

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held on the 28th May 2013 at the Central Division Club

The Meeting started ay 7.30

Present: Charles Wood(Chair), David Barlow(Treasurer), Keith Marsh(Secretary),Chris Watson, Lee Crawford, Les Johnston, Winston Williams, Julian Toothill, Geoff Briggs, Ian Jewsbury, Andrew Walker, Michael Round, Daniel Dufton, Ihor Lewyk, Andrew Bak, Mike Bramson, Tony Lightowler, Wil Lilburn-Quick.

1. Apologies

Apologies received from John Holliday, David Adams, Phil Watson and Derrick Mason

1. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters arising

The minutes of the last AGM were accepted unanimously with no matters arising

1. Chairman’s Report

* Charles Wood informed the league it was his and John Holliday’s 20th year playing in the Bradford league.
* Clough Trophy, A fiercely contest tournament with 18 teams taking part and 12 of the teams having a chance of winning going into the final round
* Hepolite Cup and plate. An apology for the late start of the final due to a problem accessing the equipment,
* Presentation, Congratulated David Barlow on finding a replacement venue on such short notice with the closure of Bradley’s restaurant.
* Knights Academy, Continued support of the success of the academy
* Congress, Thanked Stuart and Rosalie Swire for all their continued hard work and the extra trouble with changes made by the ECF charges changes.

1. Secretary’s Report

Keith Marsh reported on all results for the league, cups. Trophies will be awarded at the Presentation Evening next week.

Also thanked all the committee and club captains and secretaries for their work while he has been Secretary

1. Tournament Secretary Report

Winston Williams reported on all the result for the individuals. Trophies to be awarded at the presentation evening next week

1. Treasurer Report

David Barlow circulated the 2013 AGM accounts and highlighted some key points:

* We’re projecting a year-end balance of£3286 compared with £2973 in 2012
* Congress made a profit of £248.94
* A donation of £500 From Thomas Fattorini mainly toward the congress
* Surplus of £450 over the year and asking for any suggestions of what it could be used for

David’d report was accepted unanimously

Mike Bramson queried about the ECF for congresss and was informed the ECF had asked for a lower amount by invoice.

1. Election of officers

Chairman Charles Wood was re-elected unanimously

Vice Chairman David Adam stood down

Lee Crawford was elected unanimously

President John Holliday was re-elected unanimously

Secretary Keith Marsh stood down

Andy Bak was elected unanimously

Treasurer David Barlow was re-elected

Competition Controller Winston Williams was re-elected

Grading Officer Paul Clarke was re-elected

Press Officer John Holliday stood down

Wil Lilburn-Quick was elected unanimously

Web Master Keith Marsh was re-elected

Trophy Secretary Paul Kadzionis was re-elected

1. Proposals

Remove Rule 9a to be replaced with:  
   
For the first time that a team defaults Board 5 or higher in a league match in one season no action will be taken against the team. For all subsequent occurences that a team defaults Board 5 or higher, the team shall forfeit that board and all boards below it.  
    
Proposed By Daniel Dufton

After discussion the rule was rejected as being too harsh a penalty, an amended rule was put forward and accepted by majority

Amended rule

For the first time that a team defaults any boards other than the bottom boards in ascending order in one season no action will be taken against the team. For all subsequent occurrences that a team defaults any boards other than the bottom boards in ascending order, the team shall be deducted 1 board point.

E) Hepolite Competitions.  
  
New rule: Proposed by Julian Toothill

Where clubs have teams in more than one division, then players who have played in league matches on the top 3 boards will be eligible to play for that clubs teams in that division or higher in the Hepolite Cup and Plate for that season. Rule 40 still applies.

After discussion the rule was rejected

New rule: Proposed by Julian Toothill

Teams who default a match in the Hepolite Cup/Plate, will have the 6 players who have played most league matches for that club that season only eligible to play for that clubs teams in that division or higher in the hepolite cup and plate for that season. Rule 40 still applies.

Passed by majority vote

New rule: Proposed by Julian Toothill

Players who play in the Semi Finals and Final of the Hepolite Cup and Plate, should have played at least 2 league games for that club this season. For new players at the club this can be requested to be overridden by the league Secretary.  
  
The rule was defeated as it stands, after discussion a re-worded version was accepted and passed by majority vote

Players who play in the Semi Finals or Finals of the Hepolite Plate, should have played at least 2 league games for that team this season. For new players at the club this can be requested to be overridden by the committee

1. Any other Business
   1. Presentation Evening

The presentation will be held at the Stansfield Arms, Apperly Bridge.

* 1. Bob Burns Summer Tournament

The tournament will be run by Winston Williams at the Latvian Club, Clifton Villas.

The Dates of the 5 rounds are:

Round 1: 18th June 2013

Round 2: 2nd July 2013

Round 3: 16th July 2013

Round 4:30th July 2013

Round 5: 13th August 2013

Further details are on the website

* 1. Boyd Trophy

The Boyd trophy will be run by David Barlow at Owlet Hall on the 17th September 2013

* 1. ECF Grading of division 1

The question of whether the first division results should be graded by the ECF was raised.

After much debate it was agreed to wait until after the Yorkshire meeting to discover there stance on this.

* 1. 125 Anniversary

Bradford council are prepared to sponsor an event to take place on the 14th Septmeber 2013.

The event will also commemorate the passing of Marsha Singh was MP for Bradford West. He was also a ken chess player (former captain of Belle View Boys chess team).

Winston Williams asked for anybody willing to help organise and run the event to contact him, Ihor Lewyk and Wil Lilburn-quick have already stated they will help.

* 1. 4NCL

Mike Bramson thanked Andy Bak for organising the Bradford teams,

The A team won promotion from Division 3 to Division 2

The B team kept their place in division 3

Meeting closed at 10.15