

Barnsley Badminton League AGM minutes 05/09/23

The meeting was held at Hoyland WMC

All league clubs sent voting representatives except Cudworth who sent their apologies.

All committee members attended except Alex Pedley, Dan Hooley, Trevor Haller and Ian Carpenter who sent their apologies.

1.0 Election of Officials

- Dan Hooley and Trevor Haller have decided they will stand down from their roles. The committee and meeting thanked them for the contribution.
- Jon Rushton from Staincross and Mark Bamforth of Manvers Park volunteered for the vacant committee roles and this was agreed by the meeting.
- 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 £50 per team entered. Raising £1300
- Entry fees will be charged for tournaments this year.

3.0 Match Secretary Report

2022/23 season

- A reminder was given regarding the timeliness and legibility of names on the scorecards.
- Div 1 relegated team was Castelford Wanderers A.
- Div 2 promoted team was Manvers Park A and relegated team was Honeywell A and Ossett B.
- Div 3 promoted teams were Manvers Park B and Bessacarr B.
- Reminder that if an unregistered player is played during a match, where the rubbers would be forfeited, this must be declared to the opposition at the beginning of the match. This gives the opposition the option to not play those affected rubbers.

2023/24 season

- Three development teams have been entered into the new season. Bessacarr C, Castleford C and Pontefract C.
- To aid fixture congestion all C teams have been asked to provide additional court dates / time.
- A long discussion occurred as to the new make up of the divisions for the coming year. The meeting agreed balancing the league Division 1 - 9 teams,

Division 2 - 8 teams, Division 3 - 9 teams. This means that Bessacarr A and Castleford Wanderers A will move into Division 1. Castleford Wanderers B and Honeywell A will move into Division 2.

- Revised Fixtures will be available by the 9th Sept.
- Season will start week commencing 9th Oct.
- Season should finish before the end of Apr 24 although with the packed fixtures a few matches could occur in early May .
- The clubs were reminded of the registration for A and B teams (if you have a C team). This is required before the first match, otherwise the first score-card will be the player registration.
- The clubs were reminded of the player registration deadline of 31st Jan.
- Also clubs were advised
 - Old Silcoatians venues, dates and times TBC as nomads of the league
 - Bessacarr C venues, dates and times TBC as they determine a venue
 - Pontefract C will play on a Sunday at 18:00
 - Cudworth A have changed venue to Hoyland Leisure Centre.

5.0 Tournament

- The meeting agreed they would like to hold a handicap tournament again this year in Nov.
- The tournament secretary was asked to provide a date ASAP.
- Please encourage membership of your clubs to participate.
- Bob Elliston and Mark Illidge volunteered to assist with the tournament and handicap committee.
- Other ideas were discussed including Intra league matches which will be investigated.

6.0 Rule Changes

- The committee had recommended that the played up limits be reduced to two matches then tied. The meeting did not agree to this change and the current rules remain in place.
- The clubs were reminded of the need for timeliness in starting matches and keeping knock-ups to 2 mins maximum.
- The clubs were reminded of the late arrival rules.

7.0 AOB

- The website is getting a considerable number of hits per year although the players of the league will be the users / audience.
- If anyone is aware of sponsors or wishes to sponsor something on the website please refer them to Sean.
- The barnsleybadminton.co.uk address is due for renewal at a large cost. The plan is to let it expire and hopefully it becomes available at low cost. In the meantime the address to use is bbl.madp.uk or a google search of barnsley badminton