

FENLAND LEAGUE

MINUTES OF FENLAND LEAGUE MEETING HELD AT THE HUDSON
SPORTS CENTRE, WISBECH ON MONDAY 5th MARCH 2018.

PRESENT:

Ian Harrison (Boston); Peter Hockerston (Boston); Emma Marsden (Bottisham) Cathryn Mellersh (Bottisham); Kerry Treharne (Deepings); John Burling (First Strokes); Liz Coggins (Huntingdon); Mark McGowen (March); Colin Cumbridge (March); Jane Robinson (Mildenhall); Greg Marsters (Wisbech); Paul Eden (Wisbech); Simon Yeates (Chairman & Ely); David Robinson (Secretary); Pauline Paines (Adjudicator).

APOLOGIES:

Chatteris; City of Peterborough; Diss Otters; Thetford; West Norfolk

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

It was agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2017 were a true record.

MATTERS ARISING:

The declaration sheets clubs had used for the finals had had limited success with four clubs having points deducted for infringements. This had resulted in St Neots and Bottisham needing to arrange an exchange of trophies due to the deductions of 15 points from the St Neots total. It was not clear whether the exchange had occurred.

Unfortunately, the new trophy purchased for C Final had had the incorrect names engraved on the plate on the back of the shield. This would not be difficult to rectify, and John Burling has it in hand for this to be collected from and returned to the holders, West Norfolk, after the corrections have been remedied.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Affiliation paperwork has been received from the Swim England and returned with the fee of £35.00 for affiliation to Swim England East Region. It was noted that paperwork including the programmes need updating to reflect the change from ASA East Region to Swim England East Region. The secretary will let the clubs have the new version of the programme when they were due to host a gala, but it would be acceptable to use up any old versions.

An invoice of £71.86 for hosting the Fenland League website has been received and paid. An invoice of £57.56 for the website domain name was also received and paid, this was for a three-year period.

Since the last meeting the secretary had received notification from several clubs regarding a change of club representative for the league, these clubs were: Bottisham; Chatteris; Diss; Mildenhall; St Neots and West Norfolk. All these changes are in the 2018 handbook and on the website.

JUNIOR LEAGUE FIXTURES & DRAW FOR 2019:

With Easter being late in 2019 it would clash with the second round of the Junior League it was agreed by the committee to move the second round one week later to 27th April.

The dates for the rest of the 2019 galas were fixed for the same weekends each month as 2018.

Peterborough; Boston; Ely and Mildenhall 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 2018 AND DATES FOR 2019:

Chatteris have withdrawn from the Senior League but West Norfolk will be entering a B team so there would still be ten clubs competing in 2018.

The draw was made for the first-round galas to be hosted by March and Bottisham on 7th July 2018. March would host their gala at Whittlesey and Bottisham would host at Newmarket. The secretary will circulate the draw and place on the website as soon as possible.

First Strokes would host a second-round gala at Newmarket on 29th September 2018. With no club coming forward to host the other second gala the secretary reported that West Norfolk would be willing to host subject to pool availability.

The dates for 2019 were agreed as 6th July and 28th September.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

It was queried when a disqualification is announced at Fenland League galas it should be for “an infraction” or for “an infringement”. Under the new rules it should be “infraction” but it was felt that either would suffice.

John Burling commented how helpful Chris Bellwood of Newmarket is with operating the AOE when First Strokes host galas at Newmarket. This sentiment was endorsed by the other clubs that host at Newmarket as he also assists with their galas, in total 6 to 8 Fenland League galas each year even though his own club is not a Fenland League club.

The problem of officials for league galas was again raised, the difficulty in making sure appropriately qualified referees are used is a particular concern.

The secretary congratulated Wisbech in winning the 2017 Junior League and this was endorsed by all those present.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 24th September 2018 at The Hudson Sports Centre, Wisbech at 8.00pm.