

**Minutes of the York and District Badminton League AGM
held at RI, Wednesday 27 August 2014**

Committee

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

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

2. Trophies

Paul Hobman presented the trophies to the divisional winners for the 2013-14 season. These were:

Ladies 1	York RI A
Ladies 2	Tadcaster 86
Mens 1	York RI A
Mens 2	RI T/T B
Mens 3	Huntington
Mixed 1	Clifton A
Mixed 2	Selby Drax A
Mixed 3	Selby Drax B
Mixed 4	Riverside B

3. Minutes of the last meeting

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

4. Election of officers

All officers indicated their willingness to stand again & as there were no other nominations they were all re-elected. Proposed by John Prickett (Selby Drax), seconded by Margaret Sinclair (Riverside).

5. Chairman's report

John commented that this season's report could nearly be a repeat of the 2013 AGM as a number of the issues raised were still ongoing & would be discussed later in the meeting, such as the number of un-played fixtures.

John mentioned that the Yorkshire Restricted Tournament would be held at the RI on 27-28 September & encouraged people to enter.

John commented that there is a possibility of a change to the scoring system which is currently being trialled in several tournaments by the World Badminton Federation. The new system involves playing the best of 5 games to 11 with no setting. If this is adopted then this may be a discussion at next year's AGM.

John informed the meeting that the new National Badminton League commences on 6 October with 6 franchises participating. Matches will be televised live on Sky Sports. This also involves a new scoring system, more details of which are on the Badminton England website.

John finished by urging those in attendance to carefully consider the proposed rule amendments & thanked the league committee members for their work during the last year.

6. Treasurer's report

Angie presented the audited accounts to the meeting. Angie explained that the increase in engraving fees had arisen because clubs had not had trophies engraved in the past & therefore several year's winners had required adding. Angie also explained that the £16 secretary's expenses for the purchase of the domain name for the Y&D website. John added that since the accounts had been prepared the Committee had purchased an external hard drive to store Y&D information & would be passed to future committee members. The accounts showed a healthy surplus so it was proposed that league entry fees & fines remain the same for the 2014-15 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 gave a brief summary of the league season commenting on how each division was won.

Paul commented that the issue with late cards had improved & read out the list of clubs who had incurred fines for late/incorrect cards. Paul reminded clubs that fines should be paid along with league entry fees at the fixtures meeting which would take place the following week.

Paul explained that the movement of players between teams is monitored by the League Match Secretary to ensure clubs adhere to the League rules. The rule amendment proposed by the League Committee is aimed at clarifying this rule for all clubs.

Paul informed the meeting that for the 2014-15 season the Committee were proposing to trial the submission of results electronically. The match score card should be completed as at present with an electronic & hard copy being submitted to him as Match Secretary. If this trial is successful the aim would be to fully move to electronic reporting in future seasons.

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

8. Rule amendments

John explained the Committee's proposed rule amendments.

Rule 5.2 currently stated that the accounts would be audited by an annually elected Honorary Auditor. The amendment proposed by the Committee removed the requirement for the auditor to be elected annually but instead simply stated that the auditor should be independent of the person preparing the accounts.

The amendment to rule 8.2 clarified which teams players could play for once they had played in a higher team more than the permitted three times. There was also a proposal to include a new rule which stated that nominated players should play a minimum of 50% of their team's matches. In order to simplify rule 8.2 these new rules would become rules 8.2 to 8.4.

Both proposed rule amendments were accepted by majority vote.

9. Reporting of match results

John reiterated that the League would like to move to electronic score cards in the future & therefore a trial would be undertaken this season. Clubs were requested to email a copy of the fully completed score card to the Y&D results email address (yorkblresults@hotmail.com) & send a hard copy to Paul in the usual way. Electronic & hard copies must reach Paul within 7 days of the match being played.

10. Formation of divisions

The following teams withdrew from the league: Mixed - Rowntrees, St John's B, University Students B & C; Men's - University Students B, York RI C. St John's entered a new Men's B team.

John explained that due to the number of un-played fixtures the Committee had taken the decision to increase the number of Men's divisions from 3 to 4. It was hoped this would give clubs more flexibility with the aim being to ensure all fixtures are played. The following composition of the divisions for the 2014-15 season was agreed.

Ladies – 2 divisions of 6 & 5 teams

Men's – 4 divisions of 6, 6, 5 & 5 teams

Mixed – 4 divisions of 7, 6, 6, & 6 teams.

11. AoB

John reminded all clubs who had won trophies to have them engraved prior to returning them at next year's AGM.

John requested that clubs sent a copy of their fixtures list to the Y&D mailbox so they could be added to the Y&D website.

Paul suggested clubs who use plastic shuttles should contact Central Sports as he had found their prices competitive in the past.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.