

UCTBA End Of Season Council Meeting
At Bowling International, Coventry
On The 31st July 2005

Meeting started at: 14:31

Roll Call

The following universities were present at the meeting along with UCTBA Secretary (James Parrott) and the UCTBA Tournament Co-ordinator (Rob Pullinger):

Hull, Kent, Leeds, Liverpool, Loughborough, Manchester, Nottingham, Portsmouth, Southampton, Surrey, Trent & Warwick

Apologies

Apologies were received from UCTBA Chair, UCTBA Treasurer, Imperial, Sheffield & UEA. No apology was received from Brunel.

The executive decided that Brunel will receive the highest fine of £50 as they did not make any contact with the committee. Sheffield and UEA will receive £25 fines for not attending but actually sending an apology. Imperial will not be fined due to exceptional conditions that were not discussed; the executive has the power to waive fines in certain cases.

Brunel £50
Sheffield £25
UEA £25

Election Of Executive

Unfortunately, both the University of Surrey & Tony Quinn have stepped down from the position of UCTBA Executive and Tournament Collator. The elections went as followed:

UCTBA Executive

Loughborough were elected UCTBA Executive.
(For 16, Against 0 & Abstentions 0)

Tournament Coordinator

Rob Pullinger was re-elected as Tournament Coordinator.
(For 16, Against 0 & Abstentions 0)

Tournament Collator

Will Britton was elected Tournament Collator (with the backing of the UCESTBA).
(For 16, Against 0 & Abstentions 0)

Treasurers Report

It has been a good year with all member clubs paying their membership with little problems. There is currently around £2400 in the account. This is around a £600 increase on last year.

Only 2 clubs applied for the Coaching subsidy and because there is such a excess the executive would recommend we continue with the initiative for the forthcoming season.

Secretaries Report

It was a very successful year. The UCTBA Championship ran very smoothly with only one problem with Essex not turning up to their group matches. The Order of Merit also went well with morale sanctions being applied for each event.

The BTBA have suggested to improving the image of student bowling, all Championship matches should be sanctioned. One individual from each group should carry out sanctioning of the match. This needs to be discussed further at the start of season.

Distribution Of Trophies

Tony Quinn should have already been in contact with all trophy winners to find out what type of prize the person would prefer and about collection. It was mentioned that Tony has not contacted everyone yet. Rob Pullinger will speak to Tony in the near future about this subject.

BUSA vs UCTBA Challenge Match

The match had to be postponed at the last minute due to BUSA not being able to fill a full side. The match has been rescheduled for the "Start of Season Council Meeting". The players that were selected for this fixture will become the first choice team for the match, unless they are not available. The match will be played on 9th October 2006.

UCTBA/UCESTBA Masters 2005

Again, the event ran very smoothly. Laura Marcham and James Parrott won the Ladies and Mens titles respectively for the second time in the row.

One problem mentioned was the entry. Tony and Rob found it difficult to find people to play the event and the event included several people outside the reserve listing. An idea was put forward that some of the excess money the UCTBA has should be used to subsidise the event, because it seem weird that you have to pay so much for an invitational event. A proposal will have to be submitted for the SOSM.

Proposed UCTBA Order of Merit and Championship Calendar

Below is the proposed calendar for the forthcoming season. There could be another event that could either be ranking on non-ranking either on the 21st/22nd January 2006 or 6th/7th May 2006. The UCESTBA have mentioned that they will be running a Double Elimination Scotch Doubles Handicap tournament to coincide with the UCTBA Group Rounds.

Sunday 9th October 10am,
UCTBA / BUSA Challenge
Bowling International, Coventry

Sunday 9th October 2pm,
Start of Season Meeting
Bowling International, Coventry

22/23/29/30 October
UCTBA 1st Round Matchdays 1

5/6/12/13 November
UCTBA 1st Round Matchdays 2

Sat 19th November
Nottingham Doubles ‡
AMF City Bowl - Nottingham

Sun 27th November
London Trios ‡
Charrington Bowl

Sun 29th January
Surrey Singles ‡
AMF Purley

4th/5th February
BUSA Championships
AMF City Bowl - Nottingham

11th/12th February
(provisional date)
Sheffield Quads ‡
AMF Firth Park, Sheffield

25 or 26th February
Liverpool Trios ‡

4th or 5th March
Warwick Fives ‡
Lakeside Superbowl, Nuneaton

11th / 12th March
UCTBA Championship Quarter Finals

25 or 26th March
Leeds Doubles ‡
AMF Merrion Centre

1st or 2nd April
UCTBA Championship Finals

Sat 29th April
Hull Fancy Dress Trios
AMF, Hull

Sun 30th April
Hull Quads ‡
AMF, Hull

10-11th June
Leeds Marathon
AMF Leeds (Merrion)

Sat 1st July
UCTBA/UCESTBA Masters
Nuneaton

Sun 2nd July
UCTBA/UCESTBA Challenge Match

TBC
UCTBA / BUSA Challenge (10AM)
End of Season Meeting (2PM)

Instructors Course

Only 2 clubs took advantage of the instructors' course subsidies. It was decided that as the UCTBA still has a substantial excess and actually made £600 this year, subsidies will continue for the forthcoming season.

The subsidies can be used for all BTBA Approved Instructor Courses (any level). Full member clubs will receive £60 and associate member clubs will receive £30 per university. Proof of the participation of the course must be shown for the UCTBA exec to give out the subsidy.

Student vs Ex-Student Challenge Match

The match was played the day after the masters at Lakeside Nuneaton. From what has been heard the event ran very smoothly. Unfortunately, the ex-students won.

