

FENLAND LEAGUE

MINUTES OF FENLAND LEAGUE MEETING HELD AT THE HUDSON SPORTS CENTRE, WISBECH ON MONDAY 7th MARCH 2016.

PRESENT:

Ian Harrison (Boston); Peter Hockerston (Boston); Suzy Ashworth (Bottisham); Trish Heider (Bottisham) Cathryn Mellersh (Bottisham); Simon Martin (City of Peterborough); Darren Smith (Deepings); Deana Jordan (Huntingdon); Mark McGowen (March); Jane Robinson (Mildenhall); Clare Jeffery (West Norfolk); Greg Marsters (Wisbech); Tina Knowles (Wisbech); Simon Yeates (Chairman & City of Ely); David Robinson (Secretary); Pauline Paines (Adjudicator).

APOLOGIES:

Chatteris; Diss Otters; First Strokes; Thetford.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

It was agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 28th September 2015 were a true record.

MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising

CORRESPONDENCE:

Affiliation paperwork has been received from the ASA and returned with the fees for affiliation to ASA East Region

Dereham Otters have contacted the secretary informing that they would not be competing in the 2016 Senior League.

The secretary has written to St Neots regarding the suitability of the Bedford Pool to host Fenland League galas in particular regarding the metal protrusions for fixing the starting platforms and asked that a risk assessment should be completed. He also voiced the concerns raised by the league committee regarding the lack of space for swimmers and spectators and asked that they consider hosting at an alternative venue as other clubs have done for similar reasons. St Neots had replied that they have obtained a copy of the risk assessment and queried why they had not received any reports of injuries on the night. Their committee have met and have discussed changing venues but have decided they would continue to host at the Bedford pool. The secretary told the meeting he would try to attend their next home league gala in September and assess the situation.

JUNIOR LEAGUE FIXTURES & DRAW FOR 2017:

Due to the Easter holidays it was agreed to move the second round gala to 22nd April 2017. To avoid clashing with the Arena League and half term it was agreed to move the finals to the first weekend in October so for 2017 this would be 7th October 2017. The dates for the rest of the 2017 galas were fixed for the same weekends each month as 2016. Peterborough, Deepings, Boston; Ely and March all volunteered to host the finals. If a final should not be competed by any of these clubs then an alternative host would be sought.

The draw then took place and the secretary would circulate this to all clubs and place on the website as soon as possible.

SENIOR LEAGUE DRAW FOR 2016 AND DATES FOR 2017:

The draw was made for the first round to be hosted by West Norfolk at Kings Lynn and Mildenhall at Newmarket on 2nd July 2016.

Wisbech and First Strokes would host the second round galas to be held on 17th September 2016. First Strokes would host their gala at Newmarket.

The dates for 2017 were agreed as 1st July and 16th September.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The secretary confirmed he would be standing down as secretary at the AGM in September and it was suggested that all clubs should seek to find someone willing to take on the role.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 26th September 2016 at The Hudson Sports Centre, Wisbech at 8.00pm.