



Bradford & District Badminton League

Formed 11th September 1925

AGM Notes

Date: Thursday June 11th 2015

Time: 7.30pm

Venue:

ShIPLEY & DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB
70, Saltaire Road,
ShIPLEY
BD183HN

Clubs Represented: Allerton Congs, Baildon Bridge, Belle Vue, Bingley, Bradford & Shipley Civil Service, Brighouse, Crosshills, Eccleshill, Harrogate, Ilkley, Keighley Phoenix, Menston, Moorlands, Provident & Bradford College, Wilsden.

Apologies Received From: No Apologies recieved

Clubs Not Accounted For: Ilkley Moor, North Bradford.

Meeting Notes: Opens at 7.30pm

1. **Opening:** Ashley welcomed everyone, asked for apologies. No apologies made. Ashley referenced the entry forms, these were now due in today and were needed so that work on the league formatting and fixture setting could begin. An observation was made that the forms did not include Days on which people played... Clubs asked to notify the league if this was any different from last season.
2. **AGM 2013 Notes:** Were read at the meting and agreed.
3. **Chairpersons Report:** The season began with another reduction in the number of teams and shortly into the season more teams withdrew. Beyond this the season ran relatively smoothly. The main issue of the season was around players from higher leagues playing down at the beginning of the season. There is a rule proposal put to the meeting in relation to this. The main concern was towards the end of the season when a number of teams failed to field teams resulting in a lot of 9 - 0 rubbers being awarded that had significant impact upon the league. There is a rule change put to the meeting with regard to this.

Special thanks to Paul Staincliffe for his continued support as president.

The ladies league continues to be a major concern, with very few new ladies joining it maybe time to offer an alternative to the structured league format that is more flexible. Ashley will bring ideas with regard to this to the September meeting.

Tournaments: The Christmas tournament was a phenomenal success, the best in recent years, special thanks to Matthew Hunt and Paul Staincliffe for their help in running this tournament. The Higson Tournament was a great event. One team dropped out at short notice. Next season the tournament will be opened up to clubs outside the BRadford League.

The presentation night was well supported despite the change in date and will run at a similar time next season. Special thanks to Matthew Knapton and Dominic Phillips for organising the raffle and Sharron Dalby for collecting the money on the door.

4. **Treasurers Report:** A summary sheet was available for members to look at. A small loss has been incurred this year, but the league still has sufficient reserve to continue without any changes to fees.
5. **Secretaries Report:** There has been much publicity over the last few years regarding the shrinkage of clubs and in particular the uptake of ladies playing in the league. Good news is that Otley Badminton Club have expressed interest in joining the league which will bring 2 or 3 new teams into the league should they choose to do so. The challenge over the next 12 months is to find a treasurer and ensure that the league was not dependant on the efforts of one person. All clubs are asked to take this back to their respective clubs to try and source a volunteer.
6. **Match Secretaries Report:** This season has improved in terms of missing score sheets. Thanks to everyone for their efforts with this. We have also improved in getting score sheets in on time, this has been mostly through the email which has worked well. We were lucky with the weather this year with very few matches being lost to the weather. or through loss of venue. However towards the end of the season there were numerous conceded matches which had significant impact upon league positions. For the coming year clubs need to improve upon the rearrangement of matches and the communication of this to the league... A reminder that the rules do indicate that new dates should be offered within 14 days... these also need to be communicated to the League Match Secretary. A reminder that all time sheets can now be emailed to resultsbradfordleague@gmail.com
7. **Election of Officers:** No nominations received. The meeting voted to for the committee to serve another term. Ashley, Chairperson, Matthew Secretary, Sharon Match Secretary. Treasurer: Vacant (Ashley care taking).

8. Proposed Rule Changes:

Rule 10 Registration and Entry Fee

- **iv:** All players shall be registered with the League Match Secretary **and if a club has more than one team it must nominate the 1st team players who are not allowed to play in lower teams.** The rule change was discussed and it was referenced that existing rules would allow the committee to consider requests for changes to the nominated top team in the event of circumstances relating to return from injury etc.. The rule was voted upon and carried by 11 votes to 8 at the meeting.
- **1x:** The final date for clubs to register new players for their higher division teams is the 1st February,. Where a club has only one team in a league section, that club may register new players after the 1st Feb. **(Delete - with the approval of the executive committee).** The change in wording of this rule was accepted by the meeting without opposition.

Rule 14: Incomplete Teams:

- **v: (New Rule) In the event of a team not fulfilling a fixture with any pairs; an average number of rubbers will be awarded (at the end of the season) to the non offending team.** This rule was accepted by the meeting without opposition.

Rule 19: Score Cards:

- **i:** Both teams are responsible for keeping a copy of the score card and in addition the home team is responsible for sending in the completed score card to the league match secretary, **the away team can send a copy in by email only**. This rule amendment was accepted without opposition by the meeting. It was noted that the home team still need to send a paper copy in, but they could email a copy as well to avoid the penalties for late score arrivals. In addition reference was made to a longer term objective of moving towards an email only system.

Rule 20: Postponements & Re-arrangements:

- **i:** Matches should not (Remove the words **be normally**) be postponed and may only be postponed in exceptional circumstances. In conjunction with this **rule ii: In other circumstances postponements may be agreed in kind by mutual consent of both clubs involved (To be removed)**. Discussion clarified that the objective was for postponements to only occur in relation to; Hall availability, Weather conditions or personal safety of players. The change in wording on i: together with the deletion of rule ii was accepted by the meeting without opposition.
- **iii:** Rearrangement of the fixtures must be organised by the league match secretary and communicated to both clubs. (**Delete - And communicated to the league within 14 days of the original fixture**. And in conjunction with the removal of **rule iv: Any postponed matches not communicated will be penalised and rule v if no dates offered.....** This rule change was discussed at length and was rejected by 11 votes to 9.

9. **Tournaments:** The Christmas tournament was particularly good this year. The new Higson Composite format also worked well although one team did pull out at short notice. This competition will be expanded in the coming season to include invitations to clubs beyond the Bradford League: Early entries are recommended to avoid disappointment.

10. Dates for the coming year:

- Fixture Meeting: 16/7/15
- Autumn meeting: 1/9/15
- Christmas Tournament: Sunday 3/1/16 (Zara Centre)
- Winter league Meeting: 18/1/16
- Higson Trophy: Sunday 24/2/16 (Trinity)
- Spring Meeting: Tuesday 15/3/16
- Presentation eve: Friday 3/6/16
- AGM Thursday 9/6/16
- Fixture Meeting 14/7/16

11. AOB: None

12. Closing: Ashley thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm