

# UP FOR DISCUSSION

## Committee Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016

**Attendees (committee):** Lorin Clough, Alan Taylor, Gary Tipping, Simon Coleman, Tony Britten, Jim Thomson, Mary Leeming, Keith Thomson, Jason Dunkley, Iestyn Pocock



**Apologies received from:** Stevie Anscombe, Stephen Coleman, Michelle Kennedy, Sue Thomson

Meeting opened at: 20:39

### Chairperson's opening statement:

Welcome again to all committee members. We are getting to the 'business end' of the season and so, with much to do, it is gratifying that you could all make it to the meeting.

### County Reports

Inter Area 7's: **Simon Coleman** reported on behalf of Stephen.

Inter Area: Fixtures released and posted on the League Website. It has proven to be an unfortunate draw for the Northants teams with the 'C' and the 'A' teams playing each other in the first round and with the 'B' team getting a really difficult tie against Oxford 'A'. Nevertheless, the teams will do their very best and, in doing so, will represent our league well.

The schedule for the fixtures is as follows:

- 'C' team vs 'A' team in first round – still to be arranged but shall be played during February/March
- 'B' team to be arranged for April/May

The Inter Area 7-a-side is scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> February in Didcot, Oxfordshire. Stephen has selected the following team:

Stephen Coleman (Captain)  
Simon Coleman  
Jason Neal  
Jason Dunkley  
Ian Street  
Damian Coates  
Lorin Clough

### Social Secretary:

**Simon Coleman** reported on behalf of Michelle.

**Race Night (5<sup>th</sup> February 2016)** - Moulton Working Men's Club - 7:30pm for 8pm start. All arrangements are complete however it is disappointing that the Website does not reflect the venue and time details. Lorin apologised and committed to correct immediately.

**Grand Finals & Jim Wilson Memorial Weekend:** Cheyne Walk Club has been booked as this represents a good venue for the league at this stage since they are offering it to the league at no cost. Michelle is currently awaiting dialogue with the caterers regarding food requirements for the weekend.

## **Treasurer:**

**Jim Thomson** reported on behalf of Sue.

**Balance at Bank:** £1,992.57

## **Outstanding Subs:**

All subs have been paid for 15/16 season with exception of Matthew Thomson from Storm.

Sponsorship for the League is still outstanding from BBS but Tony committed to a swift resolution.

C&A Cobblers still owe subs for 2014/15 season (£35)

No outstanding Payments to be issued

## **Secretary:**

**All England Team Championships – Eligibility Competition:** Date set for 2<sup>nd</sup> April at The Cock Hotel

**Simon Coleman** has made all of the arrangements and will be organising and managing this event. Any queries should be directed to him. Simon mentioned that he is currently anticipating at least four teams so far.

**Northants Website Chat Room:** Lorin issued a reminder to all committee members (and urged them to pass this onto teams) of the availability of the new Chat Room feature within the website. Please use this to communicate on league matters, conversations of interest and sharing humour.

**Trophies** – anticipate that spend will be similar or a slight increase when compared to that of the 2014/15 expenditure. Full details will be available at the March Committee Meeting.

**Rule Book:** After recent queries regarding match start times for various competitions, Lorin confirmed that he has posted a reminder on the Website Chat Room and also updated the Rule Book to ensure that it is explicit and clear on this topic.

Lorin requested that Committee members take the time to read the Rule Book to assess what other changes/inclusions should be made.

The following matters pertaining to Rules were also discussed:

Clarification was sought on the rule regarding players practicing on opposition table and periods of disqualification from this activity. This was confirmed as "On the day".

Clarification was sought on the rule regarding replacing a moved or leaning peg back on the spot. The rulings are as follows:

144. Should a ball knock a skittle off its spot but the skittle does not fall over, the score shall count and the skittle should be replaced in its correct position before the next shot is played, unless prevented by a ball encroaching on the skittle's correct position, in which case it should be replaced as soon as the spot is clear, see rule 145.

145. Should any ball be touching a skittle causing it to lean, or preventing it from being re-spotted, this ball should be returned to the rack AT THE END OF THE BREAK.

Where possible both teams should be engaged in scoring and marking.

### **Masters Update:**

Lorin confirmed that there have been 40 confirmations of entry for the forthcoming Masters tournament. This represents five divisions consisting of eight players and means that there will be no requirement for Byes this year. Lorin thanks all of the committee for their efforts in encouraging players this year.

Gary raised the question of Masters T-shirts and colour schemes. Whilst not being explicit – Lorin helpfully directed Gary to the website for an indicative view of likely colour schemes.

### **Competition Secretary:**

Draws were completed by **Simon Coleman** for the following competitions:

**Individuals Quarter-Final** – Matches to be played on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016 8pm start (venues TBC)

Leigh Holmes **vs** Simon Coleman

Damian Coates **vs** Andy Chambers

Jason Dunkley **vs** Kevin Ayres

Ted Dunkley **vs** Jason Neal

**2<sup>nd</sup> Div Indivs Quarter-Final** – Matches to be played on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 – 8pm start (venues TBC)

Stevie Anscombe **vs** Mark Dickerson

Martin Atwill **vs** Phil York

Alan Taylor **vs** Mick Haynes

David Wilton **vs** Shaun Thomson

**Pairs Quarter-Final** – Matches to be played on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 – 8pm start (venues TBC)

Jason Dunkley & Jon Coe **vs** Chas Peel & Jim Smith

Leigh Holmes & Stewart Greenaway **vs** Damian Coates & Stevie Anscombe

Lorin Clough & Stephen Coleman **vs** Ian Jellis & Simon Coleman

Andy Chambers & Jason Neal **vs** Ted Dunkley & Mick Haynes

Lorin will update the website within 24hrs to provide players with as much notice as possible.

### **Team Knockout - Final**

Cock A vs Rushden Cons – to be played on Grand Finals Day at Cheyne Walk Club.

### **Any Other Business:**

**Jim Wilson memorial Tournaments** – Simon Coleman is awaiting confirmation of when tables will be delivered from Dave Alder but will advise if necessary.

Entry will be £5 per person.

Simon is looking into whether it is possible to run a ladies' tournament and invited all members to respond with their views via the chatroom area of the website.

If people have challenges re: availability on Grand Finals Day, please contact Simon as soon as possible and he will seek to accommodate your requirement.

**Northants Open:** Simon is continuing with his organisation of this event and will report to the committee with any updates as is necessary.

**4-pin tournament in Suffolk:** Simon organised a follow up tournament in Suffolk and was joined by Stephen, Tony, Michelle, Sophie, Damian. They had an enjoyable weekend playing a good team at their own game. Whilst the result did not go Northants' way, the bonds that have been built up by Simon and his team will prove valuable to the league in future. The committee offered their hearty thanks to Simon for all his efforts on this.

Thanks were also given to Jim Thomson for his efforts in the recovery of outstanding balances.

### **Performances of the month**

Mark Dickerson continued his excellent form in a recent league game against Burton Exiles with an 8k+ score. Credit for Mark and Shaun's rapid improvement in form is due in part to Keith Thomson who tirelessly encourages the younger members of the league.

Chris Brewer achieved a personal best break and score in the Team KO Semi-Final match against The Cock 'A'. Well done Chris!

Meeting closed at: 21:18

