

MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD IN TARKA SUITE, 2nd NOVEMBER 2018.

APOLOGIES: Steve Minall, Mike Dow, John Norman. John had fallen the night before and hurt his wrist. Sympathy was expressed from the floor.
There was no representative from Hartland, nor Lyn.

MINUTES OF 2017 AGM: These had been circulated and taken as read.

MATTERS ARISING: There were none.

REPORTS FROM CLUBS: These had been circulated prior to meeting (with exception of those from Ilfracombe and Lyn, which had not been received), and taken as read. There were no questions.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: There were no comments. Chris had indicated he would be standing down, but would chair this meeting. He was thanked.

TREASURER'S REPORT: concern was expressed at the size of the loss this year.
Matt suggested an increase in fees to: Affiliation per club - £10.
Per League team - £12
Per Cup team - £8.

This was agreed. 8 pro.
Matt was thanked.

FIXTURES SECRETARY'S REPORT: there were no questions, Chrissy was thanked.

CUP REPORTS: Sue H commented on the proposal 14 a) re clash of Cup dates. She pointed out that dates could be re-arranged, and that the previous year she had been criticised for using Fathers' Day, but she would try to avoid this clash in future. She was thanked.

N DEVON TOURNAMENT REPORT: This had made a significant loss, and Sue H suggested that entry fees be raised by £1 per event per person, to £13 singles, £12 doubles. This was agreed. The feedback survey mentioned that there was insufficient publicity about the event, and club reps were asked to actively promote the Tournament amongst their members. The dates for all the events had been circulated with the report.

PRESENTATION EVENING: It appeared that holding this at Portmore had been successful, although a slight loss had been incurred. The relatively high price of tickets was discussed, and that this might deter some, eg, families from attending, but it was acknowledged that to make a price comparison to those of the evenings held at Tarka could not be true as they were such different occasions.

Pricing in advance was always difficult as numbers attending had to be estimated, as were the number of Juniors to be subsidised. It was suggested that £2 per League team, and £2 per Cup team be ring-fenced to support the evening. This was agreed. Arranging the date for next year was discussed in relation to the finishing of the League season.

Chrissy W, Julia S and Teresa P were thanked.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chairman: John Norman (he had indicated in advance that he was willing to stand).
Proposed Chris H, seconded Chrissy W.

Vice-Chairman: Teresa P. Proposed Sue D, seconded Alex W

Treasurer: Matt Johns. Proposed Alex W, seconded Sue H

Secretary: Sue D. Proposed Chris H, seconded Sue H

Fixtures Secretary: Chrissy W said she would continue unless a new League Planner system was introduced. Proposed Sue D, seconded Teresa P.

Committee was re-elected en bloc: Julia Sloman, Alli Swinton, Steve Parker, Alex Wingent. Steve Minall, although not present, had indicated he was willing to stand. Steve Boden had resigned.

DATES:

Pre-season meeting – Friday 22nd February.

Ilfracombe Tournament – 27th July to 4th August

Westward Ho! Tournament – 25th May to 2nd June.

N Devon Tournament – 15th March until 31st March.

PRESENTATION EVENING: Holding it at Portmore was agreed to have been a success. Enquiries would be made for next year.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF NDLTA. Sue H suggested that as 1969 would be the year the organisation was established, having a themed Presentation Evening based on this year could attract interest. She, Teresa, Julia and Chrissy W were going to look in to how this could be done, eg dress, music, newsworthy events.

PROPOSALS:

a) AVOIDANCE OF CLASH OF CUPS DATES. Sue H would avoid this occurring in the future.

b) LEAGUE RULE 20: To add to the sentence commencing ..'Varying numbers within the League...' the following;

b.1) Division sizes shall be as large as possible, but no larger than 8 teams per division.

Agreed. 8 pro.

b.2) Where smaller divisions are unavoidable, those divisions, where possible, shall be placed below larger divisions.

Agreed 8 pro.

c) HOULDSWORTH CUP RULES: Alex led the discussion on this proposal - which developed to include that of d) KO & PS CUP RULES - which was aimed at reducing the congestion of fixtures over the early months of the season. He produced a breakdown of 2018 dates, with a projection of 2019 if the proposal(s) were adopted.

There was a lengthy discussion, primarily:

Revolving around the problem of fitting in the programme, particularly if there was a wet summer.

Lack of entries leading to Round Robin formats equalling more matches.

Walkovers.

Sue H made suggestion that entries for Cups could be deferred until after the League programme had been published, so that clubs would know what commitments they already had. If possible dates of rounds to be advised in advance.

Rule 4: Start *'The commencement of the Houldsworth Cup shall be, where possible, from 1st July each season.'*

Agreed. 3 pro, 2 con, 3 abs.

d) KO CUP RULES:

Rule 9: Start *'The commencement of the Knock-Out shall be, where possible, from 1st July each season.'*

Discussion of this had been included in the previous proposal, so vote was taken:

Defeated. Pro 1, con 6, abs 1.

e) LEAGUE RULE 3.2, ... '7th April' to be replaced by ..' 1st April, and

f) LEAGUE RULE 18, ... '1st September ' to be replaced by ...30th September'

These were taken together as defining the length of the season, and were voted together.

Agreed. Pro 7, con 1.

g) Braunton's proposal re change of format for ladies' KO Cups was withdrawn.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.35pm