

Thames Valley Junior League (TVJL)

Annual General Meeting - Monday 01/06/09 7.30pm
Magnet Leisure Centre, Maidenhead

Minutes of Meeting

Attendees: Nicola Bellamy (Amersham), Phil Crookall (Bracknell), Carolyn Bradley (Chalfont), Myra Felmingham (Maidenhead), Giles Waddington (Newbury), Phil Tanner (Reading), Chris Hartney (Tilehurst), Cindy Bingham (Windsor), Maggie Ridgway (Wycombe), Lawrence Summers (Chair & Secretary), Jonathan Mills (Webmaster)

1. Apologies

Liz Waddy (Chesham), Alison Stevens (Slough)

2. Chairman's Report

LS reported that he felt the 2009 galas generally went well. The clubs and children seemed to enjoy them and all clubs were at this meeting or had given apologies so were interested in continuing.

The one major issue we had was with the 3rd round date even though this was agreed by the clubs initially. Three teams pulled out although one team pulled back in at very short notice. Need to ensure we pick the right dates for 2010 to avoid this happening again.

3. Treasurer's Report

LS distributed the Treasurer's report. TVJL currently has funds of £1,907.15. Three teams still owe their subscriptions for 2009 – Bracknell, Newbury and Tilehurst. These clubs need to settle their payments (£30).

LS has paid the ASA registration fee for 2009 (£25) on behalf of the TVJL but not yet claimed this back from TVJL.

Allowing for the £90 fees owing and the £25 to be reimbursed to LS, the TVJL would have funds of £1,972.15.

2010 subscription fees to be paid before the date of the 1st round.

LS reminded the clubs that the TVJL was still seeking a replacement treasurer. Carolyn Bradley offered to take on the role. LS proposed Carolyn as the new treasurer, Myra seconded and Carolyn was appointed as the new Treasurer for the TVJL.

4. Changes to Constitution

It was agreed that the Constitution and Rules should be split into two separate documents.

It was agreed that the financial year will run from 1st May until 30th April and that the AGM would be held in June.

It was agreed that Clause 1 of the Constitution should be amended to reflect the clubs' desire to try and keep to clubs affiliated to the Berks and South Bucks ASA but to be flexible enough to allow the existing member clubs to allow other clubs from outside of Berks and South Bucks ASA to join the league if this was necessary to maintain a twelve team league.

Proposed change to Clause 11 of the Constitution regarding membership of the league was accepted.

It was agreed that clubs would not be allowed to have combined/shared teams.

JM agreed to amend the Constitution to reflect the above agreed changes and distribute the revised Constitution for agreement.

JM will seek to gain approval of the final revised version of the Constitution from the ASA.

5. Changes to Rules

The proposed minor change to Rule 11, deleting superfluous text, was accepted.

The additional line added to Rule 14, clarifying that medley and relay races are 4 x 25 unless stated otherwise, was accepted

The changes to Rule 15, clarifying the responsibilities of the Sponsoring Clubs, were accepted.

The change to Rule 17 clarifying that points are awarded by placing was accepted.

The change to Rule 20 requiring gala results to be submitted by the Monday following a round of the league was accepted.

New Rule 25 requiring clubs to submit team lists was accepted but with the word 'expected' inserted between 'the' and 'order'.

New Rule 26 clarifying how lane allocation will be determined was accepted.

New Rule 27 was accepted on the basis of the age of swimmers being the day of the last/3rd round.

The change to Rule 29 was accepted but with the word 'unanimous' deleted.

It was agreed to delete Rule 30 and replace it with a new rule 36 concerning rankings following the final round.

Moving the final sentence of Rule 32 to become the final sentence of Rule 35 was accepted.

It was agreed that the draw of teams for the 1st round should not be based on the preceding season's league results and instead should be a random draw.

It was agreed that the format of the galas in terms of the number, type and length of races would remain as currently.

JM agreed to amend the Rules to reflect the above agreed changes and distribute the revised Rules for agreement.

6. Galas Dates for 2010

The dates for the three rounds of the TVJL in 2010 were agreed as:-

Saturday 9th January 2010
Saturday 6th February 2010
Saturday 6th March 2010

It was agreed that the availability of pools for the 3 rounds of the TVJL would be checked by the relevant clubs. The pools that are under consideration are Amersham, Bracknell, Maidenhead, Newbury and Reading.

Tilehurst offered to host Round 1 at Reading.

Amersham offered to host for either Rounds 1, 2 or 3.

Maidenhead offered to host for either Rounds 2 or 3.

Bracknell offered to host a gala.

Newbury offered to host for Rounds 1 and 3.

Windsor offered to host Rounds 2 and 3 at Maidenhead.

Chalfont and Wycombe both stated that they could host a gala.

7. Website/IT Support

Jonathan explained what information was available through the TVJL website. We are looking to keep the contacts list up to date through the website but without making the information publicly available.

8. Administration of the TVJL (Chairman & Secretary Roles)

It was confirmed that Amersham would take over the administration of the league at the next meeting, in September. Based on the above changes to the Constitution, the next year of administration of the TVJL would effectively run from September 2009 to June 2010 (Bracknell will therefore take over administration of the league from June 2010).

9. Any other business

Amersham confirmed their desire to field two teams for the league in 2010.

It was agreed that the trophies from this year were suitable and we should seek to get the same trophies for next year's gala. Maggie agreed to procure the new trophies.

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 7th September 2009 at the Magnet Leisure Centre, Maidenhead. Myra offered to investigate the possibility of booking a room at the Magnet for the meeting which should cost around £30. It was agreed that £30 would be a good investment for a better environment to hold the meeting.