

**Provisional Minutes of the York and District Badminton League AGM  
held at RI, Wednesday 28 August 2019**

<b>Present: Committee</b>		<b>League Clubs</b>	
Chairman	John Fowler	Burnholme	Riverside
Match Secretary	Mat Hobman	Copmanthorpe	Selby
Treasurer	Angela Hobman	Fulfordgate	Selby Jubilee
Secretary	Hazel Winfield	Huntington	Tadcaster '86
		Middlethorpe	University Students
		RI T/T	York RI

John Fowler opened the meeting & welcomed those present.

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from David Lloyd (Adam Harvey) & Ryedale (Jane Mitchell).

### **2. Trophies**

John Fowler presented the trophies to the divisional winners for the 2018-19 season. These were:

Ladies 1	York RI A	Mixed 1	York RI A
Ladies 2	York RI B	Mixed 2	Riverside
Mens 1	York RI A	Mixed 3	Tadcaster '86
Mens 2	Tadcaster '86	Mixed 4	University Students
Mens 3	Copmanthorpe		

Following the presentation of the trophies there was a discussion about whether clubs wanted to continue to receive trophies as again clubs had been very slow to arrange the engraving. Clubs agreed they wished to continue receiving trophies. Angela reminded clubs of the engraving process, which is to contact Pat Bowness via the number of the Y&D website & arrange a time to drop the trophy off. Pat invoices the League directly for engraving costs so there is no expense for the clubs.

### **3. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record.

### **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 congratulated all trophy winners & commented that it had been a fairly straight-forward season for the Committee as communications between clubs had improved. John said that the shuttle testing that had been introduced following last year's AGM hadn't always been carried out correctly. The comments recorded on the score cards showed that on many occasions the home team described the shuttle as adequate whilst the away team stated they were too slow. He continued that many clubs used Yonex shuttles & discussions between the Committee, clubs & Yonex indicated that Yonex shuttles were not adequate. Yonex had been invited to attend the AGM but had instead referred the Committee to already published material. John said many clubs wrongly believe that the colour of the shuttle relates to the speed when in actual fact it relates to the temperature of the hall.

John said the Committee had received a suggestion that the Y&D League move to using a website (Baddersweb) to report/record results. John said there would be significant cost incurred in the set-up of this system but it was well within the means of the League. He said the Committee would look into this with the aim of introducing for next season. A suggestion was made to also look at Sportsganiser as many of the other district leagues in Yorkshire used this website for results reporting. Mat added that eventually it was the aim of the Committee for clubs to submit their own results via the website, but initially score cards would still be submitted to the League who would update the website.

John thanked the rest of the Committee for their work during the season.

Following on from John's report Mat explained that he had carried out testing of plastic & feather shuttles with the result being that most were too fast or too slow. He said that the Yonex red 600 that a lot of clubs use is too slow for what we would expect. He brought with him a hybrid feather/plastic shuttle made by Kawasaki

that had proved best in his testing for clubs to have a look at. John concluded by asking clubs to continue testing various shuttles throughout the forthcoming season & asked clubs to let the Committee know if they find any suitable shuttles. He also asked clubs to be more open minded about the brand of shuttle they use & to try other brands not just Yonex.

## **6. Treasurer's report**

The audited accounts were presented to the meeting. Angela explained the expenses the League had incurred, namely the insurance & engraving for the trophies, hire of the meeting rooms for the AGM & fixtures meeting & the domain name renewal for the website. After these expenses were taken into account the League had a surplus of £709.37. The accounts were accepted by the meeting and there were no matters arising.

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

Mat commented that RI had won mixed 1, just beating Clifton to the title. Riverside had won mixed 2 remaining unbeaten all season. Tadcaster had a good season winning mixed 3, whilst University Students had won mixed 4 on their return to the League. RI A had won a very close Ladies' 1, whilst their B team had won Ladies 2 meaning they would play each other next season. RI A had also won Men's 1 with an impressive tally of 101 points; Tadcaster had eventually won Men's 2 after a close season just beating Ryedale & Clifton B to the title. Copmanthorpe secured promotion to Men's 2 after winning Men's 3.

Mat reported that there were 5 unplayed matches which was disappointing especially as it was an increase of 1 on the 2017-18 season. He said this highlighted the issue many clubs were facing in fielding full teams for matches. He also said there were a number of penalties applied for late &/or incomplete score cards & asked all clubs to send results in on time.

Mat finished his report by congratulating all the divisional winners & commiserating those who were relegated. He wished all teams a successful season.

## **8. Rule amendments**

New Rule 12.6 was proposed by the Committee. The proposed new rule states that the match card should be filled in with the names of all six pairings no later than 15 minutes after the fixture was scheduled to commence. Once all pairings have been declared the match card may not be subsequently changed.

There was some discussion about the implementation of the rule & it was agreed that as with all the rules an element of common sense was required when interpreting them. Where players arrive late the team captains should liaise about unplayed rubbers using the rules for guidance.

The new rule was accepted by majority vote.

## **9. Formation of divisions**

The following teams withdrew from the league: Mixed – University Students; Men's – Clifton C & RI T/T B. David Lloyds B team re-entered the Men's section following their withdrawal during the 2018-19 season. Altogether 17 clubs had joined the league for the 2019-20 season.

Ian Thompson (Middlethorpe) had contacted the Committee prior to the AGM to ask for consideration to changing the mixed composition to 3 divisions of 8, 7 & 7 teams. The Committee had their reservations about this due the previous number of unplayed matches when divisions contained more teams. Ian said he thought the Mixed section would probably end up as 3 divisions as clubs who were struggling for players would end up withdrawing from the league.

The following composition of the divisions for the 2019-20 season was agreed.

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

Men's (19 teams) – 3 divisions of 7, 6 and 6 teams

Mixed (22 teams) – 4 divisions of 6, 6, 5 and 5 teams.

## **10. AoB**

There was a discussion about the need for recruitment of players as many clubs were struggling. It was suggested holding a tournament weekend possibly at the RI in which players who didn't currently play in the league could participate so they could get a taste of competitive badminton.

It was also suggested that a strategy for beginners was required so that all clubs knew where they could direct new players to. Sam Stow (RI T/T) suggested setting up a separate sub-committee to look at recruitment across the league & anyone interested in participating should contact him (contact details in the league directory).

Clubs were reminded that the fixtures meeting would take place the following week on Wednesday 4 September (7pm) at the RI. Clubs were asked to bring the £5 per team entry fee & were reminded to submit their fixture list to the League within 14 days of the fixtures meeting otherwise a £10 fine would be levied.

John closed the meeting by thanking all those in attendance.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.