**NBL ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING 2016 — at Bolton B.C. Thurs 20 Oct at 11a.m.**

**1 PRESENT**

LANCS — Jeff Smith [acting Chairman], A .Barnes, B .Brelsford

MANCHESTER — M.Newman, R.Lighton, Irene Davies

MERSEYSIDE/CHESHIRE — J.Hampson

WESTMORLAND — M.Rothwell

YORKSHIRE — Stuart Davies, G.Jepson[minute- taker],Janet Latham

There were no reps.from Cumbria,N.Wales or N.E.B.A.unfortunately.

**2 APOLOGIES**

B.Kaye [NBLChairman] [Merseyside], T.Ward [Cumbria], M.Byrne & J .Morris [Manchester]

**3. MINUTES OF LAST YEARS REVIEW MEETING on 15/10/15**

Accepted---- noting that the Leeds Venue had to be changed to Manchester.

**4 2016 LEAGUES REPORT**

1. All leagues were closely-fought and winners only finalised during the last sessions--- the2016 winners being A.Manchester, B.Manchester and C.Yorkshire S/E
2. Mr.Rothwell said B/C venues generally well received ;so too the A, but there was concern over Manchester B.C. when the event could not be downstairs [ladies toilets downstairs and disabled access poor up the staircase]. Also at that venue the office was locked shut and no results at the end could be displayed.
3. Thanks were heartily expressed to Stuart Davies for his excellent administrative work and to Rodney Lighton for keeping results up to date on the website

**5 TREASURERS REPORT given by Stuart Davies[SD]**

SD presented a whole series of financial matters -- after the NBL making a profit in the region of £800 in201 6[ after slight loss in 2015] it was decided after much discussion to put the following in place for 2017:

County fee per team £60 ----------- a reduction of £15

Table Money £12.50 per player ----------- no change but Juniors £10

Catering £10 p.p. to include food and club fee ------ no change

TD Fee £85 ------------ up £10

TD travel 35p per mile ------------ up 5p

Duplimate £45 per match per pool [inc.hand records] up £10

Webmasterv[R.Lighton] £100 ------------ no change

Match Coordinator [ S.D.] £150 ------------- [up £50]

NBL Organiser [ B.K.] honorary in past 10 years, but Bernard Kaye to be offered £100 in 2017 as thanks for the hard work setting up the annual programme.

TD Ken Johnston from Carlisle has always claimed low mileage but it was agreed to offer him an upgrade up to £150 as thanks

**6 DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a. Nigel Durie to be approached by G.J. to hopefully welcome back North/East A and/or C teams—a venue at Darlington a possibility [only Merseyside expressing this would be a difficulty]

b. General timings of a 12.30 start and a mid-session tea break generally accepted as suitable.

c . The TD SHOULD BEGIN PLAY at 12.30 and keep play moving at a reasonable speed; 3 bds 20mins ---4bds.—30 mins. 6bds.45 mins and 8bds 1 hour

d. Late arrivals should notify the venue and give an approximate time of arrival.

e. The question of primary affiliated county was raised by Irene Davies but it was minuted last year this was ok if not abused. Ian Mitchell who now runs the National County final says what the NBL agree on this issue is fine by him.

f. 2017 NATIONAL FINAL IS ON SUNDAY 25 June in the Midlands.

g. Leeds BC to be asked again by G.J.to offer itself as a venue at £10 per head

**7 NBL DATES FOR 2017 are;**

Saturdays July 8th, August 19th, September 9th and October 7th.

J.S and B Kaye to arrange venues — hopefully the same teams will enter next year.

**8 A.O.B.**

a. Junior players under 25 on match day will be charged £10

**9 DATE OF 2017 ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING**

Thursday 26 October 2017 at Bradford B.C. at 11 a.m.

Jeff Smith ended the meeting at 1.15p.m. thanking Austin Barnes and Bolton B.C. for their hospitality and to the County delegates for their attendance.