

Teesside Basketball League AGM 9th May 2012

At 7.30 pm at The Blue Bell Acklam

Attendees

Nigel Clack, Richard Baister, Geoff Brown, John Blair, Phil Hale, James Thomson, Howard Leighton, Jack Banks, Jaycie Hall, Albert Lloyd, Martin Roberts
Teams not represented, Heat Explosion and Sonics
Apologies Heat

Approval of the last minutes

Agreed as a true record

Matters arising

None

Election of Officers (the Exec)

Chairman - Nigel Clack
League Registrar and Treasurer - Richard Baister
Referees and fixtures secretary - Albert Lloyd
Website Administrator - Phil Hale
Development and press officer - James Thompson
All officers were elected by unanimous vote.

Steve Lynas Memorial

The meeting recognised the immense contribution of Steve Lynas who died recently. He was a tireless organiser, treasurer, secretary, referee and general cheerleader for basketball on Teesside. He will be sadly missed.

League Finances

Additional cheque signatories of chairman and development officer were proposed and accepted in addition to Geoff Brown as club signatory. Any two from 3 could sign a cheque. No cash would be accepted by the treasurer, but teams could use Internet credits and pay in clearly annotated amounts of cash to the league via their own banks.

Report on current league finances found a balance of £1372.63 in hand at the Yorkshire Bank with approx £400 of unpaid bills for the CVL. Unpaid cheques totalled approx £1000 which the new treasurer will follow up on to have reissued.

It was agreed that at the next AGM a proper set of accounts would be presented and that a reasonable portion of any surplus would be voted on regarding its use to develop the league, i.e. youth CVL, Masters fees, various course matched funding.

The treasurer would be in contact with EB to present accounts and discuss payments to the RMC.

Proposed League format, one division

Richmond Vikings
Darlington Storm
Easingwold Vikings
Tadea Lions
Specsaver Tigers
Hartlepool Heat
Team UCA
Egglescliffe Explosion
Rydale Warriors
Storm B
Richmond B
Lions B

Each team will play the other home and away. The league will start on October 1st and finish on March 31st. Space will be timetabled for the handicap cup whose tariff will be decided upon by the executive.

Fixtures will be allocated over the next month and mutually agreed changes can be made via the fixtures secretary up until **August 1st**. Thereafter no postponements will be possible without a) the email agreement of both teams and b) the agreement of both teams and the fixtures secretary to the new date and referees. The only valid reason for a postponement will be a genuine venue issue. Should teams not be able to agree on a new date then the away team will be awarded a 20:0 walkover.

Each team will play where possible on a full sized court and have two competent table officials and a visible scoreboard and clock. The league will provide two qualified referees.

Handicap Cup and Steve Lynas Cup

It is proposed that a handicap cup will be scheduled by the fixtures secretary to be played at specific points in the season. Refs fees will be split by both teams home or away. A CVL competition called the Steve Lynas Cup will take place at Eston Sports Centre in early January and the date scheduled by the fixtures secretary within the league schedule. The league will provide refs and table officials

League fees and Refereeing

As agreed at last years AGM league and cup fees will be £100 and should be paid ASAP and in any event before **August 31st**

Referees fees are proposed at £18 with a £20 year end bonus paid by the league to referees attending 10 games or more.

It is proposed that a refereeing panel is set up and refs allocated to games pre-season. We do not want to over rely on any one referee.

Each club will nominate a referee from their squad who is available to referee games. If they are unable to provide a referee they will pay £50 towards league refereeing costs and agree to placing an individual on a training course for next season.

Respect

The league cannot function without referees and table officials. It is proposed that any abuse of such officials either during or after a game will be severely dealt with by the Executive at their discretion, if reported on by the officials at the game. This can be reported to the league Exec by email through the website by the match officials. Players and coaches could be subject to match bans, fined or disqualified from playing in the league.

Equally officials should be suitably attired and qualified.

Officials should be present 15 mins before a game and they should be paid **before** play commences.

Website

It was agreed to donate £130 towards the website administrators time and expenses and pay the hosting fee. Some minor modifications to the website were agreed.

All match results must be entered by the home team within 48 hours to avoid a one point penalty.

Constitution and Rules

It was agreed that a copy of the constitution and updated rules be placed on the website once updated by the Exec and subsequently approved by the clubs.

Registration

It is proposed that all teams, players and referees must be registered with the league registrar and EB prior to **August 31st** and in any case as soon as possible. Appropriate fees must accompany player registrations and those players registered elsewhere must have authenticated EB registration numbers before playing or training after **September 30th**.

Future Meetings

It is agreed that an AGM will be held on Weds 17th April 2013 at the Bluebell Acklam at 7.30 pm.

AOB

It was agreed that an email would be sent to all clubs specifying their obligations regarding the changes above and a copy placed on the website.