

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 28th August 2018 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting was chaired by Mark Bright

Present:

All registered clubs were present save for Artic Spa

1. Apologies:

Elissa Seddon, Glen Lynam, Doreen Mackay

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the previous AGM (2017) 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:

Les provided dates of the Eastbourne AGM, 3-Series Tournaments and Eastbourne Tournament

5. Chairman's Report.

None

6. Treasurer's Report:

Mark presented the report and copies of the accounts were distributed to those present. The accounts showed a balance of £2320.05p

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 without any issues.

8. League Trophy Presentations:

Mark gave details of the winning teams: Men's 1 – Homewood A, Men's 2 – Rye 2 Ladies - St Johns
Mixed 1 - St Johns, Mixed 2 – Cooden

League Structure 2017/18 Season.

Hastings Juniors were withdrawing their B team from Mixed 2.

CSSA were withdrawing from Mixed 1.

Homewood B were prepared to move up to Mixed 1 in order to balance the two divisions

St Johns are entering a men's team in Div 1 and withdrawing their Ladies team.

Homewood are entering a Ladies team.

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.

All were elected unanimously

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10. Any Other Business.

1. Trophies

The committee proposed purchasing new trophies for the league as it was felt that those held by the League needed replacing. Woodlands proposed that the present trophies be examined to see if they could be refurbished; if they could not be then replacements should be purchased. Les had some trophies relating to defunct tournaments, he would check this to see if they could be recycled. The meeting agreed to the purchase of new trophies in the event that those held could not be refurbished.

2. Late cancellation of Fixtures (Rule 25)

The proposed rule change re compensating home clubs for late cancellation of a fixture was discussed. There was some discussion regarding the seven-day notice period with Woodlands and Hailsham opposed to the seven days. The consensus from the floor was that most halls required seven days' notice to cancel a booking. YMCA suggested that the amount recoverable be capped at £30 and this was agreed. Woodland suggested that the wording of the rule be amended to 'will be entitled to seek to claim...' This was also agreed.

3. Combination League

Mark raised the possibility of running a combination league and handed out a fact sheet which gave details of the various formats. The intention was to give Ladies the opportunity to play more fixtures considering the reduced Ladies Division. The following clubs expressed an interest: - Cranbrook, St Johns, Rye, Cooden, Hastings Juniors and Homewood. The clubs interested favoured the Mixed Doubles Hybrid format.

Clubs who wished to enter a team were asked to email Mark and he would arrange the division.

4. Rule 31 Match Scoring

Cranbrook raised the issue of match scoring and the fact that it seemed unfair that a team winning the most matches may not win the division as had happened this season in Mixed Division 2 won by Cooden winning 10 matches whilst second place Hastings Juniors had won 12 matches. It was pointed out to the meeting that this was only the second time this had occurred since in six years.

Woodlands stated that the rationale behind the introduction of the rubbers scoring system was to encourage each team to put out three pairs as each rubber counted.

It was agreed to continue with the rubber scoring system.

Woodlands had drafted a format for matches where each team had only two pairs, which was not unusual in the Ladies division. This format would be circulated

5. Rule 26 Penalty for Cancellation

Hastings Juniors had proposed a change to the 9-0 rubbers sanction for non-compliant cancellation which it was felt may distort league positions. The rule proposed a minimum of 5 rubbers to the non-conceding team with additional rubbers added based upon previous results up to a maximum of 9 rubbers. The meeting felt that this was a convoluted proposal. The meeting was informed that the Brighton League imposed a minus penalty on the cancelling team. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the non-cancelling team should be awarded 5 rubbers and the cancelling team -4 rubbers. The current penalty would remain in place and the above sanction compared with the current penalty at the end of next season to what affect it would have.

Meeting closed at 2015

The fixture meeting followed.