There was discussion of changing the format of the event. Certain members voiced

several views. Each association has two different teams (A and B). Selection for the A-team is made directly from the rankings. Selection for the B team is from the number of games. The problem was that the B-teams from each association were playing a scratch event even though they were handicap bowlers.

Before any decision can be made, any proposal must be taken to the UCESTBA to get their opinion and feelings on the matter.

Possible Solutions:

Make the B-team match completely separate from the A-team match.

Make the B-team match a fun event that doesn't affect the overall challenge match.

Make the B-team match handicap.

Keep it the same.

Advertisement

Poster & Leaflet

This subject was raised on the message board earlier in the year. It was discussed that as the UCTBA had an excess of money could this be used to produce a standard poster and leaflet that can be used by all member clubs and sent to all UK bowling alleys. Their ideal size would be A3.

There were several problems with this idea. How many league boards do you see have enough room for an A4 poster let alone an A3 poster. The sheer cost of production and then sending them off to bowling alleys would be huge, would it be cost effective? From experience, many managers would just throw the posters into the bin than put them on the notice board.

In the end it was decided that a standard A4 poster and leaflet would be designed. Both the poster and leaflet will be available to be downloaded from the UCTBA club for member clubs to use.

Website

The website is currently being re-modernised. All the information you currently find will still be on the site but with a more modern look. Unfortunately there will be a new message board. The new board will be hosted on the UCTBA's own server and therefore there will be no adverts. On a slightly more negative note, everyone will have to re-register and all current topics/messages will be lost.

E-mail addresses are also changing from @tenpin.org.uk to @uctba.co.uk. If you have informed AU's or anyone else to contact you via the old address, Rob is able to arrange a message divert for you.

The constitution needs to be changed slightly but nothing that will affect any bowling issues. The change is outlined below.

Currently:

2.49 All clubs and Executive committees will be given an email alias in the format alias@tenpin.org.uk An address book for these addresses will appear on the website.

Changing to:

2.49 All clubs and Executive committees will be given an email alias in a format determined by the Executive An address book for these addresses will appear on the website.

Go Tenpin

It was mentioned that it might be a good idea to submit an article for Go Tenpin for the September issue, to inform readers of the UCTBA, what we do, what events we run and overview the season just gone. Also, this article could be submitted to the JuniorBowling website, probably the most popular junior bowling website in Britain at the moment.

Also, it was mentioned that with the current surplus, an advert could also be put into Go Tenpin as long as it wasn't too expensive. James mentioned that a small advert cost in the region of £50. James will investigate the cost and if the members are happy will send in an advert. Vote For: 16 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0.

UCTBA Championship Team Selection Rule

This point was raised in regards to a championship group match this year between Kent and Surrey. Kent did not turn up to the match. Surrey had 13 players, which included 12 men and 1 lady.

The problem came arose in regards to Surrey's ladies team as there was only one person in the Surrey meaning that Surrey ladies team was not legal. So, scores from the Surrey ladies divisional team with less than the minimum number of players did not count and the opposing team was awarded a walkover and gained any point accruing from that divisional tie. In regards to the match in question, no points should have been awarded to Kent or Surrey, in regards to the divisional ladies match. However, individual scores recorded by the Surrey's incomplete ladies team counted for Championship purposes.

The problem comes with how the championship rules are interpreted. How Surrey interpreted the rules was later found to be correct by the person who originally wrote the rules and was backed up by the past 3 UCTBA Secretaries.

Certain members had thought that for a match to be valid, you had to ensure that a team included a minimum of 12 players attend the match and there were no less than 2 players in each divisional team except the A-Team (that must have 4 players). If they did not fulfill these requirements they thought they had to forfeit the match. This was not the case.

There is no question that Surrey interpreted the rules incorrectly, the issue here is whether or not the constitution should be changed. This means that a constitutional change maybe needed and a proposal needs to be made for the start of season

meaning.

Current Rules:

7.1 The captain shall be responsible for ensuring that each match is played in accordance with the Constitution and Standing Orders. Each Captain shall be responsible for ensuring that a minimum of 12 players attends a match.

7.12 No more than two blind scores shall be allowed in any one divisional team and none in the A-divisional team, as defined in CSO. Blinds must be placed in the C-divisional team before any can be entered in the B divisional team.

7.13 The scores of divisional teams with less than the minimum number of players, as set out in CSO, shall not count and the opposing divisional team shall be awarded a walkover and gain any point accruing from that divisional tie, as set out in CSO
B.13.1.

7.14 However, individual scores recorded by an incomplete divisional team shall count for Championship purposes.

Possible Rule Changes:

7.1 The captain shall be responsible for ensuring that each match is played in accordance with the Constitution and Standing Orders. Each Captain shall be responsible for ensuring that a minimum of 12 players attends a match.

7.12 No more than two blind scores shall be allowed in any one divisional team and none in the A-divisional team, as defined in CSO. Blinds must be placed in the C-divisional team before any can be entered in the B divisional team.

7.13.1 If a club fields a divisional team with less than the minimum number of players, as set out in CSO, the opposing club will be awarded a walkover and will gain all match points accruing from that fixture.

Any Other Business

Ex-Student Competition

The ex-student will be holding a non order of merit event the same weekend as the 1st round of group matches in the UCTBA Championship. The format of the competition will be handicap double elimination matchplay doubles. It is proposed the first round will be 6 games and from this result doubles partnerships will be decided. For example if there are 32 bowlers, partnerships will go as follows 1 & 32, 2 & 31 16 & 17.

Meeting ended at: 16:43