

# **Minutes of the Chester and District Badminton League AGM**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 7pm**

**County Offices Café Bar**

## **1. Attendees.**

S.Hughes - CCO

E.Hilton, G.Cookson & S.Lawrence - Christleton

J.Jennings & M.Prior - Tarporley

S.Lacey - Delamere

B. Jones & S.Henry - Vaux/Cap

A.Mutch & A.Ince - Buckley

L.Nicholson & J.Perry - Norley

A.Sloane & D.Neary - Halton

J.Hulley - Eros

T.Longdin - Millbrook

S Brown - West Cheshire

Louise Nesbitt Chairperson

Howard Malyon Vice Chair

Mark Perry Secretary

Lyn Brown Match Secretary

Colin Fowler Treasurer

Jan Bridge Website

## **2. Apologies for absence**

Andy Gibbons Stella Maris

Carol Chung and Andy Tranter Ellesmere Port

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

Minutes of Last Years AGM and Meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> Jan Agreed

### **4. Presentation of Trophies for the 2022/2023 Season.**

1<sup>st</sup> Div Mixed Winners Stella Maris

2<sup>nd</sup> Div Mixed Winners Rossett A

3<sup>rd</sup> Div Mixed Winners Christleton D

Mens Div A Winners West Cheshire

Mens Div B Winners Buckley M2

Ladies Div Winners Norley

### **5. Reports**

#### **A. Treasurer**

Little expense incurred this year. Trophies bought for the Mens and Ladies competitions

Engraving of the Trophies

It was agreed that there were no fees payable to the Chester League for the new season.

#### **B. County matters**

Derek reported back, News of the County teams, Additional revenue brought in from the competitions the county ran.

There would be no change to the County subscriptions for the New Season.

#### **C. Tournaments update**

We are looking for an additional volunteer to run league competitions next year. Howard Maylon has agreed to assist.

#### **D. Match Secretary**

It was agreed that only the home team would send the score sheet for matches to Lyn.

Re arranged fixtures were still an issue, only issues listed in the rule book to be sanctioned.

Players had to be registered at least 7 days before playing for a team.

#### **E. Junior feedback**

Emma summarised the good work she and her Christleton Team had completed this year.

Junior matches were organised,

She is keen to get greater involvement from other teams, with coaching badges available and support for managing a large number of Juniors waiting for space in training sessions. Please contact Emma and Louise at Christleton and Jane Liddell if you are interested/ have space in Junior sessions/have a new Junior club/or need support and ideas if this could be new for your club. If you are interested in helping out please also contact her.

## **5. Proposed rule changes**

**Proposed by:** Lyn Brown, Match Secretary

### **Section 8 Score Sheets**

#### **CURRENT RULE:**

*8.4 Both home and away captains shall forward a copy of the completed score sheet to the Match Secretary.*

#### **SUGGESTED AMENDMENT:**

*8.4 The home team captain shall forward a copy of the completed score sheet to the Match Secretary.*

#### **REASON FOR AMENDMENT:**

Both captains previously forwarded a copy of the score sheet to the Match Secretary in order to propose Players of the Season from the opposing team. As this is no longer carried out, there is no requirement for the away team captain to forward their score sheet, thereby reducing duplication. **AGREED**

**Proposed by Jan Bridge**

#### **CURRENT RULE:**

*2.2 Such clubs must be affiliated by subscription to Badminton England or Badminton Wales and to the County organisation in whichever county they are resident.*

#### **SUGGESTED ADDITION**

*Club registrations must be completed by 31 October. After this date clubs will forfeit any matches played whilst the club is unregistered.*

## REASON FOR AMENDMENT

Clubs need to be registered with BE or BW to ensure their players are insured. In 2022/23 some clubs registered their clubs/players by the end of October but other did not and in one case nothing was done till March!! A check will be made at the end of October and the above is proposed as a consequence of a lack of club registration.

