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MINUTES OF THE AG(D)M HELD ON SUNDAY 26TH JUNE 2016

The Chairman Dave Jenner opened the meeting at 11.06am, apologies and roll call taken.

1. APOLOGIES-None
2. ROLL CALL

ALDERHOLT (Men), BLANDFORD (Both), BOSCOMBE (Both), BOURNEMOUTH (Both), BRIDPORT (Both), CHRISTCHURCH (Both), DORCHESTER (Both), LYTCHETT (Both), PARKSTONE (Men), POOLE (Both), SHAFTESBURY (Both), SHERBORNE (Both), WALLISDOWN (Both), WEYMOUTH (Both), WYKE REGIS (Both), COUNTY TEAM (Both)

Voting Number: 30

3. MINUTES OF THE AG(D)M HELD ON 28th JUNE 2015

Proposed to accept as a true record by the Sherborne, seconded by Wallisdown- Unanimous.

Portland arrived with both a Lady and Man delegate taking the voting strength to 32.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Michelle apologised to meeting for the lack of accounts. She explained that due to the current situation with the secretary post, she had had to ensure other tasks which would normally come under the remit of secretary were given priority. This was to make sure that Dorset remained compliant and did not incur any fines or penalties. She advised the meeting that she would send a copy to each superleague team as soon as she has time to complete them.

She then discussed an increase to the player registration fee from £5 to £10 for 2017/2018 season. The idea being that as part of the increase each superleague would be allowed 24 free entries into the superleague competition's(not external) during that season. Singles to count as 1 entry and pairs as 2 entries. Any entries above this number would be paid at the normal competition fee entry.

This was proposed by Lytchett and seconded by Christchurch, carried unanimously.

She also advised the meeting that the superleague competitions would be £4 per singles and £8 per pair for advance entries with an extra £1 charged for entries on the day.

Michelle explained to the meeting the difficulty with the accounts and how in recent years it had been impossible to get the accounts audited as detailed in the constitution. She asked if there would be anyone from the superleague be willing to review the accounts when they are available. Lynn Poulton advised the meeting that she worked with accounts and felt that auditing was only essential for LTD companies. She said she would be willing to review the account. Michelle thanked Lynn for her advice and willingness to help by auditing the accounts.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

There was a discussion around the situation regarding the secretary position and the fact that there had been no nominations for the position. There were names suggested of people that may be willing to help but as these people were not present at the meeting there was no suggestion from the floor as to how to address the situation.

Dave said rather than waste time we would come back to this issue at the end of the meeting.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Current committee members are Dan Adams, Donna Mabbatt, Matt Yarrow and Rob Martin. Michelle thanked them all for the support throughout a very difficult season.

7. ELECTION OF DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Current Disciplinary Committee would consist of three members namely Donna Mabbatt, Chris Old and Claire Rogers. All were happy to remain on the committee, proposed by Sherborne and seconded by the county, carried unanimously

8. UNPAID FINES

There were some outstanding fines, Mark asked to see Dorchester, Bournemouth and Boscombe after the meeting to discuss.

10. SUPERLEAGUE ORGANISER REPORT

Mark Porter discussed with conduct of players at Superleague matches and said he had to spent valuable time writing letters to clubs apologising for the behaviour of members of the Superleague which is not acceptable. He also stated he had complaints about some players drinking their own alcohol at away team's venues. This practice is should not be tolerated by any club and Mark stated that as Superleague secretary he would back any club asking an offending player to leave their venue. In line with the rules in the constitution 9.4 and 9.6 if a player was asked to leave before they had played their game they would forfeit that game.

Mark explained that he had attempted to find dates for the superleague but due to the way New Year's Eve and Easter falls this season he had encountered some difficulty. As agreed at last year's AGM the fixtures were redrawn by Trevor Chant and Mark said he would send the fixtures out as soon as possible. **UNFORTUNATELY WHEN THE NEWLY DRAWN FIXTURES WERE PUT INTO THE DATES FOR THE SEASON IT WAS NOTED THAT SOME TEAMS WOULD HAVE 4 CONSECUTIVE AWAY MATCHES. MARK DID NOT THINK THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE AND MADE THE DECISION TO REVERSE THE FIXTURES AGAIN JUST FOR THIS SEASON AND TO RE DRAW THE NUMBERS AT THE AGM NEXT SEASON WHICH HE HOPES ALL TEAMS WILL FIND ACCEPTABLE.**

It was requested that the fixtures be sent out with dates assigned to the competitions so that those teams wishing to re- arrange games could do so avoiding the competition dates as much as possible. Superleague competitions will remain on Saturday nights.

11. PROPOSITION

Portland proposed a change to the scoring system to all played legs count so if a player lost 2-3 his/her team would be accredited with 2 points rather than 0. This was seconded by Wyke Regis and some discussion in the room followed, it was suggested that this might work if bonus points for 3 points for a win and 1 for a draw were added.

The proposal was voted on for 9 against 23. Proposition not successful.

The scoring system will remain unchanged for 2016/17 season.

12. HONORARIUMS

Michelle advised the meeting that the Honorariums could not be discussed until the accounts had been prepared.

13. DIARIES

Orders were taken for purchase of diaries.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Trevor Chant stated that he was concerned that the county was not proactive in encouraging Youth players now that Dorset does not have a Youth team. He asked whether anybody went around watching the superleague games like Eddie Pilley used to. Mark said that they were watching averages and on occasions when they were not playing darts, Mark, John and Sally used the time if available to watch matches. Richard Perry suggested that superleague captains and secretaries should be watching their players and putting names forward to the county. Unfortunately, as it stands at the moment Dorset Youth players travel to either Hampshire or Devon to play in the youth system.

Trevor Chant raised an issue regarding the strength of Dorset's Superleague he said at the last game of the season Blandford men were 9 points behind Poole and played their last game against Wallisdown knowing they had to win 10 points to win the league. Blandford won 11-1 he stated that with no disrespect to Wallisdown this should not have been possible in a superleague situation.

He suggested that possibly Dorset needed to consider a Division 1 and 2 for the superleague. Shaftesbury said this is difficult when the men and ladies play together and presents difficulty with who should play in which league especially if you have a strong Men's side and weaker Ladies side or vice versa.

Mark said at previous AGM's there had been suggestions about splitting the league East and West but there are always going to be logistical problems and financial implications with the league set up as it is.

Trevor also asked for clarification on the match result for Alderholt /Blandford game. Mark explained that due to an incident the last game of the night had not been completed and in consultation with both teams it was agreed that the fairest course of action would be to void the game and that the point would not be awarded to either team.

John Bothamley asked if Dorset would consider putting a procedure into the constitution for dealing with homophobic bullying. He felt that we should avoid these situations creeping into superleague darts. Nigel Gallimore stated that he runs a league and had to consult a solicitor regarding a homophobic incident. The advice he was given meant that both parties had to be suspended as it is a very grey area. It was agreed that any incident of this sort should be reviewed by the disciplinary committee.

The meeting discussed the situation with the secretary position again and asked if Michelle could prepare a job description for the secretary's role and e-mail it to the superleague secretaries so they could see exactly what the role entailed.

It was agreed that the meeting would re convene on the 17th July to discuss the role further and attempt to find a solution to the issue so that the organisation can move forward.

Dave thanked everyone for their attendance and input at the meeting.
He thanked Michelle and Mark for managing to cope with the organisation and administration of the Association following Steve's resignation halfway through the season.

The meeting was closed at 11.50am

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