

MABL Annual General Meeting
Season 2010 / 2011
Wednesday 8th June 2011
MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence:

Lee Carlisle , Ploutos Vourlitis , Bernard Kirkbright , Sam Longley.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting:

Taken as read. These had been sent to all members prior to the meeting.

3. Matters arising:

Fees have not been increased. They remain at £65.00. This year attendance at the AGM means a £15.00 reduction in fees. Referees expenses limit paid by clubs is to rise to £27.00. Anything Above that will be paid by MABL.

4. Reports.

Chairman:

The full report is in the minute book. The following are additional comments

- Fourteen new teams have expressed interest in joining MABL.
- Many players have enquired via the website.
- All divisions have been competitive.
- The playoffs were a huge success.
- The chairman expressed disappointment at some criticisms aimed at committee members.
- Thanks were offered to all who have helped to make this season a success.

Secretary:

The full report is in the minute book. There were no additional comments.

Treasurer:

The full accounts are in the minute book. The following are additional comments.

- Chairman thanked Treasurer for his efficiency. He commented we had a comfortable balance.
- There was a question raised about the payment for a ring broken at Burnley by the visiting team. The cost was borne by MABL and the two clubs.

Premier Division:

The full report is in the minute book. The following are additional comments.

- The standard was excellent. No-one was outclassed. There were some very close encounters.
- All fixtures were completed.
- The division ran very smoothly.

Division One:

The full report is in the minute book. The following are additional comments.

- The divisional rep was not present. The report was read by the chairman.
- Sam Longley (Div. Rep) is standing down from the position.
- She was profusely thanked for her work over a number of years and she was wished well in the future.

At this point there arose a discussion about some decisions made in this division regarding defaults. Some clubs expressed disappointment at what they felt were inconsistencies. The

chairman cut short the discussion making it quite clear that all the decisions were made with integrity and had the full backing of all the committee.

Division Two:

The full report is in the minute book. The following are additional comments.

- Registering with England Basketball was done with the minimum of fuss.
- Russell Hafidh (Holmes Chapel) won the coveted 'Young Player of the Year'.

K.O Competitions. (Cup and Play offs)

The full report is in the minute book. The following are additional comments.

- The cup provided games of high quality.
- The final was a credit to the standard of basketball in Manchester.
- The play off venue (Leigh Sports Village) was wonderful.
- The staff were most helpful.
- The event ran smoothly and efficiently.
- Thanks were proffered to all the table and floor officials.

There was a question from the floor about the quality and development of referees , not just in the pay offs but in general. The question (by Gareth Keith – Chorlton) referred to the fact that some younger (and by inference weaker) referees were appointed to crucial games. He was assured that the referees secretary monitored all appointments most carefully. Younger referees were placed with more experienced officials to gain experience.

At this point Bill Baxter (Congleton) thanked all the committee members for their hard work throughout the season.

Website:

The full report is in the minute book. The following are additional comments.

Lee was not present. His report was commented on by the chairman.

- Everyone was full of praise at the work Lee had done on the website. It is an unqualified success.
- There was disappointment about the lack of match reports sent in by clubs.

Election of committee:

The following were elected to the committee:

Mark Wilkinson , John Cihlar , Simon Felstein , Lee Carlisle , Steve Lee , Mike Greenough , Rob McGilveray and Ken Masser

Proposals:

There were six proposals. They all generated lively discussion. The results of these discussions are all in the minute book.

League structure – 2011 / 2012

All entries had not been received. The closing date is June 30th. It is possible that we will have four divisions and a ladies division.

Any other business:

- It was agreed to donate £100.00 as a raffle prize at the forthcoming Masters Tournament in Manchester.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.