

NORTHERN BRIDGE LEAGUE REVIEW MEETING 24/10/2014

Held at Bolton B.C. on 24th October 2014 at 11a.m.

1 Present

B Kaye	(Coordinator/Merseyside)
T Ward, K Cooper	(Cumbria)
A Barnes, B Brelsford, J Smith	(Lancashire)
M Byrne, R Lighton	(Manchester)
J Hampson	(Merseyside/Cheshire)
M Rothwell	(Westmorland)
S Davies, G Jepson, J Latham, J O'Sullivan	(Yorkshire)

2 Apologies

G Copeland (Yorkshire), M Newman (Manchester), P Durie (North East)

3 Minutes of Last Meeting (24 Dec 2013)

The A Division had 6 teams (including 2 Manchester teams), B Division had 8 Teams, C Division had 7 teams with the North East not playing any C Team matches. The introduction of junior matches (U25 in principle) had not happened but it was hoped the County representatives would report back to their Executives and work towards getting at least one junior match organised. The non-allocation of Masterpoints for final rankings was in line with the original Bavin Masterpoint correspondence, but there was a feeling that there should be some bonus for this.

4 Matters arising from 2014 and NBL League Report

(a) Manchester won the A Division, Lancashire won the B Division and Yorkshire SE won the C Division.

(b) National County Final will be on Sun 28 June 2015 at Coventry (potential clash with Presidents Cup?).

(c) An £80 cancellation fee was still outstanding from the North East for the Blackburn fixture called off at 5 days notice. Should the North East not pay this, it would regrettably have to be written off (i.e. paid to Blackburn BC from NBL funds). It was decided for the future that Counties only forfeit food costs if less than 4 days notice.

(d) There were potential new venues of Merseyside BC, Brierfield, Bolton BC, Deva BC and following adverse comments at the meeting on the Manchester venue, Mr Byrne would convey suggestions for improvement back to the proprietor at Manchester BC.

5 Treasurers Report

Stuart Davies presented the Accounts for 2014 which showed assets of about £176 (after the £80 write off and meeting expenses settled). Stuart presented a budget plan for the 2015 season with similar expenses to the 2014 season other than the duplication of 4 sets of boards at £35 per match per pool (rather than £25 for 2 sets). This was agreed and it was noted that head to head matches could thus be run more easily.

County Fee	£50 per team. Money to be sent to Stuart by April 1 st 2015
Table Money	£12 per player
Catering/Venue	£10 per head.
TD Fee	£75 running one match, £100 running two matches alone
Assistant TD Fee	£50 running second match
TD Travel	30p per mile
Duplimate	£35 per match per pool (4 copies including Hand Records)
WebMaster	£100
Scoring Support	£100
Results Coordinator	£100

6 NBL League/Venues 2014

TEAMS OF 8 FOR 2015			
	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	Westmorland
6	Yorkshire II	North Wales	Yorkshire NW
7		Westmorland	Yorkshire SE
8		Yorkshire	

DATES/VENUES 2015				
Div	Sat Aug 1 2015	Sat Aug 29 2015	Sat Sep 12 2015	Sat Oct 10 2015
A	Brierfield	Bradford	Bradford	Bolton
B	Leeds	Blackburn	Keighley	Bradford
C	Manchester	Bradford	Brierfield	Leeds

- (a) Manchester County will report back on continuing with a second team in A Division.
- (b) An earlier start time of 12:30 with players expected to arrive half an hour earlier at 12:00.
- (c) TDs to put more emphasis on avoiding slow play with stricter time limits on each round.

7 Other Business

- (a) EBU Panel TDs to be given priority with regard to TD appointments.
- (b) The default award for a missing team maintained at 14-6 to the other teams. (Ave+ on every board). This was irrespective of whether another team got a lesser score on the day.
- (c) White Book EBU XIMP Scale continue to be used in all divisions. (This type of scoring also means that unplayed boards for late arrival did not overly impact the final results).

8 Date of Next Meeting

Thanks were given to Bolton BC for hosting the meeting and for an excellent lunch.

11am on Thursday 15th October 2015 at Bradford BC. (Note change of date from that originally proposed).