

Minutes of the UCTBA End of Season Council Meeting held on Sunday 13th July, 2003 at AMF Forum, Coventry at 2.00pm

The President called the meeting to order at 2.07pm.

1) Roll Call

Paul Williams (President), Rob Pullinger (Secretary), Chris Houldgreaves (Treasurer), Steve Millington (UCESTBA Secretary), Pete Flood (Representing the Tournament Collator and the Masters Committee) and representatives from Liverpool, Manchester, Sheffield, Surrey, London, UEA, Warwick, and Nottingham Trent.

2) Apologies

Apologies were received from Aston, Brunel, Essex, Hull, Leeds and Southampton. Apologies were not received from Birmingham, Kent, Loughborough, Nottingham, Portsmouth, Newcastle and Teeside.

Fines were agreed as follows:

£25:	Aston	£50:	Kent
	Brunel		Loughborough
	Essex		Nottingham
	Hull		Portsmouth
	Leeds		
	Southampton		
	Newcastle		
	Southampton		
	Teeside		

Birmingham were not fined as their affiliation was withdrawn (see below).

There was a discussion about future options to encourage more clubs to attend the statutory council meetings. Various suggestions such as docking championship points or more rigorously imposing suspensions, but it was also noted that a balance had to be struck to ensure that we fulfil our obligation to promote Student Bowling activities. It was agreed that letters would be sent out to the Athletic Unions of all Members which did not attend the meeting, explaining the importance of the meetings and of the fine. Options will be brought by the Executive to the next meeting.

3) Approval of the Start of Season Council Meeting Minutes

The Executive proposed the minutes of the Start of Season Meeting held on 13th October 2002 as a true and accurate record. This was approved unanimously.

4) Election of the Executive for 2003/2004

The President explained that no nominations other than Liverpool had been put forward to run the Executive for this year. Liverpool is happy to continue as the executive for another year. This was passed unanimously.

The secretary explained that Kris Wright had resigned as Tournament Coordinator. The Executive proposed that Rob Pullinger take on the position in conjunction with the role as Secretary for one year, in order to establish a standardised system for the position. This was passed unanimously.

Tony Quinn has agreed to remain as Tournament Collator. This was also passed unanimously.

5) Secretary's Report

Championship:

There were a few teething problems with the new format, but generally everything went well. Problems with teams not turning up/forfeiting. Setting the dates at the EOSM will solve this.

Not every team filled in both sides of the scoresheet. This made checking scores more difficult.

A quarter finals stage was proposed.

It was noted that Portsmouth had still not passed on the Winners' Trophy to Sheffield.

Tournaments:

Those tournaments that ran were on the whole good. However there were only 7 Order of Merit Ranking tournaments this year.

Provisional calendar for next year to be done at this meeting.

It was noted that Kris Wright had not gained BTBA sanctions for the tournaments this year. This causes problems for BTBA members who are not allowed to compete. This will be addressed this year.

General:

The website has a new look and also a messageboard which will be used to pass on messages etc.

Clubs were reminded that contact details are required no later than the end of the month.

6) Treasurers report

The treasurer presented the accounts to the meeting. It was noted that there is a large surplus which was due to be spent on a UCTBA vs. BUSA match. Options to be considered for this money will be presented at the Start of Season Meeting.

Affiliation Fees have not been paid by Aston, Birmingham and Kent. These will be chased up.

7) Distribution of Order of Merit Trophies

Order of Merit trophies were distributed to those clubs present.

8) Modifications to Championship Format

After much discussion, it was agreed to bring options back to the Start of Season Meeting for re-establishing a Quarter Finals stage. Will member Clubs decide their preferred options before the SOSM:

- a) Group Stage
 - Seed the 4 semi-finalists from the previous season
 - Don't seed the semi finalists from last season
- b) Qualifiers for ¼ finals:
 - Group Winners and Runners Up
 - Group Winners plus 4 Pinfall Qualifiers. (4 highest Average Pinfall across all the groups, not one from each group)
- c) Who plays who in ¼ Finals:
For all options, Pot 1 = Group Winners;
Pot 2 = Runners Up or Pinfall Qualifiers.

