**MINUTES OF ONWK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 36 IGHTHAM ROAD, ERITH**

 **ON 7 DECEMBER AT 8 PM**

Robin opened the meeting at 8pm and Robin, Rod and Debbie were present.

**1. Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Janet, Jan, Brian and Wayne.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**3. Matters arising from the minutes:** These were dealt with during individual reports.

**4. Secretary’s report:** Debbie had reported about late affiliation fees and also mentioned about Bexley. Rod is going to get in touch with Badminton England to try and so that we can check to make sure players are registered if they are playing matches. ACTION ROD

**5. Treasurer’s report:** Robin reported on Janet’s behalf that there was £3,408.91in the account and was not sure whether the quiz night made a profit or loss.

**6. Match Secretary’s report:** Robin reported the following:-

 **Summer 2017:** all the summer 2017 games were played and that Oakhi9ll had dropped out of

 the bottom division so teams only got 4 games.

 Robin also announced that the following clubs had won their divisions:

 Bacons won Division 1

 Bexley 1 won Division 2

 Bexley 2 won Division 3

 **Winter league 2017/18:** It was mentioned that Rod had a trial by fire. One club was missed

 out when the divisions were arranged. Orpington were having trouble arranging all their

 home fixtures as they did not have enough slots for all games. There is the possibility of

 of playing at a different venue but there will be a possible loss of income. This issue has now

 gone quiet.

 Rod said that 5 or 6 teams in a division is ideal but 7 is far too many and he is going to look

 into make the divisions shorter next year if enough teams enter.

 Rod is also going to put a a lessons learnt article out and Rod also mentioned about the

 possibility of fining clubs who affiliate late with a hefty £100 fine.

 Robin mentioned that he and John Spink (Ravensbourne) had gone to a regional meeting.

 It transpired that Ravensbourne were having the same issues that we were having with

 teams. The main point of interest was the way fixture meetings were dealt with. Some

 leagues sent out draft divisions and clubs were to check to make sure they were happy with

 the divisions they were in. If they were happy a formal document was then sent out and if not

 any problems would be sorted out before the fixture meeting.

 Rod said it was a good idea to have a fixture meeting as most games get arranged.

 There was then a discussion on who the onus is on when a team is not at the fixture

 meeting. It was decided that the absent team should get in contact with the other team and

 offer them 3 dates.

 Robin mentioned that Greenwich Borough had chased Bexley (Welling) up for about 6 weeks

 for a match date.

 Narayan was very late with affiliation fees which caused a few problems.

 Shuttlers Academy problem has been sorted by entering another team.

 Parkside were concerned other teams were being added to league.

 What to do in when matches were cancelled and clubs still had to pay for the hall. It was

 suggested that clubs try to arrange an impromptu club night or the possibility of ONWK

 holding a deposit which could be used if necessary. It was mentioned that the cost of

 shuttles and away match fees would balance out against the cost of the hall. It was

 decided that we would wait to see if a club proposes it for the AGM.

 Rod has said that he wants to extend the 2x2 format to the mens league. This will be

 put forward at the AGM.

**7. Tournament Secretary’s report:** There was no tournament secretary’s report.

**8. Junior Affairs:** It was reported on Jan’s behalf by Robin that the junior inter-regional event would be held on 29 April and that Jan has already started to organise players.

**9. AGM matters arising:** There were no matters arising.

**10. District Committee:** Robinreported that he had been to a District committee meeting on 15 November and the only point of interest was the way the different leagues dealt with their fixture meeting.

**11. Events:** Robin reported that Janet had had said “Phew, not doing this next year” after the quiz night and presentation. We will decide at the next committee meeting whether to hold a quiz night and presentation next year.

**12. Website:** Rod said that he has got access to the website. Rod said he is going to improve the contact list. Robin mentioned that he was not sure when the domain name needs to be paying and that Robin thought it is usually lasts 3-4 years and that Chris would hear would hear and pass it on to Rod.

**13. Inter-regional:** Robin said that the senior inter-regional will be held on 28 April. It is possible that both ONWK and Ravensbourne will be allowed 2 teams if Rainham pull out and the format is not changed. However it could prove a problem if Ravensbourne put 2 teams in as they will both be in the same division.

**14. Any other business:** Rod mentioned that he has been looking into changing the affiliation process and is looking into using Google forms and showed Robin and myself how to use it. Rod wants to do some more work before going live. He will send emails out with a link to the form and all the information will go onto a spreadsheet.

It was decided that the issue with Park Langley not turning up to Bexley (Welling) matches was down to human error. Rod had spoken to Narayan and he has now calmed down.

Bexley – Robin to check club with Badminton England.

Robin is going to look at the Rules to see if there are any tweeks that can be made for discussion at the AGM. ACTION: Robin

**15. Date of next meeting:** It was agreed to hold our next meeting in mid April. ACTION: Debbie

Robin closed the meeting at 10.15

ROBIN WELLS

Chairman