

UP FOR DISCUSSION



Committee Meeting 3rd February 2015

Attendees (committee): Alan Taylor, Simon Coleman, Michelle Kennedy, Tony Britten, Jim Thomson, Stephen Coleman, Jason Dunkley, Gary Tipping, Keith Thomson, Stevie Anscombe, Damian Coates, Sue Thomson, Mary Leeming

Apologies received from: Iestyn Pocock,

Meeting opened at 20:35

Chairperson's opening statement:

It is splendid to see so many people here. Having so many regular attendees at committee meetings ensures that we have a range of views and therefore we can make better informed and more balanced decisions. I am hopeful that this will stand the league in good stead moving forward.

County Reports

The draw for the 2015 competition has been completed as follows:

Northants 'A' vs Wallingford 'C' - match to be played in April/May
Northants 'B' vs High Wycombe 'B' – match to be played in April/May
Northants 'C' vs Oxford 'C' – match to be played in April/May

This year the competition includes a new additional competition for those teams who are knocked out after their first match.

The draw for Northants 'C' in the 'C' Team shield is as follows:

Group A with Reading 'D', Oxford 'C' and Witney 'C'. The first match is against Witney 'C' at home and is scheduled for March. Keith will be in touch with 'C' team members very soon so please try to be available to play.

The review of the 2014 competition showed three Northants players in Top 10 performers which is heartening.

The 2015 Inter Area 7 per side will be held on Sunday 26th April at Didcot Conservative Club.

Social Secretary:

RACE NIGHT FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2015 AT MOULTON WMC.

The annual Race Night is to be held on Friday 6th and confirmations have been received from all except 'Cobblers' team. All plans are in place for a successful event which raises important funds for the league and is tremendously enjoyable too.

PRESENTATION NIGHT SATURDAY 2ND MAY 2015

After a period of time to reflect a large number of committee members felt that there were several ways in which the Presentation Night could be improved from last year and so a discussion was held on the following:

- Separating out Finals Day and Presentation Evening
- Including a Disco/Music
- Changing the format of the event

From the feedback received after last year's event it was clear that the event was not as inclusive as it could have been for 'non-playing' guests and thought must be given to how we can make the event more attractive to partners, guests etc.

Michelle mentioned that she found the organizing of last year's event difficult in places because there were too many people involved in decision making. This year it would be preferable if this were to be simplified with a direct contact only between the Social Secretary and Cheyne Walk Club.

In addition, it was thought by some that having the presentation event immediately after the finals had been played, led to the event being too long and quite exhausting. Furthermore the 'presentations' element of the evening was considered to be 'long-winded' and not enough time was made available for people to enjoy the social occasion.

After considerable discussion a vote was held for keeping the schedule and format the same as 2014 or discussing a change (to be agreed in due course). In the end the votes cast were as follows:

8 members voted to keep the format and day of the event the same

5 members voted for a change

1 member abstained from voting

Once this was agreed discussion continued on how the event may be improved and Simon (as Competition Secretary) was asked to consider starting the Finals Day competitions earlier in order to accommodate a disco/music in the evening after the presentations were completed.

Consideration will also be given to how the time taken by the presentations can be significantly reduced with a view to allowing the event to be more social. Michelle will advise the agreed format in due course.

Secretary:

Lorin gave an update on the forthcoming Northants Masters competition and advised that all sponsorship requests had been responded to and that full financial coverage for the event has once again been

achieved. This means that there the event will again be full self sufficient financially and will again make a small contribution to the league.

Lorin was given the authority by the committee to select t-shirt colors for the event.

Lorin highlighted that there have been a couple of instances where players have decided not to enter and so there remain two spaces in the event should anyone still wish to play. If so, please contact Lorin as soon as possible.

Qualification ends soon so please keep an eye on the website to see the final standings and what Masters Division you will be competing in!

Lorin also highlighted a concern about the Winter 2015/16 season as it appears that at least one, and possibly more, teams will not be fielded. Lorin recommended that a full discussion be had regarding player intentions so that it can become clear the extent of the impact on next Winter League season.

Treasurer:

The current balance is £2,035.55 as at 3/2/2015

Teams have the following subscriptions outstanding:

Cobblers £48

PLEASE ARRANGE PAYMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PLEASE !

Competition Secretary:

Draws were made as follows:-

2nd Div Indivs Q/F – 26th Feb

Jason Dunkley	vs	Kevin Ayres
Martin Atwill	vs	Keith Thomson
Ted Dunkley	vs	Jon Coe
Nick Faulkener	vs	Mark Dickerson

Blind Pairs Q/F – 19th Feb

Rob S/Alan T	vs	Simon C/Gary T
Dave S/Ted D	vs	Stevie A/Simon M
Stephen C/Ray C	vs	Mary L/Chris B
Jim T/Theo H	vs	Mick H/Leigh H

Pairs Q/F – 5th March

Jim T/Dave S	vs	Jase N/Andy C
Lorin/Stephen	vs	Chris B/Gareth E
Dave E/Kevin A	vs	Mary L/Ian S
Johnny G/Leigh H	vs	Tony B/Rob S

Individual KO Quarter Final:- to be played 18/03/2015

Stevie Anscombe	vs	Gary Tipping
Mick Haynes	vs	Simon Coleman
Lorin Clough	vs	Jason Neal
Chas Peel	vs	Jason Dunkley

Premiership Final:- to be played 16th Feb

Rushden Cons	vs	The Cock 'A'
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Headlands	vs	Storm
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Any Other Business

Simon has been in dialogue with the AEBBA Secretary regarding him running a national open competition along with the other County Opens in the national calendar. The AEBBA are very supportive of this idea and the Northants committee too were generally supportive. Simon's plan is to look closely at February 2016 as a possible date for this event. He will welcome help in securing a suitable venue so please pass any ideas you may have to Simon.

Performances of the month

As ever there have been a number of strong contenders but the following were particularly outstanding:

Gary Tipping has put in several excellent performances of late and currently holds the Division 2 Highest Away Score with 7,070

Dave Evans was not to be outdone and is again the leader in the Division 2 Highest Away Break with 5,370.

Meeting closed at 21:48

The next meeting will be held at The Cock on 3rd March at 20:30 sharp!