Group winners and Runner Up

- Random draw – Pot 1 Vs. Pot 2
- Each pot seeded separately on Pinfall 1-4.
 - § Pot 1, seed 1 vs Pot 2, seed 4
 - § Pot 1, seed 2 vs Pot 2, seed 3
 - § Pot 1, seed 3 vs Pot 2, seed 2
 - § Pot 1, seed 4 vs Pot 2, seed 1
- “World Cup” style:
 - Group 1 Winner Vs Group 2 Runner Up
 - Group 2 Winner Vs. Group 1 Runner Up
 - Group 3 Winner Vs Group 4 Runner Up
 - Group 4 Winner Vs. Group 3 Runner Up

Semi-finals

- Random Draw
- Seeded as now on average Pinfall
 - § 1 v 4
 - § 2 v 3

Group winners and Pinfall Qualifiers

- § Match 1 - Pot 1, seed 1 vs Pot 2, seed 1
- § Match 2 - Pot 1, seed 2 vs Pot 2, seed 2
- § Match 3 - Pot 1, seed 3 vs Pot 2, seed 3
- § Match 4 - Pot 1, seed 4 vs Pot 2, seed 4

Semis would be:

- Winner Match 1 Vs Winner Match 3
- Winner Match 2 Vs Winner Match 4

9) Financial Arrangements for Tournament Levies

In recent years there have been problems keeping track of what happens to the tournament levies to the Team England Fund, the Order of Merit and the BUSA Team Fund. It was proposed that a new account be opened and operated by the Tournament Coordinator in order to better track this money. This was passed unanimously.

10) Franchising of Tournaments for 2003/2004

The provisional calendar for the 2003/2004 season was agreed as follows:

Saturday 18 th October 2003	Start of Season Meeting	AMF Coventry
1 st or 2 nd November	1 st Championship Group Matches	
Saturday 15 th November 2003	Nottingham Doubles	
Sunday 16 th November 2003	BUSA Championships	
Sunday 23 rd November 2003	London Trios	
29 th or 30 th November 2003	Remaining Championship Group Matches	
31 st January of 1 st February 2004	Surrey Singles	
7 th /8 th February 2004	Sheffield Quads	
21 st or 22 nd February 2004	Championship Quarter Finals	
28 th or 29 th February 2004	Warwick Fives	
13 th or 14 th March 2004	Liverpool Trios	
27 th or 28 th March 2004	Championship Finals	
20 th March or 1 st April 2004	UEA Doubles	
1 st May 2004	Hull Fancy Dress Trios	
2 nd May 2004	Hull Quads	

11) Confirmation of Affiliation Status of Clubs

As there has been no contact from Birmingham, they did not turn up to the Championship Matches or Tournaments or the End of Season Meeting and they have not paid their affiliation fee or fines, it was decided that they are no longer a Member of the UCTBA.

Lancaster University are considering Affiliation for the 2003/2004 season.

University of Central Lancashire is forming a club and hopes to be a position to affiliate by the 2004/2005 season.

London University Bowling Club no longer exists, they are re-affiliating as Imperial College, London.

12) Any Other Business

Members were reminded to look at the constitution for answers before contacting the committee with questions. Most of the answers are in there. Information sheets with simplified details will be drawn up.

Members are reminded to send all tournament results to the Tournament Coordinator, Tournament Collator and Secretary.

A Captains' Meeting is planned for the BUSA weekend in order to discuss any queries that arise from the first group matches / sort out fines and affiliation fees that have not been paid.

Steve Millington explained how the UCESTBA ran and asked all captains to email him with the contacts for any graduating bowlers to ucestba_sec@bigfoot.com Membership is currently £6 per year which allows you to enter ex-student tournaments and receive entry forms by email.

Over the season there had been queries about what the £25 tournament coordinator expenses were for. It appears that this was in part duplicating the OOM levy. The main expenses which should come from this are the annual BTBA Membership for the tournament coordinator of £12 plus travel costs to Council and Executive Meetings.

Pete Flood passed on comment from the tournament collator: Communication after tournaments is not good enough. He should have the scores within 48 hours.

Pete also said that once again the Masters Tournament was not full. People should keep their eye out for the invitations list after the last ranking tournament. Communication for this should be improved next year.

The Secretary reported that for about £9 per year for the association, every club can have an email address alias@tenpin.org.uk. It was agreed that this be done. They will be allocated on receipt of contact details for next season.

Meeting closed 4.40pm