**Agreed**

**Proposer: Steve Lacey**

**Secunder: Lyn Brown**

## Reason for Amendment

The proposed amendments to some of the rules under Rule 6 Team Registration are to allow players to play for different clubs in the Mixed Doubles and Mens/Ladies Leagues. The rationale behind this is to allow players at smaller clubs who may not have enough men or ladies to put teams in the Mens/Ladies Leagues as well as the Mixed League in order to play in both Leagues. The amendments seek to make management of this as easy as possible for the League Secretary and prevent disputes between clubs.

New Rule 6.1 Players may be registered for two clubs simultaneously for the purpose of playing in the Mixed League for one club and the Mens or Ladies League for a second club. Registration of the player(s) will be undertaken by both clubs and it is the responsibility of the player to ensure that the requisite subscriptions are paid.

New Rule 6.7 In the event of a dispute where a player is registered for two different clubs in the Mixed and Mens/Ladies League, the Mixed League shall take precedence.

Agreed and to be reviewed at the end of the season.

**Proposer: Steve Brown (West Cheshire)**

## Seconder: Ashley Stokes (West Cheshire)

### 9. Fixture Rearrangements

9.1 Matches may be rearranged due to unavailability of the hall or inclement weather which is likely to affect the majority of players travelling to and from a fixture. This is provided that both clubs involved are in agreement and the Match Secretary has authorised the rearrangement and considers the application for rearrangement to be legitimate. Details of the rearranged date must be notified to the Match Secretary within two weeks.

9.2 In addition the Match Secretary may, in exceptional circumstances, authorise the rearrangement of a match for reasons not covered in 9.1, provided both clubs involved are in agreement and the Match Secretary considers the application for rearrangement to be legitimate. Application for such rearrangements must reach the Match Secretary not less than 48 hours before the match was due to be played and his/her decision shall be final in all cases. Details of the rearranged date must be notified to the Match Secretary within two weeks. The Match Secretary will prioritise rearrangements for single team clubs and last teams of multi-team clubs. (This sentence has been moved from 9.1).

Rationale: To ensure that rearrangements are only for legitimate reasons and not because a team merely cannot field their strongest team. Also, to ensure that both clubs involved agree that the weather is sufficiently inclement to not risk travelling.

**Agreed**

### 6. League Officials and committee members.

Chairperson	Louise Nesbitt
Vice Chairman	Howard Malyon
Secretary	Mark Perry
Match Secretary	Lyn Brown
Treasurer	Colin Fowler
Tournament Sec	<b>Howard Malyon and Judy Jennings</b>
County Rep	Derek Neary

Team Mangers for Inter league tournaments Emma Hilton, Geoff Cookson

Tournament committee Louise Nesbitt Lyn Brown Brian Johnson Mark Perry

Disputes committee Chair/Vice Chair Lyn Brown **Ann Hipkiss**

Website Committee Jan Bridge Mike Allen Dave Sissons

## **7. Club applications and resignations.**

Nothing at this stage. Team Registration forms to be sent out imminently, We will need these forms in as soon as you can so that the league structure can be set up and agreed for the fixture meeting

## **8. AOB**

In no particular order....

1. It was agreed that the old Trophies need new bases and space for future winners.

2. Next years Presentation Evening will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> May. Louise would like people to help her organise this much missed event. Please contact her direct, especially if you have venue ideas.

3. Fixture meeting Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July Balcony Bar 7pm. **All Teams to be represented.**

**Clubs to confirm numbers of teams for the new season to Lyn by 11<sup>th</sup> July** this is needed to set up leagues for the meeting.

4. Emma Hilton outlined her Development scheme , A summary of her thoughts to be sent seperately.

5. Jan found notes on the History of the League from 1985. She is looking at ways to get this archived on the website. Please contact her direct if you have suggestions of indeed if you have any relevant historical information others may find interesting.

6. It was agreed that The Colin Coping Trophy would only be awarded for exceptional service to clubs/league/County. If you or your club feels that they have a worthy recipient for this accolade please forward nominations to either Mark Perry or Louise Nesbitt.