

FENLAND LEAGUE

MINUTES OF FENLAND LEAGUE MEETING HELD AT THE HUDSON SPORTS CENTRE, WISBECH ON MONDAY 6th MARCH 2017.

PRESENT:

Ian Harrison (Boston); Peter Hockerston (Boston); Trish Heider (Bottisham) Cathryn Mellersh (Bottisham); Steve Kendall (City of Ely); Simon Martin (City of Peterborough); Darren Smith (Deepings); Deana Jordan (Huntingdon); Mark McGowen (March); Jane Robinson (Mildenhall); Ryan Sykes (West Norfolk); Greg Marsters (Wisbech); Paul Eden (Wisbech); Simon Yeates (Chairman); 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 26th September 2016 were a true record.

MATTERS ARISING:

The secretary contacted St Neots Swans as requested by the September meeting asking them to report as to how they would deal with the problem regarding the starting platforms at the Bedford Pool. After discussion, their committee have agreed to host their 2017 gala at Newmarket.

The secretary received the complaint regarding the club that had used swimmers not shown as being members of that club on the ASA database in the second round of the Senior League. After contacting the club it was established that, because of a misunderstanding of the rules, they had used swimmers that were not actually members of their club. The points for the gala have been adjusted and revised results circulated.

The announcing of disqualifications has been added to the host club guidance notes.

West Norfolk had contacted the secretary to say that they believe they have tracked down the missing Senior League trophy but to date he hasn't received confirmation.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Affiliation paperwork has been received from the ASA and returned with the fee of £35.00 for affiliation to ASA East Region.

An invoice of £71.86 for hosting the Fenland League website has been received and paid

Thetford have raised the issue regarding away clubs not providing their allocation of officials and would like to propose that clubs that do not should receive a penalty points deduction similar to that imposed for swimming ineligible swimmers. The secretary had replied that this would be difficult to monitor and neither he or the adjudicator would have the means or time to do so.

The secretary had received queries from two clubs regarding the choice of venue for the 2016 'A' Final of the Junior League. The secretary had responded to both clubs explaining the reason for the choice which was due to clubs withdrawing their offers to host a final at very short notice. One of the clubs replied that they would be willing to host finals if needed in the future.

Wisbech have contacted the secretary regarding clubs that do not supply an electronic copy of their team sheet ahead of the gala and would like to propose that a rule, with penalties, requiring all clubs to do so for consideration at the next AGM. This would help the volunteers that give up their time with recording the results. The secretary told the meeting that this would also be difficult to police and it would require a huge amount of work for other volunteers to monitor. The rule is that clubs should submit their team sheets to the recording table on the night of the gala. It is up to the host clubs to be proactive in requesting visiting clubs to submit the sheets ahead of the gala, in recent years most clubs do and the majority of visiting clubs comply with the request

Ian Mackenzie as a member of an ASA working group looking at the Licencing of League galas in the future has contacted the secretary asking for his views. The secretary had replied that he would be against the licencing of Fenland League galas owing to the problems of AOE requirements, the extra administration but most of all the problem of ensuring that each gala had the correct officials as required under the licencing criteria. He stressed these were his personal views and not necessarily those of the league committee.

JUNIOR LEAGUE FIXTURES & DRAW FOR 2018:

The date for the finals caused a great deal of discussion with the first two weekends in October clashing with other events. It was decided, with reluctance, that the only option was to revert back to the third Saturday of 20th October which was the first weekend of half term.

The date for the fourth round to keep it the second Saturday of July would be the 14th July. The date for the fifth round was moved to the 15th September as the committee felt the 8th September was too early. The dates for the rest of the 2018 galas were fixed for the same weekends each month as 2017.

Peterborough; Boston; Thetford; March and Bottisham all volunteered to host the finals if needed. 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 2017 AND DATES FOR 2018:

The draw was made for the first round galas to be hosted by Wisbech and Bottisham on 1st July 2017. Bottisham would host their gala at Newmarket.

West Norfolk and City of Ely would host the second round galas to be held on 16th September 2017. West Norfolk would host their gala at Kings Lynn, City of Ely would confirm their venue as soon as possible.

The dates for 2018 were agreed as 7th July and 29th September. The second round had to be moved to the end of the month due to the Junior League gala moving to the 15th September and other clashes.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 25th September 2017 at The Hudson Sports Centre, Wisbech at 8.00pm.