committee meeting.

#### 7. Personal Insurance

Badminton England insurance only covers 3rd party and if full cover is required, you are recommended to contact the Membership Dept at Badminton England who will assist with additional insurance cover information.

#### 8. Proposals

This section is to be read alongside the list of AGM proposals previously circulated to clubs.

The clarifications were accepted by the meeting.

Proposal 1, 2 and 3: These were not passed.

Proposals 4-10: The Bolton-le-Sands proposal was agreed by the meeting.

Multi-teams only.

Number of players- 3 ladies and 3 gents only.

Appearances for starred team- Minimum of 50% of league fixtures, pro rata for in season registrations.

Playing up rule - Maximum of 6.

Proposal 11: After discussion the meeting agreed to the proposition of Westmorland League Clubs entering our League, with the furthest point to be travelled by our League's clubs to be Kendal.

Proposal 12: Pre-season coaching - this was agreed by the meeting.

Proposal 13: Waiver of new team fees for one year - this was agreed by the meeting.

Proposal 14: Waiver of all league fees this year - this was agreed by the meeting.

Proposal 15 and 16: proposal 15 was agreed and wording in rule to be amended to 'not stronger than any players in teams above them.'

Proposal 17: Cup matches do not count in playing up numbers. This was agreed by the meeting.

Proposal 18: New rules to be voted on at AGM. This was agreed by the meeting.

Proposal 19: Starring players in order of merit. This was not agreed by the meeting.

Proposals 20: Highest merit player only to play if two teams from the same club are playing. This was not agreed by the meeting.

Proposal 21: Individuals can put forward proposals for voting at the AGM. This was not agreed by the meeting.

Proposal 22: Starring only 5 team members for one of a club's teams. This was not agreed by the meeting.

Proposal 23: Clubs allowed to rearrange own fixtures. This was agreed by the meeting.

Proposal 24: Clubs can rearrange matches if 3 or more of starred players are unavailable. This was not agreed by the meeting.

Proposal 25: Line judges at the tournament. This was agreed by the meeting.

Proposal 26: Score sheets and team starrings available from committee on request. This was agreed by the meeting.

Proposal 27: Fair Play Committee. This was agreed by the meeting.

#### 9. Any Other Business

Storeys BC - Inconsistencies of the starring system within the league and concern about Ascension not operating within the wider 'spirit' of the league.

It was felt that the rule voted in today on playing 50% of matches in a season would help to combat some of these issues. The setting up of the Registrations sub-Committee which will scrutinise registrations of players at the start of the season and in-season, will also address some of the concerns.

#### Hest Bank BC

Lack of fair play by Ascension BC. This was discussed with Storeys BC concern above.

End of Season presentation issue about poor behaviour and giving juniors alcohol at this event.

ACTION- It will be drawn to all clubs attention that this situation arose at the end of season presentation and that this behaviour is unacceptable.

The committee had already made a decision that Juniors would be asked to leave this event after the presentations. This was felt to penalise the juniors and agreed to be discussed again at the next committee meeting.

#### Tony Barker

Hest Bank BC would like to sponsor a trophy for a suitable league event.

ACTION - The Committee to discuss this and get back to Hest Bank BC. Mike Tyrrell suggested a trophy at the Youth Games.

The League to match Hest Bank's donation to the charity of Tony's families choice.

#### Committee

Introduction of the BaddersWeb system for next season.

All Junior clubs and senior clubs with juniors playing in them are required to have a Welfare Officer.

ACTION - The League Secretary will be contacting those teams who do not have a nominated individual.

The remit of the committee- It was agreed at the meeting that since all clubs will have Reps on the committee that if the committee feel comfortable to make a decision and are quorate that they do so and get on with the work supporting the league. If any club is unhappy with decisions made at the League Committee they can bring it to the next AGM.