

HASTINGS & DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Hastings & District Badminton League held at the Hastings United Function Room on Thursday 29th August 2013 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting was chaired by Helen Mattock

Present:

All registered clubs were represented save for Northeye

1. Apologies:

Will Savage, Alan Harman, Lynn McNaughton

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the previous AGM (2012) were circulated to club secretaries prior to the meeting.

3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising and the minutes were passed as correct.

4. Correspondence:

None

5. Chairman's Report.

Helen stated that all work done by the Committee had been completed online and there had been no need to hold any meetings this season. Any issues arising of which there had been few had been dealt with via email between committee members. Helen thanked Karen for her work as treasurer and also those other members of the committee in particular Mark in setting up the league website which was working extremely well and Les for his work as secretary.

6. Treasurer's Report:

Karen stated that there had been little activity in respect of accounts this season. The league finances were in a healthy position and there was a slight increase on the closing balance compared with last season.

There were no matters arising from the accounts.

The meeting unanimously agreed the accounts.

7. Match Secretary's Report:

Ian reported that his role had been made a lot easier with the introduction of the new website which meant that the league tables and match results were updated by clubs resulting in up to date league tables. The website was an excellent tool and was easy to use. With team captains updating results meant that work was shared in keeping the league tables updated.

Mark reported that it was pleasing that everyone had got to grips with registering the results in time. The league had 12 clubs, comprising of 31 teams in six divisions. 130 matches had been completed. He thanked all the team captains for getting the match results in on time.

8. League Trophy Presentations:

Karen Lloyd presented the trophies. Men's 1 - CSSA, Men's 2 – Homewood Ladies - St Johns
Mixed 1 - St Johns, Mixed 2 – Hailsham, Mixed 3 – Cranbrook

9. League Rules:

The Committee proposed the following amendments:

Amendment to Rule 8:-

8 (i) All existing and new clubs must register their teams with the Match Secretary at least 7 days before the AGM. Any team not registered will be ineligible to play.

The meeting unanimously agreed this amendment.

8(ii) Each player must be registered for a team at least 7 (seven) days before representing that team in a match.

Ian Tomlin stated that 7 days may be excessive and that perhaps 3 days' notice may be preferable to take account of sickness and late joiners. There followed a short discussion on this amendment to the amendment and the meeting unanimously agreed that the notice period should be three days. This having been agreed there was no need to take a vote on the amendment.

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8 (iii) Any player representing a club in a match must be a bona fide member of that club and be registered with that club with Badminton England.

The meeting unanimously agreed this amendment.

10. Election of Officers:

There were no nominations received prior to the meeting. From within the current committee nominations were: Ian Tomlin, (Chair). Les Rowley, (Secretary). Mark George, (Match Secretary). Helen Mattock, (Treasurer). Nominated as elected members: Elissa Seddon, Alan Harman, and Alex Godfrey who volunteered from the meeting.

The Officers and Committee were elected unanimously en block.

Ian Tomlin took over as chair for the rest of the meeting.

11. Any Other Business.

League Structure 2013/14 Season

There was a general discussion regarding the merger of the mixed divisions into two. A number of clubs (Hastings Juniors, YMCA and Rye) were of the view that such a merger would lead to fixture problems with clubs which also play in other leagues being unable to fulfil the additional matches.

The meeting agreed that the present mixed division structure would remain in place.

Men's Div 1 – Homewood expressed a wish to be placed in Men's Div 2 as they had not won a match when playing in Div 1. Battle who had finished as runners up in Div 2 were invited to move to Div 1 and they agreed to do so.

The remaining divisions were agreed as had been circulated by Mark prior to the meeting.

Meeting closed at 20.05

The fixture meeting followed.