

**Minutes of the York and District Badminton League AGM  
held at RI, Wednesday 24 August 2011**

**Committee**

Life President	John Bellerby
Chairman	John Fowler
Match Secretary	Paul Hobman
Treasurer	Angela Hobman
Secretary	

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Katy Sargeant (Pocklington), Phil Grant (Rowntree), Richard Mounce (YUSC), John Prickett (Selby Drax), Stuart Robertson

**2. Trophies**

David Dewey (Badminton England) presented the trophies to the winners of the 2010/11 season. These were:

Ladies 1	Clifton A
Ladies 2	Clifton B
Mens 1	RI M/W A
Mens 2	RI M/W B
Mens 3	University Students C (trophy missing)
Mixed 1	RI M/W A
Mixed 2	Selby Drax A
Mixed 3	Fulfordgate A (trophy missing)
Mixed 4	RI T/T B (trophy to be returned at fixtures meeting)

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were read out & approved as a true record, subject to a couple of minor amendments. Proposed by Margaret Sinclair (Riverside), seconded by Tony McGale (Copmanthorpe).

**4. Election of officers**

Stuart Robertson had submitted his resignation to the committee before the meeting so Hazel Winfield had been approached by the committee to take on the role as secretary. The committee proposed that Hazel take on the role & as there were no other nominations Hazel was accepted by a majority vote.

The remaining officers all indicated their willingness to stand again & as there were no other nominations they were all re-elected.

**5. Chairman's report**

John reported that a committee for the Badminton Community Network had been established & work had started on developing the Leagues website which league & non-league players could access for information about clubs, results, tables & badminton news (both local & national).

John also noted that in a worrying trend both Shepherds & Terrys had withdrawn from the league. He also mentioned the fact that the number of un-played matches & late submission of match cards was a cause for concern.

John reported that an individual member of the committee had been approached & remonstrated with over decisions taken by the committee. He said this was unacceptable & emphasised that if any clubs had any issues with league decisions then the committee should be contacted via John as chair.

John thanked clubs that had been involved coaching juniors & seniors & encouraged them to continue this good work. John also thanked the clubs who had returned trophies for the meeting & requested that 2010/11 season winners had their trophies engraved before returning them for next year's meeting.

**6. Treasurer's report**

Angela presented audited accounts which showed a healthy surplus so it was proposed that league entry fees remain the same for the 2011/12 season. The accounts were accepted by the meeting & there were no questions arising.

## **7. Match Secretary's report**

Paul paid tribute to Stuart & thanked him for his contribution to the committee.

Paul congratulated Clifton as both their ladies teams had won their respective divisions, whilst RI had won three titles. He commented that Fulfordgate A had won mixed 3 by 1 point in a close division which saw 5 points separating the top 4 teams.

He stated that the fines situation was slightly improved on last year but pointed out that most of the fines had been levied due to the fact that cards had been submitted with missing club/date information.

Paul drew attention to the fixtures meeting which would take place the following week & gave the usual reminders about issuing copies of fixture lists to the other club secretaries, nomination of teams where necessary & the completion of fixtures by Christmas where clubs have more than 1 team in the same division. Paul also reminded clubs that fully completed scorecards must be submitted within 7 days of the fixture being played. League tables will continue to be published in The Press & on the York & District Communicate webpage.

Paul thanked Angela for her assistance with the compilation of the league records & wished all teams a successful season.

## **8. Rule amendments**

An amendment stating that plastic shuttles should conform to the rules of badminton & that prior notice to which type of shuttle to be given at the fixtures meeting was proposed by Riverside. This was seconded by Emma S'Ari (University Students). It was also suggested that Yonnex should be approached to request they donate a tube of their new type plastic shuttles to each league club.

Riverside proposed that a combined feather division (on the same basis as the Castleford & Pickering leagues) is created for 2012/13 season with no restrictions on players playing in the original league. A combined league would be created by the committee based on knowledge of existing teams. John to send the proposal to clubs for them to respond by the end of September. Riverside would then contact clubs to arrange friendlies during 2011/12 in order to try the combined format.

## **9. Formation of divisions**

After some discussion on the composition of the divisions a rule amendment regarding the formation of the divisions was proposed by Paul Newnham (Selby Jubilee) & Daniel Woolfson (Clifton) & carried by majority vote. The wording of the amendment agreed reads as "the league committee has permission to balance team numbers with priority on upper divisions."

After much discussion the following composition of the divisions for the 2011/12 season were agreed.

Ladies – 2 divisions of 6 & 6 teams

Mens – 3 divisions of 8, 7 & 7 teams

Mixed – 4 divisions of 8, 7, 7, & 7 teams.

## **10. AoB**

David Dewey gave an update on the work on-going in the area & mentioned that Clifton had moved its Friday night sessions to Energise. He also mentioned that there was space on the website for clubs to advertise.

John mentioned that he'd had a meeting with Stephen Butler of Forza who were interested in sponsoring clubs &/or the league. John to circulate details of offers on subsidised equipment, clothing etc.

A question was raised about public liability insurance & David Dewey mentioned this could be obtained by joining Badminton England at a cost of £10 per club member. Caroline Ryder (Fulfordgate) would forward details of their insurance to Paul Newnham (Selby Jubilee).

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.