

HASTINGS & DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Hastings & District Badminton League held at the Long Room, Hornbye Sports Centre on Tuesday 29 August 2017 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting was chaired by Mark Bright

Present:

All registered clubs were present

1. Apologies:

Elissa Seddon, Glen Lynam.

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the previous AGM (2016) were circulated to club secretaries prior to the meeting and were agreed.

3. Matters Arising:

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

4. Correspondence:

None.

Les did explain that the B of E were introducing a new membership scheme this season which required clubs and players to affiliate. Full details could be found on the B of E website.

5. Chairman's Report.

Mark read out a written report from Elissa in which she stated 2016/17 had been a good season. It had been good to see the Juniors progressing in the league and local tournaments. Clubs were encouraged to play fixtures as opposed to conceding matches. She would like to introduce a trophy for the best player in each division. (It was agreed to discuss this in AOB)
If there was enough interest the League was prepared to fund an Interclub tournament.

6. Treasurer's Report:

Mark presented the report and copies of the accounts were distributed to those present. The accounts showed a balance of £2,353.04p

The accounts were agreed unanimously.

Les proposed that considering the balance League fees be waived this season and this was agreed unanimously.

7. Match Secretary's Report:

Alex reported that the majority fixtures had been completed and that results were uploaded without any issues. He told the meeting that the web site was working well. He hoped to have the website up and running by the weekend for the new season.

8. League Trophy Presentations:

Mark gave details of the winning teams: Men's 1 - CSSA, Men's 2 – YMCA A Ladies - St Johns
Mixed 1 - St Johns, Mixed 2 – YMCA B

League Structure 2017/18 Season.

Hastings Juniors were withdrawing from the ladies' division and entering a mixed team in Mixed 2.

CSSA were withdrawing from Men's 1 and entering a mixed team in Mixed 1.

Homewood were entering a mixed team in Mixed 2.

YMCA were withdrawing from Mixed 1 and did not wish to be promoted to Mixed 1 or Men's 1 as they had lost a number of players.

There was some discussion regarding the imbalance of teams in Mixed 1 – 6 teams and Mixed 2 – 8 teams but the meeting decided to leave them as they were, and the matter would be reviewed next year,

9. Election of Officers:

There were no nominations received prior to the meeting. The current committee:

Elissa Seddon, (Chair). Les Rowley, (Secretary). Alex Godfrey, (Match Secretary). Mark Bright, (Treasurer). Elected members: Phil Jones, and Doreen Mackey were all prepared to stand again.

No nominations were received from the floor.

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All were elected unanimously

10. Any Other Business.

1. Trophies for Best Divisional Players

It was decided that the committee would draft some proposals as to the criteria to be used for nominating the best players and costing for trophies, these would be circulated prior to the next AGM.

2. Late cancellation of Fixtures

Linda (YMCA) raised the issue of away clubs cancelling matches at short notice whereupon the home club was incurring unnecessary expense in hall booking fees because the venue was unable to source another booking. The consensus was that when this took place a financial sanction should be imposed on the offending club. The view was that this should be an average booking fee. Clubs were asked to send Les information re their hall hire costs so an average figure could be found. A rule would be drafted to be voted upon at next year's meeting.

3. Sanction for Conceding Matches

Claire (HJ) raised the issue as to whether the present rule of a 9-0 winning margin in favour of the team not conceding was leading to teams using the concession as a tactical measure there was some discussion on this point with some clubs feeling that the 9-0 sanction was the appropriate measure to encourage teams to fulfil their fixtures to avoid the penalty. Les invited Claire to draft a proposed rule change so that it could be included in next year's agenda to be discussed and voted upon.

Meeting closed at 2005

The fixture meeting followed.