

Minutes of UCTBA Meeting, Date 13th October 2002 AMF Forum Coventry 2:00pm

The meeting was opened and the Committee were introduced to all those attending the meeting.

1. Roll Call

Paul Williams(President), Rob Pullinger (Secretary), Chris Houldgreaves (Treasurer), Steve Millington (UCESTBA Secretary) and representatives from Brunel, Essex, Hull, Kent, Liverpool, London, Loughborough, Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham, Nottingham Trent, Portsmouth, Sheffield, UEA, Warwick. There were also representatives of non-member clubs Surrey and Bournemouth.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Birmingham and Leeds. Apologies were also received from Tony Quinn, tournament collator.

3. Approval of End of Season Meeting

The end of season meeting minutes were deemed to be accurate.

4. Fines

It was deemed necessary to fine both Birmingham and Leeds because their apologies were received with less than 24 hours notice which was deemed unacceptable.

A long discussion ensued when the issue of outstanding fines for the End of Season Meeting was raised. It was eventually decided that those clubs who sent apologies to that meeting would not be fined this time, but that the issue of fines would be made clearer in future by constitution changes. See Below.

It was also decided to waive the fines for Essex and Brunel as long as the outstanding affiliation fees from last season are paid.

The outstanding fines from the End of season meeting are:

Aston (£50), Leeds (£25), Newcastle (£25), Portsmouth (£50) and UEA (£50).

5. Changes to Membership Status:

The following changes of status were approved:

Becoming Full Members: - Birmingham, Leeds, Surrey

Becoming Independent Associate Members: Southampton, Teeside

6. Changes to the Constitution and Standing Orders:

The proposed new format was introduced by the President, who explained the new proposed format. That being there being 4 groups. Each team playing the other teams in the group at a neutral venue, over 2 days on separate weekends. There would be no quarter finals with the 4 group winners going through to a seeded semi -finals and finals day.

An issue was brought up about changing the format of the ladies team to 3 bowlers. After much discussion, a vote was held and the proposition failed by 20 votes to 12 .

The Secretary then outlined other changes to the constitution. These were:

- Inclusion of an obligation for all clubs to notify the incoming committee of their contact details by 31st July or be liable to a £15 fine.
- The abolition of the UCTBA Press Officer and transfer of his duties to the Secretary
- To modify the Constitutional Working Party to exclude the 4 elected representatives and to include the Treasurer and Secretary.
- To include clauses referring to communication – i.e. that communication is primarily via email and the website.
- To include the various changes necessary in order to implement the new Championship format.
- To change the responsibility for producing tournament entry forms to the tournament co-ordinator, as it already is in practice .
- To remove the need to hold competitions at Start and End of Season Meetings.
- To abolish the Student – Ex-student Challenge Match and including the Masters.

These changes were passed unanimously.

7. Setting of Membership Fees

It was announced that membership fees for this season would be frozen at £120 for full members and £60 for both types of associate member.

7. Tournament and Championship Fixtures

The Tournament Coordinator said that the calendar was coming together, but that there were still 4 tournaments to be allocated. The Hull Quads would take place on the same weekend due to the success of last season. Various clubs said they would possibly hold a tournament. The Tournament Director asked for franchise forms ASAP so the calendar could be finalised. The calendar will be published on the Web as soon as it is finalised, but the following were confirmed:

2nd / 3rd Nov – Recommended date for 1st Championship Fixture

16th Nov – Nottingham Doubles

17th Nov – BUSA

23rd / 24th Nov - Recommended date for 2nd Championship Fixture

1st Dec – London Trios

8th Feb – Sheffield Quads

23rd Mar – Championship Finals

3rd May – Hull Fancy Dress Trios

4th May – Hull Quads

7th July – Masters

Clubs were asked if they knew anyone who could be a tournament director, preferably ex-students, to put them in touch with the Tournament Coordinator. There were still 6 slots to fill.

8. Any Other Business

The Secretary emphasised the need to improve on communication this year. He said that he expected all score sheets to be emailed to him within a couple of days of the match. The members were also advised that honorary members had to be registered 7 days before any fixture and that the names would be published on the web. Match reports and any interesting information about student bowling would be welcomed for inclusion in the newsletter.

The President brought up an issue regarding last seasons Order of Merit. The prizes had not been awarded. He suggested using UCTBA funds to fund these, but was informed that the donations to the fund were paid into a separate account operated by someone in UCESTBA. He is looking into it. Clubs hosting tournaments were reminded to send off the cheques to the Order of Merit fund.

The President and the last year's Secretary proposed a new challenge match between the BUSA Squad and a UCTBA Select team. It was proposed that we try it out this season

and if it is a success, make it an annual event. It was agreed that we give it a go. More information will be available at BUSA.

9. Championship Draw

A random draw, operated by the Tournament Coordinator and UCESTBA representative, selected the following groups for the Championship Matches:

Group 1

Nottingham
Sheffield
Essex
Kent
Manchester

Group 2

UEA
Hull
Loughborough
Leeds

Group 3

Warwick
Portsmouth
Aston
Surrey

Group 4

London
Birmingham
Brunel
Liverpool

The dates and venues for all of the matches for all of the groups will be published on the website as soon as they are confirmed.

Meeting Closed at 17:15pm

Rob Pullinger
UCTBA Secretary