

EAST LANCs SUMMER SQUASH LEAGUE

MINUTES OF AGM HELD AT CROW WOOD LEISURE CENTRE

TUESDAY, 14th March 2023

Present

Keith Fairhurst - Chair, Ian Mashiter - Treasurer & B Northern, Gerry Fitzpatrick - Secretary, Eddie Hamilton – Rochdale, John Corteen - Haslingden, Steve Riley – Haslingden

Apologies

Mike McDonald - David Lloyd Chorley, Ron Darlington - St Peter's Burnley, Richard Howard - Total Fitness Whitefield, Simon Holland – Haslingden, Paul Lane - Clayton Green, Steve Creegan- Bury, Fred Pressler - Bury, Tony Wilkinson - LanCon Hutton, Shaun McKenna - East Lancs

AGENDA

1.0 Minutes of the Interim Committee Meeting held on 17th August 2022 at Bury SC

1.1 The Interim Committee Meeting was held primarily to prepare for the forthcoming End-of-Season Competition/Prize Night at Bury SC on September 8th. The minutes were approved as a true record. See also section 5.0.

2.0 Treasurer's Report

2.1 The treasurer, Ian Mashiter, reported that the bank balance a year ago was **£148.08**. Transactions since then have been as follows:

INCOME: **£660** – from the subscriptions of 14 teams

INTEREST: **£0.04** – from HSBC

EXPENDITURE: **£640 – £145** for the Leaguemaster website, plus **£100** for the second instalment of £100 towards the total cost of £300 for capturing our historical data from ResultsZone, plus the EoS Competition costs of **£395** (£140 food, £60 lights and £195 prizes).

The bank balance, therefore, currently stands at a total of **£168.12**.

2.2 The committee, therefore, agreed that the Entry Fees per team for the 2023 Summer League can remain at £50, whilst retaining the £10 discount **if** paid before the first fixture is played (May 18th). The treasurer will send a communication to this effect to all club representatives, together with an invoice for the upcoming season. It is important that all clubs pay their subs on time.

Action: Ian Mashiter

2.3 The treasurer will also pay Leaguemaster for the preparation of the fixtures for this summer's competition plus a further £100 (the third instalment of three) for the historical data transferred from ResultsZone. Separate invoices will be requested from Tim Stainton (see also section 4.0.).

Action: Ian Mashiter

3.0 Club news for 2023 season

3.1 Last season, fourteen teams took part in the Summer League in two divisions. Eight teams played in Division 1 and six took part in Division 2.

3.2 The committee agreed that the arrangements worked well by (a) providing a reasonable number of matches over the summer months and (b) retaining the competitiveness of promotion and relegation between the two divisions.

3.3 Last summer's divisions finished as follows:

Division 1: Summer League 2022

	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pen	Total
1	Bury 1	14	13	1	0	235	76	0	235
2	David Lloyd Chorley 1	14	11	3	0	207	119	0	207
3	Blackburn Northern 1	14	9	5	0	201	124	0	201
4	Total Fitness Whitefield 1	14	6	8	0	162	166	0	162
5	Haslingden 1	14	6	8	0	155	185	0	155
6	Rochdale 1	14	6	8	0	148	187	0	148
7	Clayton Green 1	14	5	9	0	140	198	0	140
8	LanCon Hutton 1	14	0	14	0	67	260	0	67

Division 2: Summer League 2022

	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pen	Total
1	Crow Wood 1	10	9	1	0	168	63	0	168
2	Bury 2	10	6	4	0	134	101	0	134
3	Haslingden 2	10	6	4	0	124	106	0	124
4	David Lloyd Chorley 2	10	5	5	0	112	117	0	112
5	Rochdale 2	10	2	8	0	75	142	0	75
6	St Peters Burnley 1	10	2	8	0	68	152	0	68

3.4 This time, LanCon Hutton 1 have withdrawn from the league and Crow Wood SC has closed. However, most of those Crow Wood players will now represent St Peter's Burnley 1 this season. It was, therefore, agreed that St Peter's Burnley 1 will de facto assume Crow Wood 1's position in the league, and that there will be an additional team, St Peter's Burnley 2.

3.5 After implementing promotion and relegation to last season's final placings, the committee agreed to use the resulting groupings as the basis for the 2023 ELSSL competition and to attempt to also take advised standards of players into consideration in allocating teams into the two divisions. This meant that Clayton Green 1's relegation and Bury 2's promotion have been rescinded.

3.6 Fifteen teams have confirmed their participation this summer; Division 1 will, therefore, contain eight teams with each team playing fourteen matches. Division 2 will comprise seven teams and each team will play twelve matches. The two divisions are ratified as follows:

DIVISION 1 **Bury 1, David Lloyd Chorley 1, Blackburn Northern 1, Total Fitness Whitefield 1, Haslingden 1, Rochdale 1, St Peter's Burnley 1, Clayton Green 1**

DIVISION 2 **Bury 2, Haslingden 2, David Lloyd Chorley 2, Rochdale 2, St Peter's Burnley 2, Bury 3, Total Fitness Whitefield 2**

3.7 Two teams per division will be relegated/promoted at the end of the season.

3.8 It was agreed that the 2023 Summer League will start on May 18th with the final matches being played on August 31st. This will provide sixteen Thursdays to play twelve/fourteen matches.

3.9 The committee agreed that teams will be free to re-arrange matches to a different mutually suitable date if that proves to be necessary.

3.10 The committee again considers that this format traditionally works well by (a) providing a reasonable number of matches over the summer months whilst (b) retaining the competitiveness of promotion and relegation.

3.11 The PARS (Point A Rally Scoring) system will again be used. Each game shall be played to **11 points in Division 1** and to **15 points in Division 2**. If the score reaches **10-all (Div 1)** or **14-all (Div 2)**, then the game continues until a player leads by 2 clear points. Each match will be the best of five games.

3.12 Team fees for the 2023 season are referred to in 2.2.

3.13 The End-of-Season Competition will be arranged for Thursday, September 7th. See also section 5.0.

4.0 Leaguemaster

4.1 The committee agreed to continue the relationship with Leaguemaster to develop and provide the platform for our fixtures, posting results and league tables. Leaguemaster had previously retrieved our historical data back to 2004 at a cost of £300 (£200 paid to date with the final payment imminent); this is available on the website (eastlancs.leaguemaster.co.uk).

4.2 Fixtures for those clubs with two or more teams (Bury, David Lloyd Chorley, Total Fitness Whitefield, Haslingden, Rochdale and St Peter's Burnley) will be arranged as follows:

- (a) Any two of the three Bury teams **must** play their fixtures at home on the same night;
- (b) David Lloyd Chorley teams **must not** play their fixtures at home on the same night;
- (c) Total Fitness Whitefield teams **must** play their fixtures at home on the same night;
- (d) Haslingden teams **must not** play their fixtures at home on the same night;
- (e) Rochdale teams **must** play at home on the same Thursdays.
- (f) St Peter's Burnley teams **must not** play their fixtures at home on the same night.

Total Fitness Whitefield have also asked if it is possible to align away games for their two teams where possible. Leaguemaster will be approached on that.

Action: Gerry Fitzpatrick

4.3 The committee agreed to implement a "losing point for juniors" if it was administratively simple. This would be discussed with Leaguemaster.

Action: Eddie Hamilton

4.4 The secretary will contact Tim Stainton of Leaguemaster later this month to begin the process of preparing the fixtures and divisions.

Action: Gerry Fitzpatrick

4.5 The issue of resolving user IT/Leaguemaster issues was discussed. It was agreed to attempt to identify an “appropriate” expert.

Action: Eddie Hamilton

5.0 End-of-Season competition and ELSSL Prize Night

5.1 The 2023 End-of-Season competition and Prize Night will be held on September 7th. Rochdale SC has kindly offered to host this year’s event. This was gratefully accepted by the committee. The Interim Committee Meeting will be held there some time in late July or early August to begin the planning process.

Action: Gerry Fitzpatrick and Eddie Hamilton

5.2 The 2022 End-of-Season competition and Prize Night was successfully held at Bury SC on September 8th. Many thanks to Fred Pressler and the Bury team for hosting a great event. (See also 9.0 Addendum.)

On the evening, the ELSSL Individual Trophy for Division 2 was won by Mark Green of Crow Wood. The runner-up prize went to Rik Denney of Bury.

The ELSSL Individual Trophy for Division 1 was won by Finley McVicker of Haslingden. The runner-up was Kara Lawrenson of David Lloyd Chorley.

The ELSSL Team Trophy for the winner of Division 2 was presented to Crow Wood 1 in their “final” appearance; Bury 2 were runners-up.

The ELSSL Team Trophy for Division 1 was won by Bury 1; David Lloyd Chorley 1 were runners-up.

6.0 Elections

6.1 Keith Fairhurst, Gerry Fitzpatrick and Ian Mashiter were “re-elected” as chairman, secretary and treasurer respectively. However, for separate reasons both Keith and Gerry have given notice that this will be their final year in their official roles.

Action: Committee Members/Team Reps to note

7.0 Club Representatives

7.1 The latest information regarding contact details for club representatives will be emailed in a separate attachment.

Action: Gerry Fitzpatrick

7.2 It is recommended that reps distribute these minutes to their team captains and also display them on their club notice-boards.

8.0 Any Other Business

8.1 Keith Fairhurst has available seven gas-fired space/court heaters. If any club is interested in acquiring them, please contact Keith direct on keith@molygran.com

Action: Team Reps

Gerry Fitzpatrick – Secretary (07958 521301 and g.a.fitzpatrick@sky.com)

9.0 Addendum

ELSSL End-of-Season Competition & Prize Night 2022
Photos courtesy of Steve Creegan

