

Minutes of the Chiltern League Meeting 12th May 2013 Yateley Village Hall,
Old School Lane, Yateley, Hampshire GU46 6NY

Present:

Christine Coates

Brian Cleves

Nigel Dennis

Andrew Hill

Ray Cordon

Apologies for absence: Frazer MacLeod, Steve Bennett, Frank Rich, Simon King and Ian Hall

1. Minutes of Last Year's Meeting: Accepted. Proposed by Ray Cordon and seconded by Brian Cleves and agreed unanimously.
2. Matters arising out of the minutes: The present website was discussed. It was agreed that the requirements were not sufficient. It was decided that a new set of requirements would be proposed and Christine would look into the feasibility of moving to another website supplier. If this could not be achieved I proposed to try and write a user guide for the present website.
It was suggested by Christine Coates that there be a method of deciding a winner in the under 125 tournament in the event of a drawn match in the final. It is proposed that we use bottom board elimination to split the score. In the case of the under 125 matches this would mean eliminating boards 6 and 12 because of the nature of the team structure.
3. Treasurers Report: The accounts were presented by Brian Cleves who reported that the balance of the account was £409.57. Brian Cleves proposed the subscription fee be increased to £20. There had not been an increase for at least 15 years. The increase was proposed by Christine Coates and seconded by Andrew Hill.
The difference in balance was mainly due to the cancellation of the Jamboree in 2013 season. It was agreed that it is important to run this competition. Brian Cleves suggested that the Jamboree should be held at Wellington and that he would contact the college to book the Driver rooms when a date was established.
The excess money collected for the Division C are to be paid to the Chiltern League. The Oxford captain proposed that the £5 excess should be used to engrave the cup.
Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Ray Cordon and seconded by Andrew Hill.

4. Secretary's Report: It has been a difficult year with a lot of matches postponed at the beginning of the season. Some of these were due to the strange weather conditions. There were a lot of defaults from some counties this season but generally anyone who has played have enjoyed it. The website has been causing some issues. At the beginning of the season, when I had easier access, and could enter players and results for any county all matches were reported and players entered. Later in the season problems occurred with access, which appear to have been fixed now.
5. Results 2011 - 2012:

Division A (Open):	Hampshire
Division B (Under 150):	Hampshire
Division C (Under 125)	Oxfordshire
6. Trophies:

Division A:	Christine Coates (for Hampshire)
Division B:	Retained by Hampshire
Division C:	Ray Cordon (for Steve Bennet)
7. Election of Officers 2013 – 2014 season:

Officers:
Nigel Dennis was re-elected as chairman
Brian Cleves was re-elected as treasurer
Peter Hemmings was re-elected as grader
Christine Coates was elected as secretary
Block vote: Proposed by Ray Cordon and seconded by Andrew Hill
8. Fixtures : Nigel will prepare and circulate a fixture list. If any member counties have dates of tournaments or congresses please submit these to Nigel so that he can avoid clashes.
9. Under 125 Sunday Fixtures: Steve Bennett proposed that all Division C matches be played on Sundays, this was agreed.
10. Fixtures: Nigel will prepare and circulate a fixture list, if any member counties have dates of tournaments or congresses please submit this to Nigel so that he can avoid clashes.
11. Jamboree: The date will be Saturday 5th April at Wellington College. If Wellington is not available then an alternative venue will be arranged.
12. Date of the next meeting: Sunday 11th May 2014 at Yateley Village Hall.

13. Any Other Business: Andrew Hill requested that it be clarified that the grades used for the season were those issued in August. These were to be used for the entirety of the 2012 – 2013 season. Grades issued in January are to be used only for determining board order. Were a grade has been estimated at the beginning of the season and an official grade is issued in January then it is this grade will be used. Christine asked for clarification on the grading limits.
- Division A: Open
- Division B: Board 1 should be graded no higher than 149.
- Division C: Boards 1 should be graded no higher than 124.
- The meeting was concluded at 16.24.