

MINUTES OF THE 2017 AGM **HELD AT Ellesmere Club, Bolton**

1. Presentation of the Charity Cheque

Glenda Parkinson addressed the floor with regards to the presentation of the Charity Cheque.

Under the current climate there has been an amazing amount raised for each charity with Trewan Sands Children's Trust and North West Air Ambulance both receiving an amount of £1700.00 each. - On behalf of the committee and the league thank you all for your generous donations in reaching this amount.

Both charities address the floor.

Trewan Sands stated that this is a fantastic amount and are so pleased to receive a cheque for their charity. This means that holidays and day trips out will make such a difference to these families. Thankyou to everyone who has donated.

North West Air Ambulance stated that this amount of money is greatly appreciated meaning that this will go towards saving lives within the Trauma unit at Salford Royal. - A massive thank you to all who has supported the charity and it really is so much appreciated.

2. Apologies for Absence

Committee Members : Dave Jolly Bev Marsh, Stella Nolan

3. Minutes of the 2016 AGM

The minutes as circulated and presented by the League Secretary were accepted and signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

4. Chair's report to the League.

Welcome to the 2017 AGM after another successful season. Thank you to the teams involved in the finals for fantastic, exciting matches to enjoy. Special mention to the Interleague teams and managers who almost swept the board (sorry girls - the Golden Girls unfortunately lost their last match.). At last we have returned to Interleague teams who show skill, commitment and pride from the juniors who show such promise to the over 60's who still find it an honour to play for Bolton and great they finally had a Players Player cup donated by Darcy Lever in memory of Anita Jones.

My congratulations again for the brilliant sum raised for the Leagues Charities and thank you to all those who donated and all committee members whose hard work ensured this amount.

It was with sadness that we heard of the passing of Mike Thorne, Russell Seddon's partner and Russell would like to thank all of you for your support, wishes and donations to the Just Giving Page. Mike the 'gentle giant' was always there helping at tournaments especially on the barbeque and will be missed.

My favorite word 'Respect' still feels a million miles away to some people whether it's a referee, another team, the committee or a team member - we don't seem to reduce the problems this

causes. One suggestion is that teams show their disgust when a team member is behaving in a manner that disrespects their team behavior and think about how we need to show junior players that 'Kicking Off' with a referee for example is totally unacceptable.

Whilst on the subject of referees, I monitor team's fulfilment of fixtures and if you are one of the teams who managed not to referee any games, do not enter last year's referees this year because they obviously have no intention of refereeing any games. The responsibility for the referee fixtures is the team's responsibility so even if you pass the fixture on and that person fails to attend it is still the teams responsibility.

Sectioning of teams is in January after Fee Paying Night so please ensure all your players are signed on before then to prevent any problems trying to sign players on after sections are agreed.

Finally, on a pleasant note, our Presentation Night was a huge success this year thanks in no small way to Mr Simon Gregson aka Steve McDonald who was an absolute star. Thank you to Angie and her band of committee helpers for working so hard.

With my best wishes to you all for the coming festive season and to the 2018 rounders season.

Glenda address the floor on behalf of Dave Jolly.

Dave Jolly sent his apologies for the evening and asked Glenda to read out the information from Reds Development Group :

Bolton Rounders Development Group have been developing a workforce of qualified Level 1 and Level 2 rounders coaches over the last three years. These coaches have been active in selected secondary schools coaching year 9 & 10 girls in our game.

The group has been so successful that we now have over ten schools asking for coaches next year. Additionally, there is a growing demand in the schools to coach years 7 & 8 girls.

In order to meet demand, the group would like to recruit 10 new Level 1 coaches who will qualify in time to coach next year.

In addition, the group will be training its Level 1 coaches up to Level 2 standard along with any coaches who have a level 1 in any sport other than rounders.

To be considered, anyone interested will have to be a member of our league, be over 18 years of age, be able to get a satisfactory DBS clearance and attend and pass a first aid course, a safeguarding course, and complete the level coaching course.

All these will be funded by the Development Group. Once qualified the coaches will coach 1 x 1-hour sessions per week over a term (10 Weeks) commencing around Easter. These sessions will normally be after school. The group will fund special Coaches Insurance Cover for all its coaches.

We will arrange an evening meeting for anyone interested in joining us to explain in greater detail and answer any questions you may have.

Details of the meeting will be posted on the BSF Website and all other social media platforms associated with the League.

In conclusion, please do not keep this information to yourselves as we want as many players as possible to be aware of the opportunity to acquire an internationally recognised coaching qualification.

