

**Minutes of the York and District Badminton League AGM  
held at RI, Wednesday 19 August 2015**

**Committee**

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

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Knavesmire (Carol Bell) and University Students (Alistair Bochel).

**2. Trophies**

John Fowler presented the trophies to the divisional winners for the 2014-15 season. These were:

Ladies 1	Clifton A	Mixed 1	York RI A
Ladies 2	York RI B	Mixed 2	Riverside A
Mens 1	York RI A	Mixed 3	RI T/T B
Mens 2	Riverside	Mixed 4	Huntington B
Mens 3	Knavesmire		
Mens 4	Selby Jubilee B		

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were read out and approved as a true record. Proposed by Riverside, seconded by RI Tuesday/Thursday.

**4. Election of officers**

All officers indicated their willingness to stand again and as there were no other nominations they were re-elected en-bloc.

**5. Chairman's report**

John welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked clubs for attending. He congratulated the divisional winners and wished all teams good luck for the forthcoming season.

He mentioned that there had been issues regarding the submission of score cards but this would be covered later in the meeting.

John asked clubs to ensure that all players' serves complied with the laws of badminton. He asked that clubs reviewed the York and District rules with regards to choice of shuttles as there was a mis-conception that only 1 type of synthetic shuttle could be used which isn't the case. He also asked clubs to look at the testing of shuttles and said a copy of the World Badminton Federation rules would be circulated for clubs to review with regards to serving and shuttle testing.

John mentioned that the Yorkshire Masters team trials would be held at the RI on 13<sup>th</sup> September.

John finished by thanking the league committee members for their help and support and wished all players a successful and injury free season.

**6. Treasurer's report**

Angie presented the audited accounts to the meeting. Angie explained that currently the League had a surplus of £1,533.72. The accounts showed a healthy surplus so it was proposed that league entry fees and fines remain the same for the 2015-16 season. The accounts were accepted by the meeting and 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 trial of dual reporting hadn't worked as well as anticipated but this would be covered later in the meeting.

Paul reminded clubs the fixtures meeting would take place the following week. He also reminded clubs to exchange fixture lists after the meeting and to register players where clubs had more than 1 team in a section.

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

## **8. Rule amendments**

John explained the Committee's proposed rule amendments.

Rule 2 currently stated that the Committee comprised 5 members including a Tournament Secretary and Organiser. The amendment proposed by the Committee removed the requirement for this Committee position as it was currently vacant and had been for some time. This amendment was accepted by majority vote.

The amendment to rule 6 clarified that the league composition would be decided by the Committee in advance of the AGM and agreed at the AGM rather than the Committee preparing the composition during the AGM. This amendment was accepted by majority vote.

The Committee proposed that rule 14 be changed so that results have to be submitted electronically within 3 days of the match rather than by post within 7 days. After a long debate it was agreed by majority vote that the rule should be amended so that results have to be submitted electronically within 72 hours and the current fine replaced by a 2 point deduction for each late or incomplete card.

A new rule (10.4) was introduced whereby the home club must notify the League Match Secretary of any rearranged matches prior to the date of the match. This was accepted by majority vote.

## **9. Reporting of match results**

During the rule 14 amendment debate the following points regarding the reporting of match results were discussed.

It was acknowledged that it would be too onerous for the League Match Secretary to individually acknowledge receipt of every score card. It was suggested that the sender requests a read or delivery receipt and the Committee agreed to look into the possibility of adding an automated response to the Results mailbox. It was also agreed that clubs could send a test email to the Results mailbox at the start of the season which the League Match Secretary would acknowledge to confirm receipt.

Clubs were requested to keep their sent emails until the league tables had been finalised at the end of the season. In the event of any dispute over the submission of a score card and subsequent points deduction a copy of the original email would be requested by the League Match Secretary.

Clubs were requested to send 1 results card per email and make the email clear as to which match had been played.

There would no longer be any need to post a copy of the match card therefore no cards would be provided at the fixtures meeting. Instead the Committee had created a template which clubs should download from the York and District Badminton League website. It was suggested that the Results mailbox email address be added to the bottom of the score card.

Clubs were reminded to fully complete the score cards. Common issues in the past had included incomplete team or player names and no match date. Guidance on how to complete the match score card would be added to the York and District Badminton League website.

## **10. Formation of divisions**

The following team withdrew from the league: Mixed - University Students. Pickering entered a mixed team and York RI Colts re-joined the Men's section.

The following composition of the divisions for the 2015-16 season was agreed.

Ladies – 2 divisions of 6 and 5 teams

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

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

## **11. AoB**

There was no AoB.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.