

## **Barnsley Badminton League AGM minutes 03/09/24**

The meeting was held at Hoyland WMC

All league clubs sent voting representatives.

All committee members attended except Alex Pedley and Ian Nicholls who sent their apologies.

### 1.0 Election of Officials

- Alex Pedley has decided to stand down as Chairman as he has relocated with his job to the Cotswolds. The committee and meeting thanked them for the contribution.
- At the meeting no one volunteered to undertake the Chairman role. It was therefore decided to draw lots for a club to put forward a representative for a two year term. Post meeting Luke Seige (Castelford Wanderers) put his name forward.
- The remaining officials wish to continue in their roles which the meeting agreed.

### 2.0 League Finances

- Joseph walked through the accounts which he apologised for not distributing prior to the meeting.
- The accounts will be distributed post meeting.
- The meeting agreed that the entry subs for the coming season would be £60 per team entered to cover increase in insurance costs . Raising £1500
- Entry fees will be charged for tournaments this year.

### 3.0 Match Secretary Report

#### 2023/24 season

- 2023 / 24 was a very competitive season across all divisions.
- A reminder was given regarding cancellation and rearrangement of fixtures. This should be kept to a minimum following the initial rearrangement due to intra league clashes.
- Div 1 relegated teams were Castleford Wanderers A and Ossett A.
- Div 2 promoted teams were Manvers Park B and Bessacarr B and relegated teams were Honeywell A and Castleford Wanderers B.
- Div 3 promoted teams were Minsthorpe A and Castleford Wanderers C.
- 2023 / 24 player statistics have now been moved to the history tabs.

#### 2024/25 season

- Castleford have dropped a team and will loose the division 3 team. The remaining teams will be renamed A and B.
- Fixtures have been updated post meeting with some time changes and are available on the website and these are no longer draft following the AGM.
- Season will start week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> Oct.

- Season should finish before the end of Apr 25 although with the packed fixtures a few matches could occur in early May . Care Easter is 20 April in 2025.
- For 2025 player registration is carried forward. Please advise the match secretary of any players moving clubs or any new players.
- Where clubs have multiple teams team registration is still required as per the rules. Also note new rule in section 6
- Also clubs were advised
  - Pontefract Squash club venue will not be available in Oct due to resurfacing work.
  - Bessacarr match day is now Sundays 18:30

## 5.0 Tournament

- The meeting agreed they would like to hold a handicap tournament again this year in Nov. Last years tournament was a great success.
- The tournament secretary was asked to provide a date ASAP.
- Please encourage membership of your clubs to participate.
- Bob Elliston, Jon Rushton and Andy Smith volunteered to assist with the tournament.
- Alex Heeley volunteered to assist with the Handicap committee and we will ask the existing members (Sean, Ian , Mark Illidge) to assist again.

## 6.0 Rule Changes

- The meeting voted and agreed to the following new rules
- 3.10.1 When a club has more than one team in the same division, players must be registered to one or other of the teams either by nomination by the club or by appearing on a scorecard for the first time in a season. Once registered for a lower team in this scenario a player can only play up twice to the higher team in the same division. Players can not play down. Once a player has played up twice they can not play again for the higher team. A permanent registration to the higher team can be requested and given by way of agreement by The Committee.
- 8.4 The league supports the participation of transgender and non-binary players. For the purpose of tournaments the ladies event or the female competitor in a mixed event, is a player assigned female at birth. All players can play in the open event or as the open competitor in a mixed event. Under no circumstances should a player be challenged on the validity of their participation during an event. Any concerns should be raised with the committee.

## 7.0 LEAGUE 75 YEARS

- The league will celebrate 75 years in 2027. The meeting agreed a sub committee would be formed to explore options for publicising and celebrating this occasion.
- Alex Heeley and Andy Smith volunteered at the meeting. SM will also email all clubs to as for further volunteers from their membership.

## 8.0 AOB

- Ladies League / tournament was discussed at the recent committee meeting and also at the AGM. It was agreed that a separate ladies committee made up of ladies would be formed to take forward ideas. SM will email all clubs for volunteers. The main aim is to provide a sustainable league or tournament where ladies play ladies.
- Sponsorship - driven by the great example set by some of the clubs the league is looking for sponsors. SM will email proposals shortly and ask all clubs to actively assist.
- Match secretary backup. This was discussed at a high level. SM to prepare some back up documentation and processes. A volunteer was asked for to be able to assist only if needed. Post meeting a couple of volunteers came forward Ben Allsup and Lewis Ransom. SM will email clubs to see if there are any other volunteers and progress this generally.