

STEVENAGE BADMINTON LEAGUE 2016 AGM **accepted at 2017 AGM**

(www.stevenagebadmintonleague.co.uk)

Held at The Three Horseshoes, 102 Norton Road, Letchworth Garden City SG6 1AG on Monday 13th June 2016 at 8.00pm.

*Attendance: 15 (11 voting) including three committee members. (Apologies/Non attendees: **Chris Bullock (Committee member), Great Ashby, Saracens and Strings.**)*

Papers available; attendance sheet, agenda, balance sheet, Ladies Section, Mens Section, league tables etc.

1. Apologies, As above.
2. Opening address and 2015 AGM minutes Jan Macfarlane thanked all those present for attending and their work as organisers/fixtures secretaries during the season. As usual the 2015 AGM draft minutes had been available on the SBL website since last year. **The 2015 AGM minutes were accepted.**
3. Treasurer's Report. Ian reported on the distributed information which showed a refund to Whitwell as they had dropped out of the league prior to playing a match in the previous season. Insurance provider had changed with reduced cost. The cost to enter the cup increased as per discussions at the 2015 AGM. Ladies Sections and Mens Sections surpluses contributed to insurance and shuttle costs. A total season surplus of £10.91 and a closing balance of £773.15. **The balance sheet was accepted. No changes to 2015/16 league subscriptions for 2016/17.**
4. Fixtures and 5. Results Jan reported on the distributed information - 3 divisions of 6 teams each (compared to 3 divisions of 7 teams in 2014/15). One team, United had dropped out (from D2) during the season. The season had been fairly smooth-running with just one game conceded at the end of the season. Jan asked that when matches are confirmed she is cc-d in the email. In response to Rob Tucker advising that several Academy matches were rearranged particularly from around Christmas, Jan confirmed that when she sends the league fixtures out no fixtures are within 10 days either side of Christmas. Rule 19 (a) and (b) was mentioned in relation to rearrangements and offering to pay for court costs.

Full honours as shown on the website;-

Winners D1: Masters, Runners Up: Academy A; Winners D2: Cam Gears A, Runners Up: Academy B; Winners D3: Knebworth, Runners Up: Cam Gears B.

SBL Cup: Winners: St Johns A, Runners Up: Masters.

Plate: Winners: Academy B, Runners Up, Knebworth.

Presentations of Trophies and medals were made at the AGM to winners and runners-up representatives accordingly.

6. Ladies Section In Chris Bullock's absence Jan reported on another successful (23rd) and enjoyable season with seven squads playing six matches each. Matches were played over 7 Saturdays at Barnwell School. Annie's Lassies won the league with Funky Monkeys as runners-up. Full results and 2016/17 entry forms will be on the website. Caroline asked about the Rose Bowl that had been given to previous winners. Jan said that the size of the glass bowl had been a concern for some winning team members who did not want the responsibility of taking care of it for any length of time so for 'safety's sake' it has remained with Chris Bullock.

All ladies section players must be registered through their SBL (mixed team) captain BEFORE the first matches due in the 2016/17 season.

7. Mens Section Jan reported on the 7th season of these Saturday afternoon (3 in 2015/16) matches which were matches involving 6 teams with a singles and a doubles. **The winners were St Johns Red, narrowly ahead of Cam Gears.** Full results on the website. As usual the format for next season will depend on entries with forms available on the website.
8. Plate, SBL CUP & TALOR CUP. Jan reported. As in the previous year **12 teams** but each paying **£10** (an increase from £5 previously) entered the SBL Cup. First round losers entered the Plate and the 2 finals were played at the same venue on the same date. SBL Cup Winners: St Johns A, Runners Up, Masters; Plate Winners, Academy B; Runners Up, Knebworth B (Result, 3-3 rubbers, Academy B won more games). Jan said that the Cup/Plate ran fairly well particularly 'finals day'. It was suggested that a 'set date' could be used for matches rather than relying on teams to make their own arrangements for cup matches as it was often difficult for clubs to find mutually free dates once a busy season was underway, causing some cup matches to be conceded. Other suggestions included 'double headers' with league match/cup match 'combined', group/round robin matches (as played previously) playing all first round matches at the same time/venue, reducing number of players required in cup matches. The Committee will review the cup/plate situation following receipt of cup entries/subs.
9. Tournaments. Jan reported on a ninth successful Junior Tournament and that the **Denise Peat Prize** was awarded to **Greg Hughes** for his overall effort and sportsmanship. Unfortunately there was not a girls group this season because of very different abilities of the small number of entries.
The Mens Doubles tournament was cancelled due to insufficient entries. The Mixed Tournament was successful and enjoyable.
10. 2016/17 Committee. **Jan, Chris and Ian agreed to continue** and **Trevor Bird** of St Johns had recently agreed to join SBL as a committee member. Matt Glew thanked committee members and the meeting showed appreciation as well.
11. 2016/17 divisions. **The 'usual 2 up, 2 down' (and number of teams in each division) cannot be decided until the number of teams entering the SBL is known.** It is expected that there is likely to be a reduction in the number of teams next season and Jan urged the entry forms to be returned as soon as possible.
12. Presentation Evening. There would not be one for the second year in succession as there had been very little interest/comment from teams. Lauren Dear of St Johns was thanked for volunteering to assist but both Letchworth and Stevenage league committees did not think there would be much support again for a Presentation so did not want Lauren going to a lot of effort without encouragement from league teams.
13. Close. There being no further business, **PRE-SEASON ENTRY FORMS (PROVIDING FOR DISCOUNTS FOR 2015/16 TEAMS WHO WERE AGM ATTENDEES AND 'SECOND/ADDITIONAL TEAMS') WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE PRESENT (FOR RETURN WITH FEES BY MONDAY 11TH JULY 2016. Other forms etc will be available on the website.**

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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