

NORTHERN BRIDGE LEAGUE REVIEW MEETING 8/11/2012

Held at Manchester B.C. on 8/11/2012 at 11a.m

1 Present

B Kaye (Coordinator)
H Brown, J Maclachlan (Cumbria)
A Barnes, B Brelsford, J Smith (Lancashire)
R Lighton (Webmaster)
S Travers (Observer)
J Hampson, D Howe (Merseyside)
D & S Davies (N East)
A Farmer (Westmorland)
S Davies, G Jepson, J Latham (Yorkshire)

2 Apologies

Gill Copeland (Yorkshire), Philip Wraight (Westmorland), Michael Newman (Manchester),

3 Minutes of Last Meeting (3 Nov 2011)

Original minutes amended as:

4a) No player may represent two different teams in the same division during the season *unless unavoidable*

4b) £50 per team (*including the licence fee*)

4d) *A TD running one match gets £75. An assistant running a second match gets £50. A TD running two matches gets £100. TD Travel expenses are 30p per mile for long distance travel.*

4 Matters arising from 2011 and NBL League Report

- a) Manchester won the A & B Divisions, Lancashire won the C Division.
- b) National County League Final will be at W.Midlands BC on Sun 7 July 2013.
- c) Lincolnshire dropped out of the C Division before the start of the season.
- d) Manchester fielded only one team in A Division.
- e) Rodney Lighton has taken over Webmaster. Stuart Knox was thanked for all his previous work.
- f) The A Division Trophy located with Jean Keen. Some uncertainty on C Trophy location. All Trophies needed update engraving. It was reminded that Trophies should be presented at the final match.
- g) Stuart Davies has taken over the collation and submission of results after each match. Stuart was asked to verify Masterpoint submission for the NBL Match 4. (it has been subsequently submitted for P2P)
- h) A suggestion to change the League name from NBL to NC(Counties)BL was rejected.

5 Treasurers Report

Stuart Davies presented the Accounts for 2012 which showed a £159.66 deficit. The loss was largely due to the higher catering costs but did not include Trophy Engraving (estimated cost £50) nor the Review Meeting cost (£80). So the final balance is a loss of approximately £290. Stuart also presented a budget plan for the 2013 season.

After discussion, it was agreed each County pay £15 per Team participating in 2012 to cover the shortfall. This was to be sent to Stuart within the next two weeks. A payment of £100 each for web usage and scoring software would be made next season.

The NBL 2013 Season fees were settled as:

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| County Entry Fee | £75 per team (increased from £50). Money to be sent to Stuart by April 1 st 2013 |
| Table Money | £10 per player |
| TD Fee | £75 running one match, £100 running two matches alone |
| Assistant TD Fee | £50 running second match |
| TD Travel Expenses | 30p per mile |
| Duplicate Cost | £25 per match (including Hand Records) |
| Catering Costs | £9 per head. The Host Club would be asked to cater in line with that price. |

A suggestion to use a Bank account was rejected. Match invoices would be retained (usually Emails). It was agreed the NBL pay the £9 for an Assistant TD (Gordon Bickley)'s meal.

6 NBL League/Venues 2013

| TEAMS OF 8 FOR 2013 | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | A | B | C |
| 1 | Lancashire | Cumbria | Cumbria |
| 2 | Manchester I | Lancashire | Lancashire |
| 3 | Manchester II ?? | Manchester | Merseyside/Cheshire |
| 4 | Merseyside/Cheshire | Merseyside/Cheshire | Manchester |
| 5 | Yorkshire I | North East | North East ?? |
| 6 | Yorkshire II | North Wales | Westmorland |
| 7 | | Westmorland | Yorkshire NW |
| 8 | | Yorkshire | Yorkshire SE |

| DATES/VENUES | | | | |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Division | Sat Aug 3 2013 | Sat Aug 31 2013 | Sat Sep 14 2013 | Sat Oct 12 2013 |
| A | Manchester | Manchester | Bradford | Bradford |
| B | Leeds | Manchester | Keighley | Bradford |
| C | Manchester | Blackburn | Bradford | Leeds |

- Manchester was again invited to enter a second team into Division A.
- North East was considering entering a team in C Division next season.
- A new venue Leeds was to be used and Keighley would also be used again. Darlington was discussed but some people felt the travel time too prohibitive.
- Disability requirements need to be advertised well in advance (diet and mobility) to the hosting venue so that due arrangements may be made.

7 Other Business

- Coordinator to verify venues and then to appoint TDs according to availability and location asap
- Ensure Manchester matches timed for similar break when food is served in one place.
- NBL Appeals Authority (unconnected to the area) be appointed (Dhondy, Amos or both to be advised?)
- XImps to be used in all Divisions (New scales for less than 10 board matches need to be designed).
- Individual XImps (rather than Butlers) be published.
- 48 hour correction time after publication of any NBL results.
- Conduct Committee: Bernard Kaye, Graham Jepson and John Hampson were appointed.

8 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 24th October 2013 at Bradford BC.

The intention was to alternate Manchester/Bradford for meetings.