

**Minutes of the York and District Badminton League AGM  
held at RI, Wednesday 29 August 2018**

**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).

**2. Trophies**

John Fowler presented the trophies to the divisional winners for the 2017-18 season. These were:

Ladies 1	York RI A	Mixed 1	York RI A
Ladies 2	Tadcaster '86	Mixed 2	York RI B
Mens 1	York RI A	Mixed 3	Huntington A
Mens 2	RI T/T A	Mixed 4	David Lloyd
Mens 3	Ryedale		

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record. Proposed by Riverside, seconded by RI Tues/Thurs.

**4. Election of officers**

Mat Hobman was elected as Match Secretary although Paul would continue to be involved with the running of the League. The other officers were re-elected en-bloc.

**5. Chairman's report**

John welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked clubs for attending. He congratulated the trophy winners and wished all teams good luck for the forthcoming season. He commented that there were still issues with clubs getting trophies engraved (it was mentioned that Pat would soon have to move out of her current premises so clubs were advised to contact her as usual in the meantime & the Committee would advise of any future changes).

John reported that although the League had been fairly stable in terms of fixtures there had been issues with late cancellations & re-arrangement of fixtures during the past season. He said good communication was essential & encouraged clubs to liaise with each other to try & resolve potential issues.

John said that the meeting was being held at the RI as it had been for many years & that the future of the venue & surrounding buildings was uncertain due to the potential re-development of the area. The RI is a mainstay of the York League & also Yorkshire County badminton & he wished them luck moving forward.

John asked all clubs to ensure that matches are played within the laws of the game & League rules so that people enjoy playing in the League otherwise the League will shrink.

John finished by thanking the League Committee members for their help and support during the season. He also encouraged feedback from clubs on how the League could improve & operate going forward.

**6. Treasurer's report**

The audited accounts were presented to the meeting, showing the League had a surplus of £598.75. As the accounts showed a healthy surplus it was proposed that League entry fees remain the same at £5 per team for the 2018-19 season. John commented that the League fines situation had improved & he thanked clubs for this. The accounts were accepted by the meeting and there were no matters arising.

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

Mat presented the match secretary's report on Paul's behalf.

The report stated this was Paul's fortieth & perhaps final report & that there had been many changes during that time.

The report mentioned that York RI had won the Ladies' Division 1, Mens' Division 1 & Mixed Division 1 & that Clifton had provided stern opposition to York RI. It also mentioned that Ryedale had won Mens' Division 3 without losing a match.

Clubs were reminded to submit fully completed score cards within 72 hours of the match & to submit any team nominations prior to the team's first fixture.

Clubs were also reminded to exchange fixture lists after the meeting & to send the Match Secretary a copy of their fixture list within 14 days of the fixtures meeting & that failure to do so would result in a fine of £10.

The report finished by wishing all teams a good season on behalf of the Committee.

## **8. Rule amendments**

An amendment was proposed to Rule 16 regarding shuttles. The proposal was that shuttles are tested at the start of a match & if they don't conform to BWF rules re testing a shuttle the home team should provide an alternative that does. If this isn't possible the match should be played but the result not count & points awarded as per the League's rule re cancelled matches (15.3).

There was some discussion about whether clubs should use different types of shuttle depending on the weather conditions. After some discussion the proposal was amended so that the shuttle should be tested & the score card amended so that the type of shuttle used should be noted & both team captains have a tick box to comment on the shuttle's performance.

The amended rule was accepted by majority vote.

## **9. Formation of divisions**

The following teams withdrew from the league: Mixed – RI Tues/Thurs C, York St John University. The University Students entered a Mixed team & Burnholme joined the League with a Men's team. Altogether 17 clubs had joined the league for the 2018-19 season.

The following composition of the divisions for the 2018-19 season was agreed.

Ladies (12 teams) – 2 divisions of 6 teams

Men's (21 teams) – 3 divisions of 7 teams

Mixed (23 teams) – 4 divisions of 6, 6, 6, and 5 teams.

## **10. AoB**

David Lloyd & Knavesmire were fined £10 each for late submission of their 2017-18 fixture lists to the League. This was to be paid at the fixtures meeting the following week.

There was a vote of thanks to Paul for his 40 years of service on the League Committee.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm.