Minutes of LDCL AGM 22/6/23

Present

Gordon Christie (Dep. Chair-GC), Tom Darling (Tres. TD), Julian Summerfield (Sec. JS), Dave Thomas (Fix. Sec DT) and Peter Stiff (Safety/Webmaster PS). Mike Johnson/John Conway (Cov.), Mark Page (Ken.) Omar Khemoudj (Leam.), Richard/Robert Reynolds (Olt.), Malcolm Harding/Dave Riley (Rugby).

Apologies

Ben Graff (Chair BG), Abbie Stevens (Dav.)

Agenda

1. Minutes of AGM 2022 were approved- proposed by GC and seconded by JS.
2. Chair- BG’s email circulated, thanking all league and club officials, good trend of increased team entries post covid. Thanks to GC, DT, JS and all others for their work on constitution and rules amendments; which will hopefully make running the league more smoothly in the future.
3. Presentation of Trophies: D1 Kenilworth A, D2 Shirley & Wythall B, D3 Kenilworth D, D4 Coventry, Open KO Kenilworth, U8750 KO Olton, U1600 Kenilworth, Stanley Gibbins, Mark Page, Lightning (Open) Javier O Valdepenas.
4. Treasurer (TD)- main account surplus up £132 to £1319- competition account down £90 due to charges to £644. Both accounts now merged with HSBC to reduce charges. TD to explore moving account to Lloyds/Barclays which may be able to offer free banking and to place some cash into an interest earning account. Fee for next season £3 per board proposed by TD and seconded by PS.
5. Secretary (JS)- Encouraging increase in team entries from 26 to 32 in season 2022/23, although unfortunate no individual competition last season.
6. Website (PS)- PS has offered to update the LDCL website into a mobile friendly and most relevant easy access format before the start of next season. Thanks in advance to PS for completing this exercise.
7. Fixtures (DT)- no issues-ECF done bar 1 match.
8. Jamboree- attendance a little lower- JS to approach clubs to host and run this year’s event (done).
9. Lightning Tournament- well run, thanks to Hok, agreed that next year’s event in 2024 can be ECF rated on basis of no extra charge. JS to approach Hok to see if able to run the event.
10. Safeguarding Officer (PS)- no issues. Reminder to all clubs of a preference for each club to have an officer, for not only juniors but also vulnerable adults.
11. Committee/disputes (GC)-5- 4 decided upon 1 outstanding covering board order, substitutes, mobile phone and clocks. Amended rules should help for the future.

Mark Page wished to place on record that a 30 year player and captain had

resigned from Kenilworth due to being unhappy with the committee’s decision of a

dispute.

1. All officers re-elected on mass, thanks to Omar Khemoudj for agreeing to be Trophies Officer.
2. League Competition (DT)- Total unchanged at 32 (subject to clarification from Banbury) D1 8, D2 7, D3 7, D4 10. The challenge around number of fixtures for D4- agreed to work in 2 pools of 5 playing each other twice (8 matches) then once only against the other pool of 5, giving a total of 13 matches.
3. Individual competition- TD has kindly volunteered to run a handicap open rapid play competition in season 23/24.
4. Constitution and Rules- were passed as presented, apart from:
5. Adopting the voting amendment proposed by Mark Page (i.e. 1 vote per club)
6. Adopting the rating rule for all competitions as agreed at the start of the season- subject to within the registered teams at the start of the season reflecting any board order adjustment to reflect the 1st January ratings (75 point rule-adults- juniors 150 point).
7. Substitute rule passed.

Given the changes it is recommended each club read the updated rules on the LDCL website- the LDCL website has been updated with the constitution and rules.

Meeting closed at 10.10 pm.