Barnsley Badminton League AGM minutes 26/08/25

The meeting was held at Hoyland WMC

All league clubs except Honeywell sent voting representatives. Honeywell will be fined £5 for non attendance.

All committee members attended except Ian Carpenter and Mark Bamforth who sent their apologies.

1.0 Election of Officials

- All 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 were distributed post meeting.
- The meeting agreed that the entry subs for the coming season would be £60 per team.
- Teams were reminded to make this payment promptly when requested as some teams have still not payed for last season.
- New costs each year will be incurred for website hosting and domain registration. This will be a maximum of £17 per month.
- As part of this website hosting other domains can be included at no extra cost if any clubs are interested.

3.0 Match Secretary Report

2024/25 season

- 2024 / 25 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 Manvers Park B and Bessacarr B.
- Div 2 promoted teams were Ossett A and Castleford Wanderers A and relegated teams were Pontefract B and Minsthorpe A.
- Div 3 promoted teams were Pontefract C and Ossett B.
- 2024 / 25 player statistics have now been moved to the history tabs.

2025/26 season

- A new club Pontefract Pumas has requested to join the league which the meeting approved.
- Ossett have entered a new D team.
- The divisions have been balanced to 9 teams in each division with last years third place team in Division 3 Honeywell moving to Division 2.
- Fixtures have been updated and are available on the website and these are no longer draft following the AGM.

- Season will start week commencing 6th Oct.
- Season should finish before the end of Apr although with the packed fixtures a few matches could occur in early May .
- 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.

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.
- Volunteers were great last year and this would be appreciated again this year to assist with the tournament.
- The meeting was asked for volunteers again to assist with the Handicap committee and we will ask the existing members (Sean, Ian) to assist again.
- An update was provided by Wendy on the very successful Ladies tournament. They hope to run 2 or even 3 events again this year. Flyer for the 5th Oct event to be distributed.

6.0 Rule Changes

- The meeting voted and agreed to the following new rules
- 3.10.1 Rule to be removed and played up rules to return to the previous i.e. play up three times then tied on 4th appearance to the highest team the individual has appeared for.
- New rule 4.9.1 - Cancellations of matches, not due to weather or venue cancelling, with less than 24 hours notice will result in a 9-0 concede to the opposing team and a subsequent fine up to the costs of court hire of the home side, if applicable. A minimum of two pairs constitutes a match. Only in exceptional circumstances, agreed to by the League Match Secretary, may these cancellations occur without penalty and/or loss of game.
- Amend rule - 4.4. All clubs on registration must specify a match start time. This will be the time when both teams must have a pair on court ready to play. If either team does not have a pair ready to play at the stated match time, rubbers should be claimed immediately (but not before 7pm even if a club has stated an earlier start). These should be marked as CLAIMED on the match card. This rule shall apply to each subsequent rubber at fifteen minute intervals (i.e. 7:15pm, 7:30pm, 7:45pm and so on), If when the match completes there is 30 minutes court time available per claimed rubber, the rubber should be played to best of three sets. If the claimed rubber is not completed for any reason the result of that rubber reverts to a claimed rubber.

7.0 LEAGUE 75 YEARS

- The league will celebrate 75 years in 2027.
- Alex Heeley informed the meeting he will be surveying to gauge appetite for types of celebration and encouraged all clubs to respond.

8.0 AOB

- Shuttles - Price of shuttles continues to rise. A discussion was had regarding bulk purchase of RSL and Yehlex shuttles across the league to help reduce costs. SM will email all clubs with more information. SM will also contact other local leagues to again see if there is any benefit in bulk purchasing.
- It was raised whether there could be a singles element to the league tournaments. The clubs will be surveyed to find out if this is viable.
- The sudden death rule at 20-20 in sets 1 and 2 of a rubber was discussed and it was agreed to remove this and amend the rules as follows.
- Amend rule 5.5. All matches shall be decided on rubbers won. One rubber to constitute best of three games to 21. SETTING is applied in any game and will set at 20 all with two clear points required to win, sudden death applying at 29 all (next point wins).