

# NORTHERN BRIDGE LEAGUE REVIEW MEETING 2015

Held at Bradford B.C. on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 11a.m.

## 1 Present

B Kaye	(Coordinator/Merseyside)
T Ward	(Cumbria)
A Barnes, B Brelsford, J Smith	(Lancashire)
M Newman, S Travers	(Manchester)
M Rothwell	(Westmorland)
S Davies, G Jepson, J O'Sullivan	(Yorkshire)

## 2 Apologies

J Hampson (Merseyside), R Lighton, M Byrne (Manchester), J Latham (Yorkshire)

## 3 Minutes of Last Meeting (24 Oct 2014)

The A Division had 6 teams (with two Manchester teams), B Division had 8 Teams, C Division had 7 teams. The non-allocation of Masterpoints for final rankings was again confirmed.

## 4 Matters arising from 2014 and NBL League Report

- The same teams as last year - Manchester [A], Lancashire [B], Yorkshire SE [C] won the Divisions.
- The new venues of Brierfield and Bolton BC had been fine. Manchester BC had improved.
- The earlier start of 12:30 and TD time limits had worked well and would continue.

## 5 Treasurers Report

Stuart Davies presented the Accounts for 2014 which showed a loss of around £200 balanced against assets of about £176 from last year. The main reason was increased TD travel expense, two £50 payments for Leeds BC. However, NBL review meeting expenses were reduced. It was mentioned that club venues should supply according to budget eg wine at Keighley was not necessary. Stuart presented a budget plan for the 2015 season and after discussion, the following charges were agreed which should produce a small profit.

County Fee	£75 per team. Money to be sent to Stuart by April 1 <sup>st</sup> 2016
Table Money	£12:50 per player
Catering/Venue	£10 per head.
TD Fee	£75 (The £100 for running two matches was discontinued)
Assistant TD Fee	Discontinued
TD Travel	30p per mile
Duplimate	£35 per match per pool (4 copies including Hand Records)
WebMaster	£100
Scoring Support	Discontinued as future support from EBU
Results Coordinator	£100

## 6 Review of 2015

Mike Rothwell remarked how well the NBL season had gone. Butlers should be XImps on the WebPage. It was noted, TDs should be there 1½-2 hours before start. Any problems had been at the A Division level - Manchester flagged problems running the second A team with their priority winning the B division. Lancashire reported limited A Team resources due to holidays and refusal of participation by certain players. Also Cumbria, Westmorland, N Wales, N East did not play in the A Division and they were invited to put a team there in future. The NBL Division standards Tolle, County, Club should be viewed as the County best players for the A Division, the next best players for B and Club Players for C. No one may play for two different Counties in same season. Yorkshires A Division approach of a ring-fenced A1 team, which included A2 team players when necessary was endorsed. (In extenuating circumstance, these constraints could be overridden and it was also allowable to field players without primary allegiance).

## 7 Proposed NBL League/Venues 2016

TEAMS OF 8 FOR 2016			
	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 2016				
Div	Sat Jul 16 2016	Sat Aug 6 2016	Sat Sep 10 2016	Sat Oct 8 2016
A	Brierfield	Bradford	Bradford	Bolton
B	Leeds	Blackburn	Keighley	Bradford
C	Manchester	Bradford	Brierfield	Leeds

- Bernard would negotiate arrangements based on the same venues as last year.
- He would try to appoint TDs with respect to geographical location to save on expenses.
- Manchester County will report back on continuing with a second team in A Division.
- Ref ventilation problems, any double matches at Manchester should be later in the season.
- TDs to continue avoiding slow play with stricter time limits on each round.

## 8 Any Other Business

- EBU Panel TDs to be given priority with regard to TD appointments.
- The missing team default award of 14-6 (Ave+ on every board) was discussed and retained.
- Our best wishes to be relayed to Ian Rankin (North East) who is no longer involved due to illness but played an important part in the initial formation and planning of the NBL.

## 9 Date of Next Meeting

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

11am on Thursday 20th October 2016 at Bolton BC.