

## **MANCHESTER AREA BASKETBALL LEAGUE - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

**7.45 p.m.**

**Castlefield Hotel  
Manchester.**

Apologies were received from:

Jim Bennison (Stockport Falcons), Carly Brown (BLGC), Rob Park (Canute), Gareth Westwood (Preston), Tony Smithers (GMP) and Sam Longley (Oxford Phoenix)

There were twenty one present.

### **Chairman's remarks:**

The chairman opened the meeting by outlining the format and introducing the committee members.

He presented his report and highlighted the following.

The satisfying season in terms of teams, standard of play and efficiency.

The much improved website and the success it has been.

He thanked all the committee members for the work done this season.

### **Secretary's report:**

The secretary presented his report and highlighted the following.

The need to register with EB online in order to make registering more efficient.

The lack of a 'Ladies Division' and the need for someone to investigate whether one could be started.

### **Treasurer's report:**

The treasurer presented a clear, accurate and easy to follow balance sheet. It showed we are in a healthy financial situation. He suggested there should be no increase in fees. There were no questions.

### **Premier Division:**

Mark Wilkinson presented his report. He enlarged on it by saying how much he had enjoyed the increased involvement in running a division. The season had been very close and the outcome of the title in doubt until the very end. Congratulations to TROPICS 1 on collecting another championship. There were fewer disputes, only two defaults and no postponements.

### **Division One:**

Sam Longley was unable to be present. She had forwarded a report which was delivered by Mark.

This had been a most exciting season as the champions only won on the last day of the season. Congratulations to champions HOLMES CHAPEL and runners up RAINFORD.

Mention was made of the retirement of Kevan Keith the long time coach of Chorlton. He was thanked and congratulated on his service to MABL and Chorlton. Many nice things were said and he was given a generous round of applause.

Mention was also made of Brian Dobson who died suddenly after a 'Magic' game. He had devoted 50 years to basketball in this area. He was a fount of basketball knowledge and will be sorely missed.

### **Division Two:**

John Cihlar presented the division two report. He highlighted the great success of Bolton Lads and Girls Club. The season passed smoothly and all club secretaries should be thanked for their efficiency. The one blot on the season was the poor state of the score sheets. With the exception of three clubs the sheets were very badly done.

**Website report:**

Lee Carlisle presented the report he and his brother had prepared. They should both be congratulated for the excellence of the website. It has been very well received by the basketball fraternity in this area. They have clearly worked extremely hard. His targets for next year include:

- To ensure more regular updates of results/tables by pressing the clubs for an immediate result after the game.
- Optimise the web for viewing on mobile devices.
- The introduction of a newsletter.
- Maps showing the location of all clubs.

**Cup and play off report:**

Mark Wilkinson and Steve Lee managed the K.O. competitions. The success of these two competitions is testament to their hard work. Mark presented the report and highlighted the fact that we had new names on the trophies which is always good news as it means no team dominates. Steve Lee did a great job ensuring the officials were available and Andrea made sure of the presence of table officials. Thanks to them all.

**Referees appointments report:**

Once again this onerous task (appointing referees to all games) fell to Steve Lee. Thankfully he proved that he was up to it and the clubs had the luxury of knowing they would have officials at every game. Well done Steve!  
He highlighted the fact that the newly introduced 'evaluation report' was rarely used. This gave rise to discussion about its use. Nothing was resolved.

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION****Refereeing:**

Evaluation and observing were discussed and after a lively chat it was decided to promote the use of evaluation forms and then use observers on the basis of those reports.

**Score sheets:**

To ensure regular up to date results/table on the web site clubs are going to be pressed to email or text the results to the website within 24 hours of the game being played. White sheets then have to be sent to the divisional representative within one week.

**Will club secretaries please take this note as the instruction to do that next season!!**

**Registration:**

All players have to be registered by the end of October.  
License numbers and cards have to be brought to the games and put on the score sheet. Referees are to be instructed to 'police' this by checking the score sheet.  
If a player does not have a license number then they will not be able to play.  
If an 'unlicensed' player actually plays then the team will receive no points for the game regardless of the actual result.  
Referees have to be licensed in order to referee.

**Please note that the above are all now part of MABL's rules!!**