

UP FOR DISCUSSION

Committee Meeting 2nd October 2018

Attendees (committee): Lorin Clough, Michelle Coleman, Leanne Tyson, Jason Neal,



Attendees (guests):

Apologies received from: Jim Thomson, Sue Thomson, Tony Britten, Simon Coleman, Stephen Coleman, Keith Thomson, Stevie Anscombe, Mary Leeming, Gary Tipping

Meeting opened at: 20:44

Chairperson's opening statement – Lorin Clough

Welcome to those present and thanks to those who sent apologies.

Treasurer: Sue Thomson – Update by Lorin Clough

Balance at bank: £3,044.20

Payments have been made by Lorin for the trophies as follows:

Inter Area Trophy Engraving - £30

Northants Open - £127.55

Presentation Night Trophies - £1,343.36

Masters Trophy Sponsorship from Lorin (£302.96)

Total due to Lorin - £1,197.95

Outstanding claim for County Championships entries and Inter Area food to be provided by Stephen in due course.

Subs: Red Lion 'B' – Paid £60, Cardigan & Rushden paid via website – LC to transfer money to NBBL account.

Others to be forwarded as soon as possible.

County Reports: Stephen Coleman

No report provided

Inter Area Semi Final versus Portsmouth is scheduled for 6th October.

Social Secretary – Michelle Coleman

Quiz Night – 23rd November at Moulton WMC. Entry is £1 per player with teams limited to six members.

Race Night – 15th February at Moulton WMC.

Presentation Night – date to be confirmed either 22nd, 29th June or 13th, 20th July.

Michelle is now considering suitable events to raise money for 50th Anniversary celebrations – please offer your ideas as they are most welcome.

Competition Secretary: Update provided by Lorin

Competition entry forms will be issued in the coming days and we want to see a record number of entrants this year.

Draws for 1st Round of competitions will take place at next committee meeting.

Feedback from Phil Osborne at Sussex – our league is an inspiration to all other leagues – even in Sussex where they have not had a new player register for 6 years (we had four new players play only last night!). The Northants Open is seen as the best tournament on the circuit due to the organisation and welcome visitors receive as well as the excellent prizes on offer.

Lorin Comment: We are clearly doing things well but it has taken five years of significant effort and hard work to get to this position – and despite the pace of change challenging some as it seems too much too soon, in reality change still takes a long time to bed in and really have a lasting effect. We have much more to do!

Secretary: Lorin Clough

Winter League has commenced – good luck to all. Please make full use of the website and, in particular the informative team and player pages.

The new and innovative Dream Team initiative has proven to be popular across a much wider audience than just our own league – this is an example of our innovation – credit goes to Stephen for it is his brainchild and he has completed much of the logistics work to make it a success.

Social media presence continues to inspire others – again much credit to Stephen and Stevie.

Request from AEBBA for event and/or table sponsorship. Would like to commit us to a minimum of one table sponsorship per event day (circa £60 per annum) in addition to affiliation.

Agreed by committee.

Any Other Business:

Summer League – will need to look at format for next summer as there is a level of dissatisfaction from players – either that they are criticised for seeking to win or that the handicap system does not work. We have a number of options available and so Lorin will provide more information about Alternative Rules and other ahead of putting it to another members vote.

Meeting closed at: 21:30

