

Barnsley Badminton League AGM minutes 08/09/26

- The meeting was held at Hoyland WMC
- All league clubs sent voting representatives.
- All committee members attended except Mark Bamforth who sent his apologies.

1.0 Election of Officials

- Ian Carpenter is stepping down as a committee member.
- Joseph Lucassi is stepping down as Treasurer but wished to remain as a committee member.
- A new volunteer was requested for the role of Treasurer. Unfortunately no one volunteered so a ballot will be held for a club to provide a Treasurer for the next two years. Post meeting the ballot selected Wrenthorpe who will provide a named person to serve for two years minimum.
- All remaining officials wished to continue in their roles and the meeting voted in favour of this.

2.0 League Finances

- Joseph walked through the accounts which he had distributed prior to the meeting.
- The meeting agreed that the entry subs for the coming season would be £60 per team.
- The league is in a healthy financial position and will look to use these funds (see further points in the meeting).

3.0 Match Secretary Report

2025/26 season

- 2025 / 26 was a very competitive season across all divisions.
- We all play badminton for the fun and enjoyment of the game. A reminder to all players. Within the league we recognise it is a competitive environment but it is also imperative to treat everyone with dignity and respect whilst playing in the league both on and off court. This applies to opponents, teammates, officials and spectators. The league requires the players to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship which inherently includes respecting opponents.
- In addition all clubs were reminded to advise captains to ensure players are eligible to play before a match and to use the tools available on the website. i.e. Registered players, played up etc.
- Div 1 relegated teams were Pontefract A and Cudworth Phoenix A.
- Div 2 promoted teams were Ossett B and Bessacarr Doncaster B and relegated teams were Honeywell A and Wrenthorpe A.
- Div 3 promoted teams were Pontefract C and Shepley A.
- 2025 / 26 player statistics have now been moved to the history tabs.

2026/27 season

- The following teams have dropped out, Cudworth Phoenix, Bessacarr B, Pontefract Pumas and Minsthorpe B.
- Pontefract D have entered a new team. Bessacarr C now becomes B team in Div 3.
- Due to player turnover Ossett B have requested to remain in Division 2.
- Based on the above the match secretary asked Pontefract A to remain in Division 1.
- There AGM agreed that the above points were acceptable.
- A request has been received from Garforth Pendas to enter a development team in Division 2. The meeting discussed this and then voted in favour of this 16 votes of 24

in favour.

- The divisions have been balanced to 8 teams in Division 1 and 3 and 9 teams in Division 2
- The fixtures will be updated and available within the next few days on the website and these are no longer draft following the AGM.
- Season will start week commencing 5th Oct.

5.0 Tournament

- The meeting agreed they would like to hold a handicap tournament again this year in Nov. Last years tournament was a great success.
- The tournament secretary was asked to provide a date ASAP.
- Please encourage membership of your clubs to participate.
- Volunteers were great last year and this would be appreciated again this year to assist with the tournament.
- The meeting was asked for volunteers again to assist with the Handicap committee and we will ask the existing members (Sean, Ian) to assist again. Jonathan Ruston and Alex Heeley volunteered.
- An update was provided by Wendy on the very successful Ladies tournament. They are running a start of season tournament and clubs were asked to encourage ladies to participate. As there will be no sponsor the league will assist with finance to ensure costs are kept low to entrants to encourage participation.

6.0 Rule Changes

- Rule 4.9.1 - will be amended to 48 hours following discussion at the meeting and emails post last years meeting.

7.0 LEAGUE 75 YEARS

- The league will celebrate 75 years in 2027.
- Alex Heeley informed the meeting that the survey was available and to encourage completion so the league can gauge appetite. These will be distributed via email and Facebook.
- We discussed paying for an article in the Barnsley Chronicle. Also an exhibition event at the refurbished YMCA. They were the first winners in 1952. The league would also like to fund some reminder memorabilia for all league members.
- It is imperative that we get organising this year as this is the final season before the anniversary.

8.0 AOB

- Shuttles - The league purchase a selection of Shuttles for clubs to try in particular the Synthetic Victor Pro and Max. Clubs were invited to take a few shuttles to try.
- Coaching in particular junior coaching is thriving in Doncaster, Wakefield and Pontefract with waiting lists in particular for juniors. The league would like to encourage coaching in the direct Barnsley area and may be able to support anyone doing this. Please reach out if you know of anyone interested.
- Scoring - The Match secretary advised that we would not adopt the new scoring system this season due to the change being mid season. The meeting were very against the new system and wished to vote to retain the current system for all future seasons. This was a unanimous vote.