

FENLAND LEAGUE

MINUTES OF FENLAND LEAGUE MEETING HELD AT THE HUDSON SPORTS CENTRE, WISBECH ON MONDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2017 FOLLOWING THE AGM

PRESENT:

Ian Harrison (Boston); Peter Hockerston (Boston); Emma Marsden (Bottisham); Cathryn Mellersh (Bottisham); Tim Ablett (Chatteris); Simon Martin (Peterborough); Kerry Treharne (Deepings); John Burling (First Strokes); Liz Coggins (Huntingdon); Mark McGowen (March); Jane Robinson (Mildenhall); Ryan Sykes (West Norfolk); Greg Marsters (Wisbech); Paul Eden (Wisbech); David Robinson (Secretary); Pauline Paines (Adjudicator).

APOLOGIES:

Simon Yeates (Chairman & City of Ely); Clare Fasey (Thetford).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

It was agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2017 were a true record.

MATTERS ARISING:

The secretary reported that it was now possible to licence league galas, but it would be difficult to meet the criteria required to do so in particular in ensuring the correct officials were used.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Notification received that John Richards will be the League contact for Huntingdon until further notice. Also received notification that Kerry Treharne is now the League contact for Deepings. The league website has been updated to reflect both these changes.

Notification received that Emma Marsden will be taking over as the Bottisham contact following the Junior League final on 7th October.

The secretary has received a complaint from a judge that was confronted by a very aggressive coach following a disqualification. This is not acceptable, and all clubs should make sure all their coaches and poolside helpers be made aware that they should only consult with the referee and not an individual official if they have any issues at league galas.

Deepings, for the second year running, had let the secretary know they were unable/unwilling to host a Junior League final. This notification was very late and had caused problems in securing a host for the 'B' Final.

The opposite had happened with the 'A' Final with both Boston and Peterborough both keen to host. Boston agreed to withdraw but sought an assurance that they would host a final in 2018. The delegates present agreed they would be given that assurance.

JUNIOR LEAGUE FINALS 2017:

With Boston agreeing to withdraw Peterborough would host the 'A' Final.

Ely have managed to book Whittlesey and will therefore host the 'B' Final.

Mildenhall, although not down as a host, have come forward with an offer to host the 'C' Final. This offer was accepted therefore the finals would be hosted as follows:

Peterborough	'A' FINAL	6.10 – 6.40pm
Ely @ Whittlesey	'B' FINAL	6.00 – 6.30pm
Mildenhall @ Newmarket	'C' FINAL	6.00 – 6.30pm

The lane allocation would be by seeding the teams on their league standings after the round five galas.

The secretary distributed the sheets showing the points to be deducted at the finals due to clubs swimming ineligible swimmers during 2017. This disappointingly showed a total of 96 points to be deducted for infringements compared to 78 in 2016 and 46 in 2015. Chatteris would also be deducted 80 points for failing to field teams in earlier rounds.

The declaration sheets as used for the finals over the last few years have had limited success but the meeting agreed these should be used and urged all clubs to make a concerted effort to make sure all their swimmers were legal for the finals.

SENIOR LEAGUE 2018:

March, Bottisham and First Strokes all volunteered to host a gala.

It was agreed that March and Bottisham would host the first-round galas and First Strokes would host a second-round gala. The secretary will contact those clubs not present to see if one of them could host a round two gala.

The dates for Senior League 2018 as agreed at the last meeting are:

ROUND ONE – 7 JULY 2018
ROUND TWO – 29 SEPTEMBER 2018

The secretary asked these host clubs to make sure they have booked their pools.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The secretary pointed out that for three years the hosting documents have asked clubs to record the disqualification code on the recording sheets. Of the 19 galas so far this year 16 clubs have complied. Those that didn't were March, Huntingdon and Deepings, hopefully by naming them they will look out for this in 2018

John Burling told the meeting that the 'C' Final trophy was in a poor condition. He has purchased a new shield and had it refurbished with the parts of the old shield to preserve the history. He showed the finished shield to the meeting and reported the cost had been £150 and suggested each team in the Junior league paid £10 to cover the cost. The delegates approved of the new trophy and thank John for arranging this. It was also agreed that the cost should come from league funds.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 5th March 2018 at The Hudson Sports Centre, Wisbech at 8.00pm.