

**Minutes of the York and District Badminton League AGM
held at RI, Wednesday 23 August 2017**

Committee

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

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Pocklington (James Neary) & David Lloyd (Adam Harvey).

2. Trophies

John Fowler presented the trophies to the divisional winners for the 2016-17 season. These were:

Ladies 1	Clifton A	Mixed 1	York RI A
Ladies 2	University Students	Mixed 2	Selby Drax B
Mens 1	Clifton A	Mixed 3	Pickering
Mens 2	David Lloyd	Mixed 4	RI T/T C
Mens 3	Tadcaster '86		
Mens 4	Pickering		

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record. Proposed by Riverside, seconded by majority vote.

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 apologised for the fact that the meeting clashed with the races & said the Committee would look at this for next year. He congratulated the divisional winners and wished all teams good luck for the forthcoming season.

He mentioned there had been difficulties in getting all the trophies engraved, a point that would be returned to for discussion later in the meeting. With regards to match cards he said that there had been varying degrees of returns. At the annual youth tournament there had been representatives from York & according to Badminton England badminton is flourishing in York. Whilst this may be true for social players this is not necessarily the case for league players. John encouraged all clubs to ask players to participate in matches.

John finished by thanking the league committee members for their help and support.

6. Treasurer's report

Angie presented the audited accounts to the meeting. Angie explained that currently the League had a surplus of £500.27. The accounts showed a healthy surplus so it was proposed that league entry fees remain the same at £5 per team for the 2017-18 season. The accounts were accepted by the meeting and there were no matters arising.

7. Match Secretary's report

Paul gave a brief summary of the 2016-17 league season commenting on how each division was won.

Paul said that the new way of reporting results electronically was ok for the majority of clubs although some clubs had had points deducted due to incomplete cards or late submission.

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. He also reminded clubs to send him a copy of their fixture lists within 14 days of the fixtures meeting & that failure to do so would result in a fine of £10.

Paul finished by thanking Angela for her help during the season & wishing all teams a successful season.

Following Paul's report John asked clubs to think about how else results could be submitted eg via a website.

8. Trophies

John explained that not all trophies were being engraved, whilst some were engraved at club's own expense. Clubs were asked if they still wished to receive the trophies, the general consensus being to keep the trophies. Angela explained the procedure for getting the trophies engraved ie take them to Pat Bowness where the League held an account. The cost of the engraving should be put n the League's account so there is no expense to the club. (Pat's details are on the Y&D website). It was suggested that photos of winning teams could be added to the website. Clubs were asked to send their photos to the Y&D mailbox (yorkbl@hotmail.co.uk) so they could be added to the site.

9. Rule amendments

John put forward the Committee's new rule re no-show for matches (15.7). The new rule introduces a penalty in line with the unplayed fixture penalty if a team fails to show on a match date that agrees with both/one of the club's fixture lists that have been submitted to the League Match Secretary. John reminded clubs to cross-check fixture lists & send a copy of the fixture list to the league within 14 days of the fixtures meeting. After some discussion regarding the implementation of the rule it was accepted by majority vote.

10. Formation of divisions

The following teams withdrew from the league: Mixed – Tadcaster B; Men's - RI Tues/Thurs C, Riverside, York St John University A & B. Ladies: York St John University. David Lloyd entered a Men's B, Ladies & Mixed teams & Pocklington re-joined the league with a Men's team. All Pickering teams were re-named as Ryedale & all Selby Drax as Selby. Knavesmire requested not to be promoted from Mixed division 4 to Division 3 but this was not agreed to by the Committee. Altogether 17 clubs had joined the league for the 2017-18 season.

After some discussion the following composition of the divisions for the 2017-18 season was agreed.

Ladies (12 teams) – 2 divisions of 6 and 6 teams

Men's (20 teams) – 3 divisions of 6, 7 and 7 teams

Mixed (24 teams) – 4 divisions of 7, 6, 6, and 5 teams.

11. AoB

The rule regarding shuttles was clarified ie clubs were free to choose which plastic shuttles to use as long as the shuttles conformed to the rules of badminton.

Clubs were reminded to bring the £5 entry fee per team to the fixtures meeting the following week.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.