

Blackpool & District Badminton Association

Meeting Minutes

Meeting held on Monday 6th February 2023

Present: Mike Percy, Ant Cross, Carole Booth, Steve Blackburn, Fred Barnes, Nicky Percy, Paul Whitehouse

Apologies: Michael Banks, Katherine Platt, Jon Jackson, Sarah Jackson, Brian Oakes, Trevor Bell.

1. Gazette and Bridgewood Trophy Competitions

Matches in the rounds before the final will take place at the home venue of the first drawn team.

Round 1 is to take place in either W/C 27 March or W/C 3 April. Semi-finals to take place W/C 17 April

Top named team is the home team and is to contact their opponent with a date for the first-round match and semi-final, as required.

The away team is to pay the home team £30 to cover the cost of the venue and shuttles in these two rounds.

The finals will take place at Preesall Sports Hall on Tuesday 25th April 2023. *Action Ant to confirm*

The league will cover the cost of the venue and shuttles for the finals.

The draw was made and details are at Attachment 1, along with the handicaps.

It was suggested to run a levels cup after the completion of the mixed cups. *Action Nicky to contact clubs to establish interest.*

Further details to be confirmed once interest has been established.

2. End of Season Function/Presentation Evening.

Presentation Night will be on a similar basis as last year – informal night at Moorland Tennis Club in Poulton with hotpot and apple pie (there will be some this year!) on Friday 12th May 7:30pm to 11pm.

Action – Ant to confirm date with the club.

Post meeting note: Room hire with bar and kitchen is £95 (discounted member price as both Ant and Nicky are members). £60 deposit will be required when formally booking.

Outside caterers to be the same as last year (i.e. Carousel in Cleveleys), with hotpot/vegetarian option and apple pie.

Ticket price to be £10 again to cover cost of food, venue hire and raffle (Nicky will organize as last year).

It was suggested that, following the interest in the old photographs that Ant provided last year, we ask teams to bring along any old photographs that they may have. Action – Nicky to ask/advise teams to bring any old badminton photos.

3. AGM

The date of the AGM was agreed as Wednesday 7th June 7:30pm start. Clubs will be advised of the date now and a formal calling notice will be sent out closer to the date.

4. AOB

Safeguarding.

It was confirmed that we do have a safeguarding policy in place and this is on the BDBA website. It was agreed that we do require a Safeguarding Lead for the BDBA and we will approach Lee Meakin as he has undertaken the role previously and is well placed due to his role as a teacher and a coach for the league. Details of the Safeguarding Lead to be posted on the website when agreed.

A discussion was undertaken regarding the presentation of the winners' plaques to the league and cup winners, as it was felt that maybe these are no longer required. It was decided to replace these plaques with a cash prize for the winning team (suggested to be £30 per team), to be presented along with the relevant trophy at the Presentation Evening. However, should any winning team specifically require a small plaque e.g. for a junior player, then this will be provided by the league.

It was noted that there are a number of old trophies which are no longer used. These will be cleaned up and displayed at the Presentation Evening for members to view. A discussion will be undertaken at a future meeting as to what to do with them going forward.

Return of last year's trophies. Hesketh Fleetwood have the Division 1, Division 2, Gazette and Levels trophies and Lids have the Bridgewood trophies. These are to be returned.

Attachment 1 - Gazette and Bridgewood Trophy Competitions Draw

GAZETTE CUP

Bye
vs
Stanley A (+50) } Stanley A (+50)

Hesketh Fleetwood B (-50)
vs
Hesketh Fleetwood A (-230) }

Kingfisher B (-50)
vs
Poulton (-230) }

Lightning A (-180)
vs
Kingfisher A (-180) }

BRIDGEWOOD TROPHY

Kirkham B (Scr)
vs
Lids (-40) }

Stanley B (+20)
vs
Lightning B (-120) }

Stanley C (+40)
vs
Project 12 (Scr) }

Kirkham A (-80)
vs
Hesketh Fleetwood C (-40) }