5. Presentation of the Balance Sheet.

Joanne Holden addressed the floor :

It was noted that we had made a loss so a financial sub committee was formed to look at costings.

Joanne addressed the floor stating where the increases had been and the reductions etc. : Accident Fund reducing cost per team, collective registration fee increased to £100, fixture books currently selling at a loss, federation fee charge of 10pence per player, Sunday cup remains the same. Joanne also stated that the committee will be monitoring the funds throughout the year.

Some questions from the floor : why do we need to have 15 books ? JH stated that not everyone has access to the internet and books are a vital point of information for players and referees.

The floor accepted the changes and there were no objections.

Accounts signed off by the auditors as a true and correct record and there were no queries from the floor.

6. Elections

Nominations	Position
Vice Chair	Dave Jolly
Match Secretary	Mary Harrison
Club Reps	Kerry Anderton
Club Reps	Nicola Withers
Club Reps	Melanie Berry
Club Reps	Stella Nolan
Club Reps	Deb Hargreaves
Club Reps	Paula Summersfield
Club Reps	Elizabeth Lythgoe

All Vacancies have been filled

7. Rule Changes

The League Secretary read out and explained all the rule changes and changes to policy that would be implemented from the close of this AGM.

COMPETITION RULE 10.

AMEND by replacing the full stop with a comma and add "and nominate fifteen players for each team, starting eleven in each team, the remainder may play for either team."

ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW COMPETITION RULE 17 and renumber all the remaining rules

COMPETITION RULE 17. Registered players may only play " Flat Bat" Rounders in this and any other league associated with The Bolton Sports Federation.

ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW COMPETITION RULE 33 and renumber the all the remaining rules

COMPETITION RULE 33, Match Cards must be completed in Block Capitals and include the week number the game was originally scheduled to be played in.

COMPETITION RULE 44.

AMEND by replacing both occurrences of £25.00 in the third sentence with £30.00.

COMPETITION RULE 47,

AMEND by replacing £5.00 in the first sentence with £6.00.

THE HANDICAP CUP COMPETITION and RULES to be named THE FINESTYLE WINDOWS & DOORS HANDICAP CUP COMPETITION

and ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW COMPETITION RULE 6 and renumber all the remaining rules

COMPETITION RULE 6 Any nominated Referee may be asked to officiate in this Competition.

(After some questions from the floor with some teams not happy with regards to not being able to play for Bolton and Bury Glenda stated the following :

It was brought to the committee attention that Bury had stated that they wished to only allow players to play for one town either Bolton or Bury as it was causing some problems within the Bury League.

There are 30 Bury players playing in the Bolton League and some have played sadly with bad sportsman ship. There have been some players who have been regular players in a team and sadly now are no longer getting a game because the team are selecting other players from Bury.

The biggest problem was sectioning of teams with Bolton and Bury players and the player ability - not having direct access to the playing ability regarding the players from Bury made it extremely difficult as it was felt that some players from Bury perhaps were not being honest. As a league we have to be fair, having competitive games and involving good sportsmanship

This coming year the Rounders League will have to incorporate the new Data Protection Rules therefore not being allowed to share Data..

The Inter-league games are no longer the same with Bolton and Bury players playing in the same team)

Further Questions from the floor -

If Bury have instigated this why can we not wait until after Bury's AGM ?

Glenda replied stating that this is our AGM.

Why restrict a player from playing rounders ?

Glenda replied stating that we are not restricting players from playing rounders. Any player can sign on for any team as our previous rule, they will just not be allowed to play for 2 teams.

After a lengthy discussion the rule in relation to only playing for one team was voted on and accepted by the floor.

All other rules were accepted by the floor.

8. Results of elections

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9. Selection of Charity for 2018

The following presentations were given by representatives from:

Baby Basics
Rubens Retreat

The floor proposed to the AGM that as there were only 2 Charities in attendance it would seem unfair to leave one out. - the proposal to the floor from Jackie Wright was that if we could have both charities and divide the monies between them - Unanimous decision from the floor to have 2 charities for the 2018 season. Accepted and agreed.

The Chair thanked the various Charities for attending

Glenda Parkinson addressed the floor and thanked everyone who gave to the raffle this evening. .

10. Collection of registration forms for the 2018 season.

All relevant documents were accepted by allocated committee members and Officers of the League.

11. Close of meeting.

The meeting was declared closed at 10.00pm.

Andrea Finney
Minutes Secretary