

**Minutes of the York and District Badminton League AGM
held at RI, Wednesday 28 August 2013**

Committee

Chairman	John Fowler
Match Secretary	Paul Hobman
Treasurer	Angela Hobman
Secretary	Hazel Winfield

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Alexander Ray (YU Students).

2. Trophies

Paul Hobman presented the trophies to the winners of the 2012/13 season. These were:

Ladies 1	York RI A
Ladies 2	Selby Drax
Mens 1	York RI A
Mens 2	RI T/T A
Mens 3	Knavesmire
Mixed 1	York RI A
Mixed 2	RI T/T A (trophy not returned by University Students)
Mixed 3	RI T/T B
Mixed 4	Knavesmire

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were read out & approved as a true record. Proposed by John Prickett (Selby Drax), seconded by majority.

4. Election of officers

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

5. Chairman's report

John congratulated last season's divisional winners. John announced that Badminton England's regional Co-ordinator David Dewey had left & he had yet to have a meeting with his replacement. Once a meeting with the new representative has taken place John will update all clubs on Badminton England's plans for the York area.

He commented that Yorkshire are a dominant force in UK badminton having won Premier A. He also commented that the Yorkshire Junior "Summer School" had taken place in York, but there were no representatives from York. John stated that clubs need to encourage young players & asked if clubs have any junior players who they think will benefit from the experience next year to contact the Yorkshire Badminton Association.

He expressed concern at the number of late/incomplete score cards & the number of cancelled matches and highlighted that some clubs were repeat offenders.

John mentioned that from next year team entries would be requested prior to the AGM in order that the league composition could be agreed in advance rather than during the AGM.

John finished his report by thanking the league officers & wishing all clubs a successful & healthy season.

6. Treasurer's report

Angie presented the audited accounts to the meeting. The accounts showed a healthy surplus so it was proposed that league entry fees & fines remain the same for the 2013/14 season ie £5 per team entry & £4 fine per late card. The accounts were accepted by the meeting & there were no questions arising.

7. Match Secretary's report

Paul commented that 3 clubs had dominated the league in the 2012-13 season. York RI had reclaimed their Mixed division one title from Clifton by a 15 point margin. RI T/T had also won 3 trophies & Knavesmire were also congratulated for winning 2 trophies.

Paul announced that there would be 23 fines levied with the main reasons being the cards are received by Paul after the 7 day deadline or incomplete cards ie no names, dates, scores etc). Paul re-iterated that all clubs are to ensure that cards are fully completed (especially the date of the match) & posted to him so that it reaches him within 7 days of the match date. Paul also urged clubs to make every effort to play every match as last season 1 match was conceded in the first quarter of the season.

Paul mentioned that the fixtures meeting would take place the following week. For the benefit of new club secretaries Paul explained the process involved in agreeing fixtures, including the distribution of the league directory and issuing copies of fixture lists to the other club secretaries & himself as League Match Secretary. He also explained that the league entry fee would be due at the fixtures meeting as well as any fines incurred. Paul asked clubs to speak to him at the end of the meeting if they were uncertain about the need to nominate players.

Paul thanked Angela for her assistance with the compilation of the league records & wished all teams an enjoyable & injury free season.

8. Rule amendments

An amendment to rule 8.2 was proposed by the committee. Currently players who play for clubs with more than one team can only play for their A team twice before being tied & no longer eligible for their B Team. It was proposed to increase this to three times in order to assist some of the smaller clubs so that where possible clubs are able to field full teams for matches. Seconded by Tim Rowson (Selby Jubilee) & carried by majority vote.

An amendment to rules 6, 7.1, 7.2 & 8.2 was proposed by Riverside. The proposal was to incorporate a combined division into the existing league structure from 2014-15 season. Seconded by John Prickett (Selby Drax) & carried by majority vote.

Prior to the AGM Riverside also submitted a proposal to amend rule 16 so that all matches in the York & District League were played with synthetic shuttles. This proposal was subsequently withdrawn by Riverside prior to the AGM.

9. Formation of divisions

YU Staff Club & Pocklington (confirmed after the AGM) both withdrew their teams from the league. Huntington entered a new men's team & St Johns a Mixed B. The following composition of the divisions for the 2013/14 season was agreed as follows.

Ladies – 2 divisions of 6 & 5 teams

Mens – 3 divisions of 8, 7 & 8 teams

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

10. AoB

Pocklington announced they were unlikely to be able to form a team for next season so mentioned that if any club's were struggling for players this season they could perhaps help out.

There was a discussion about how to incorporate youth players into the adult clubs, but many present felt the real issue was how to encourage players to continue once they have left the youth set-up.

The Committee proposed that some of the League's surplus funds could be used to help/sponsor a talented junior at next year's summer school. Clubs were asked to send nominations for junior players (aged 11-17) to any committee member.

Paul reminded clubs that failure to provide him with a copy of their fixture list within 2 weeks of the fixtures meeting would result in a £10 fine.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.