



Bradford & District Badminton League

AGM Minutes

Date: Thursday June 13th 2013

Time: 7.30pm

Venue:

ShIPLEY & DISTRICT Social Club
70, Saltaire Road,
ShIPLEY
BD18 3HN

- 1. Opening:** Ashley welcomed everyone, thanked club officials for their hard work during the season and reviewed the 2012/13 season. The website had come into operation during the season and feedback was largely positive. Clubs had found it much easier to use than the old one. The fixtures and the leagues are updated on the website and are more effective than in recent years. However the effectiveness of this remains with individual clubs and their efficiency at getting in results in and notifying the league of any agreed changes to fixtures. This had been improved at the start of the season, but after Christmas scorecards stopped arriving in a timely fashion, which led to more delays and frustrations. The new rules around fines and point deductions for late score cards had not been activated during the season, we wanted all clubs to try and take responsibility without the use of punitive rules, but the new rules would be enforced for the coming season.
- 2. AGM 2012:** Minutes had been distributed prior to the meeting. Everyone had read the minutes and they were agreed by the meeting.
- 3. Treasurer Remarks:** Unfortunately the Leagues' treasurer relinquished their position at the start of the season. Ashley has kindly been looking after the account in the absence of the treasurer. The league had taken a small loss during this financial year, this was largely due to expenditure on the new website, in particular the set up costs.
- 4. Secretaries Report:** Matthew thanked Ashley for his hard work in keeping the league going and highlighted the continuing need to resolve the issue around the number of ladies playing badminton and the impact that this was having on clubs and the league. The committee had spent some time trying to listen to the players and club perspectives to which had led to some proposed rule changes to be voted upon this evening.
- 4. Election of Officers:** The present committee was asked to continue by the meeting. There was no nominations for the Treasurers position and this was left open with Ashley continuing to oversee the role for the immediate future.
- 5. Rule Proposal Changes:** Ladies Badminton. The meeting discussed at length the proposals that had been circulated prior to the meeting and had been discussed at previous meetings and then voted upon what to do. The meeting was unanimous in its decision to leave the rules as they were and to make no change.

- 6. Tournaments:** The Christmas Tournament had been better attended this year and will run again this year. The Higson Tournament had not run this year, not enough clubs had expressed interest in participating. This suggested that the tournament as it stood was not valued by clubs. There was discussion about the handicap element of the tournament and the way it was spread across the season had put many players off. The meeting agreed that the tournament needed to be changed and the idea of making the tournament into a one day event was favoured by the meeting. It was agreed that some work should be done on this and an update at the September meeting would confirm if the tournament would go ahead.
- 7. Presentation Evening:** This once again successful, although the turn out was slightly down on last year and not all clubs were participating. Thanks again to Helen Wilkinson for organising this.
- 8. Closing:** Ashley thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm