

Minutes of the League General Meeting

Held on Thursday 26th November 2020, by Zoom video conference, commencing at 7.30pm

All clubs were represented and signed in on the zoom chat.

Apologies: Len Payne

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking the delegates for attending the first ever video conferencing General Meeting and explained how to raise points electronically.

1. Minutes of the 2019 AGM were ratified.
2. The Chairman's Report was circulated in advance of the meeting and there were no questions regarding it.
3. The Treasurer was not available to deliver his report and had been unable to prepare a final set of accounts in the time between the FY end and the meeting. Lesley Pykett (Treasurer elect) advised the meeting that Len Payne had decided to step down from the committee and thanked him for all his hard work over his ten year tenure. The League has £31,185 across the League's current, deposit and Paypal accounts. Income for 2020 was just over £24K. Expenditure was minimal because of the Covid shortened season totalling approx £18K. Given the financial difficulties of 2020 for clubs, the committee was recommending a nominal subscription fee of £1 per club for 2021.

The Chairman added that to assist clubs with cash flow, in addition to the nominal subscription, the League would be proposing to waive pre-season registration fees for 2021 and subject to the season starting as planned, an in-season fee would be instigated. The League was also proposing that we continue with the Buckingham ball in the top 5 tiers of the new League, but that existing stocks of Hampton balls could be used below this level. If clubs wished to return Hampton balls, the League would buy them back at the price paid.

There were no comments or objections from clubs.

4. Confirmation of the Management Committee. There being only 10 candidates for 11 positions, there is no need for an election. The Chairman advised that 4 members of the OCA committee had been invited to join the main committee for 2021.
5. Any Other Business. The Chairman asked the Secretary to talk about email communication and the Secretary asked for a particular effort in responding quickly to committee requests given that we will have twice as many clubs next year.

The Chairman asked the meeting to formally adopt the Management Committee by indicating any objection on the chat. There was none.

The membership secretary confirmed that the new divisions would be on the website later in the evening and asked for any fixture requests as soon as possible. Also advised that there would be a new website in the new year. The Chair thanked Gary for all his efforts on the website.

The Chair asked Simon Tremlin (Aston Rowant CC) to address the meeting regarding teas, which has been featured recently in the news. ST was suggesting that we should not be doing teas due to the H & S implications and the experience of 2020. The Chair advised that we would use the website to poll clubs' opinions on this once the Covid restrictions were lifted.

There being no other items of business, the meeting was closed at 7.56pm.