

UP FOR DISCUSSION

Here is the latest update in the N.B.B.L Committee activities.

Committee Meeting 29th April 2014

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

Apologies: Ian Jellis, Stephen Coleman, Sue Thomson

Meeting opened at 20:40.



Chairperson's opening statement:

Tony expressed thanks to all attendees. The commitment from the committee is bearing fruit and is being noticed, anecdotally, by the league players.

Actions from last meeting

There were no outstanding actions from the last meeting.

County Reports

Inter Area Main competition

Inter Area A: the team played Wallingford 'B' and have won the first leg 3-2. Whilst this is positive it may yet prove a disappointing result as the second leg will still represent a significant challenge. The return match is set for 11th May.

Northants 'B' vs Reading 'A' at Headlands. The team welcomed Ian Street into the fold and he started well with a win including a 7k+ break. Matthew was the only other winner on the night and therefore they will find it tough in Reading on the 11th May being 3-2 down and 5k down on aggregate.

Northants 'C' were away to Reading C. The team struggled all evening with pins falling almost suicidally! The final score was a disappointing 0-5. The return leg has been arranged for 18th May possibly at the C&A. Further match arranged for 11th May against – vs Wallingford C.

Social Secretary:

The menu for the food to be served at the Presentation Evening was agreed and it was noted that up to 50 people have confirmed their attendance. This means that the event should prove to be an enjoyable evening. Sue will be collecting the money for tickets over the coming weeks.

Michelle issued another reminder for raffle prizes at the Jim Wilson event. This is a vital fundraiser for the league.

Jason Dunkley kindly offered to provide the prizes for the Speed Break at the event. Many thanks to Jason.

Secretary:

Lorin confirmed that the trophies have now been purchased and are being prepared.

Qualification for The Northants Masters 2015 was discussed with a view to modifying qualification criteria. Lorin agreed to provide the league averages and full averages to support the discussion at the next meeting. Any rule changes will then be presented to the AGM.

Treasurer:

No update

Competition Secretary:

The competition draws for the Team Knockout Final, 2nd Division Individuals S/Fs, Blind Pairs S/Fs, Pairs S/Fs and Individuals Knockout S/Fs was made ahead of Final's Day.

The Northants Fun Day (Fundraiser) 21st June 2014 – The 'All-Stars' team has now been confirmed and will consist of:

Curt Driver (Capt) – Curt is the current England Team Captain and plays in Kent
Kevin Tunstall – former England Captain and long time no.1 ranked player and four-times world champion
Leon Beer – multiple open winner from the Wallingford league
Phil Collins – former world champion and multiple open winner from Wallingford league
Gerry Fitzjohn – highly ranked player from Kent
Tony Willis – secretary of Inter Area Bar Billiards and Witney league
Jon Bamsey – highly ranked player from Witney
Colin Martin – Wallingford League secretary
Tony Martin – winner of several national titles from Wallingford league
Hayley Tunstall – high ranked lady player from Sussex
Steven Sheard – multiple open winner from Oxford league
Keith Sheard – multiple open winner from Oxford

Preparations for the '**9 Counties Challenge**' are ongoing and 5 venues have now confirmed.

Performances of the month – there have been some fantastic performances of late and the following were nominated for POTM:

Damian Coates for achieving the Runner Up spot in the Surrey Open Plate for the second year in succession.

A notable mention was also offered for Karen Bisecker who has attended every Masters round and completed admin duties for Masters. Thanks are due from the league as without the commitment of players like Karen these competitions would be very difficult to administer.

Chas Peel was nominated as **Wally of the month** for being advised that he was an early starter at the Jim Wilson competition but then asking in return when the draw would be made!!

Any Other Business

Finals/Jim Wilson – Tony to bring extension leads and tape, Trish & Sophie to sell raffle tickets.

Meeting closed at 21:40

The next meeting will be held at The Fox on Tuesday 3rd June at 20:30 sharp!

