

Minutes of the RBA AGM Held at Romford BC on the 3rd December 2019

1. The President opened the meeting at 8.00pm and thanked the representatives from 8 member clubs for attending. He went on to thank the committee along with Richard Strauss and the Presidents own club Romford for the support throughout the year. He then reported that due to club responsibilities the Rainham delegates would be absent. The presentation lunch was well attended this year with member and guest numbers being more than double 2018 numbers. Thanks to all those that attended. Thanks were also expressed to R. Watson, C. Fleming, D. Parr and D. Farquhar for their work throughout the year. Thanks also to everyone for their support of the leagues and competitions, it has been a good year with a few minor hiccoughs which could have been eased if the rules regarding email confirmations were followed. Delegates were then invited to join him in congratulating Sandy Dron of Upminster BC and RBA life member for his appointment as ECBA President. "Thank you everyone".
2. Apologies were received from R. Watson and C. Fleming which were duly noted.
3. Minutes of the previous AGM having been previously circulated were accepted and signed.
4. There were no matters arising
5. The Secretary reported that it had been a good year with input from member clubs. There is one addition to the officer nominations which was not circulated prior to the meeting, A. Warner of Harold Hill BC for the position of Deputy President. Association blazer badges are in but the ties are posing a problem in that the unit price for a small run, as we require, is a little on the high side. Samples received so far have been rejected by a majority of the committee so new samples are presently being prepared for consideration using a different process. Once again thank you everyone for your participation, we need to carry on the communication so it would be appreciate if all member clubs could inform me of their Secretaries and delegates contact information for 2020. Notification of any changes throughout the year would be appreciated too.
In Ricky Watson's absence I would like to appeal to each member club to forward him nominees for RBA representative matches.
6. The Treasurers report was circulated on the night having been audited prior to the meeting. It all balanced leaving £4695.09 in the bank. The Treasurer thanked the auditor Richard Rose for his input. He then thanked all concerned.
7. Examiners report. Proposed by Sandy Dron and seconded by Trevor Plank.
8. With the Shield Secretary Conway Fleming being absent the President reported that Romford BC were accepted into the RBA Triples League. There was a problem with a couple of clubs and rearrangement of games this year so I would like to remind everyone that an email trail is now required by the rules (league sec' to be included) which would have alleviated the problem.
Question from the floor (SD) - When will the league fixtures be available?
With the information in the draw is in hand. Fixtures will be available on the website once checked.

9. Competition Secretary reported that the email system of supplying results had gone very well. He also reiterated the importance of filling all players' names, in a readable manner, on the cards.
10. Match Secretary reported, in absentia, that the friendly fixtures have gone very well. The fixture With Falcon IBC had been cancelled earlier in the year to avoid a cancellation fee of £75. There was just not enough support which could be a result of the raised fee for the meal on top of the travel. Thanks to everyone that supported us this year.
11. Proposals (Two).

1. Proposed: Alexander (Sandy) Dron. Seconded: Upminster BC
Silver Jubilee Trophy and Officers Cup

Rules regarding these competitions are not stated on the website.

As far as the Officers Cup is concerned the rule is that any competitor whom is a past or current serving officer of their club or the RBA itself is eligible.

I believe that the competition rules should state the correct eligibility requirements of these two competitions and be available to all on the website.

If the age limit is 65+ for the Silver Jubilee Trophy then I propose that as from 2021 this is revised to 60+ & the requirement to play in the afternoon remains.

Passed by majority.

2. Proposed: Allan Blatchford. Seconded: Harold Hill BC
RBA Shield & Triple League Start Time

I would like to propose that in the Wednesday evening Triples & Shield matches that the first two games and the last 2 games of the season start at 5.30 pm. Those clubs who cannot do this arrange with the other club match secretary an agreed time.

Rejected by majority

[It was felt by the majority that a route to change start times was catered for under current rules. To compel early starts would handicap a team which included full time workers].

A discussion ensued in which flood lighting was discussed, which also was found to be a problem for some, cataracts were cited. It was pointed out that there is provision for matches to finish early because of bad light.

12. Election of Officers

President – Richard Strauss
Deputy President – Alan Warner
Secretary – Dave Farquhar
Treasurer – Ron Waller
Shield /Triples Secretary – Conway Fleming
Competition Secretary – Dennis Parr
Match Secretary – Ricky Watson
Examiners – Richard Rose + (Martin Cuthbert TBA)

Selection Committee – President / Deputy President / Treasurer
/ Match Secretary + two delegates
Dinner Committee – President / Secretary and Treasurer

13. Annual Dinner:-

Following the recent Presentation Lunch it was agreed by the dinner committee to hold the 2020 presentation at the same venue on the 25th October 2020

14. AOB

Sandy Dron: - As last year should we award a gift to Ron Fishlock to help cover the expenses he incurs maintaining the website?

Passed unanimously

The meeting was closed at 8.35pm