

BUTBA End of 2015/16 Season Meeting Agenda

Saturday 18th June 2016

Mansfield Superbowl – 16:00

1. Welcome from Chair (Shaun Parsons)
2. Treasurer's Report (Paul Marks)
3. Outstanding Prizes from Events (Chesterfield Trophies)
4. Constitutional Amendments
 - a. Amendment to RNK 3.0 (and removal of RNK 5.0) to:
Entry to all BUTBA events shall be determined by the respective entry forms
 - i. This removing the restriction that teams be made up of wholly students or wholly ex students (Paul Marks)
 - ii. This would allow us the freedom to get greater entrants to events and spread our events beyond our own members. Where we did have non-members bowling; they would not be eligible to gain ranking points for the BUTBA rankings or receive invites to the challenge match/masters (James Larkin)
 - b. (Paul Marks) *Removal of RNK 6.0 – RNK 8.0* (Honorary bowlers)
 - i. If a) passes, then there is no restriction on entries to BUTBA events therefore universities do not need to register honoraries; individual student members can enter all events with whoever they like
 - c. (Paul Marks) *Removal of RNK 22.0* (Equal entitlement for student entries)
 - i. If the restriction at a) is removed; entries can be from students, ex students or mixtures therefore this rule would be impossible to enforce
 - d. (Paul Marks) Amendment to RNK 25 to:
*The Ranking Tables shall cover **three** categories:*
 - 25.1 *Scratch Men*
 - 25.2 *Scratch Women*
 - 25.3 *Handicap*
 - e. (Paul Marks) *Consequential Removal of RNK 26.4* as there would be no university rankings with mixed teams
 - f. (James Larkin) Amendment to RNK 26 to:
 - 26.1: *All scratch bowlers will be ranked in one table from 1st to 30th with each position gaining 31-x points with x being their position*
 - 26.2: *Tables as defined in 25.1 and 25.2 will then be ranked individually against only those bowlers in their respective rankings.*
 - 26.3: *(no changes except consequential removal of reference to 25.4)*

Example: Finishing positions and points are as follows:

Position	Bowler	Gender	Points
1	A	(Male)	30
2	B	(Male)	29
3	C	(Female)	28
4	D	(Male)	27
5	E	(Male)	26
6	F	(Female)	25
7	G	(Male)	24
8	H	(Female)	23

Ranking Tables:

Male

1	A	30
2	B	29
3	D	27
4	E	26
5	G	24

Female

1	C	28
2	F	25
3	H	23

- i. This would remove the scenario that if there were only 2 or 3 female bowlers at an event; they automatically get 10, 9 or 8 points. They would not be competing directly against the men, but would still have to bowl well in comparison to them to get a higher number of points.
 - ii. In the current system, where only 3 ladies were at an event, even if the winning lady was 200 pins ahead; they would only gain 1 point over their nearest rival. In this version; they would be rewarded with a points difference in comparison to the total number of bowlers placed between the two; i.e. the winning lady finishes 2nd and the 2nd placed lady was 8th; the winning lady would gain 6 points instead of 1.
- g. (Paul Marks) Changing of RNK 39 to:
- i. There shall be three masters' events organised by the BUTBA Tournament committee for the Male, Female and Handicap Sections.
 - ii. Qualification criteria shall be determined by the Tournament Committee prior to the final 2 ranking events and distributed to members by the Secretary.
- h. (Paul Marks/James Larkin) – Changing the structure of the BUTBA Committee by:
Removal of TPN 13, 14 and amendment of TPN 10.0 to the following:
- 10.1 Chair/President
 - 10.2 Vice Chair
 - 10.3 Treasurer
 - 10.4 Secretary

10.5 Tournament Co-ordinator

TPN 13.0: Individual positions in TPN 10 above may appoint persons as they see for to assist in helping the running of the committee with the committee's approval. Examples of these positions may be, but are not limited to:

13.1: Student & Ex Student Representatives

13.2: Webmaster

13.3: Club Development Officer

13.4: Forum & Social Officer

13.5: Cup Organiser & Collator

TPN 14.0 There shall be a minimum of 1 ex student & 1 student as well as 1 male & 1 female holding positions at 10.1 – 10.5 above.

- i. There are only 4 positions which have persons nominated for them at 6 below. In addition to this, as stated last year a committee of numerous positions makes it very difficult to take decisions as a large number of persons are required to be available to take a discussion and a vote.
 - ii. It is suggested that the committee be trimmed to 5 persons with a new 'Roles and Responsibilities document' to be drawn up which effectively assigns responsibility for the old roles to the new positions; i.e.:
 1. Vice chair shall be responsible for putting forward views of student and ex students and for promoting membership of the tour (e.g. they may appoint a student and ex student representative to report to them as well as a club development officer)
 2. The Co-ordinator shall be responsible for organising events; collating the scores and getting them on the website – they may appoint a collator and a Web Guru to assist them in this
 3. The Secretary shall be responsible for all internal and external communications and may appoint a Press secretary to assist in collating event reports
 - iii. In this instance a core of 4 persons, plus a chair is all that is required to ensure the functioning of the BUTBA committee which should make it easier to function and assign responsibility and accountability for certain functions
 - iv. The 5 people elected would have to ensure that they are able to commit a fair amount of time to the tour and its functioning however, and should be available at reasonable notice throughout the year to determine decisions.
- i. (James Larkin) Addition of a new RNK 15.2
RNK15.2: Where an average under RNK 15.1 does not exist; bowlers who have previously bowled on tour but did not bowl in the previous year may use their last qualified BUTBA average; less 5 pins for every year they have been away from the tour (to a maximum of 50 pins for 10 years missing) until a qualified average under TNP 15.1 exists.
RNK15.3 – removal of a) (Preceding year's BUTAB average) and subsequent renumbering

- i. Example, a bowler who has last bowled on the BUTBA tour in the 2013/14 year with an average of 175; may enter the 2016/17 first event on an average of 160 (being 15 pins less than their 2013/14 average).
- ii. This is to incentivise those bowlers who have previously bowled on tour to return

5. Policy Amendments

I. Format of the tour (James Larkin/Paul Marks)

Student Tour:

- a. To run a series of 3 or 4 student only events close to our remaining Student Clubs (Sheffield, Loughborough, Birmingham, and Nottingham).
- b. These would be subject to a separate Student only Rankings table, which would follow a similar structure to the main tour, but with the addition of university rankings run as they currently are.
- c. It would be proposed that all 4 of these universities could hold an event which would be cheap (£20 or under) quick (formats no longer than 4 hours) so universities could attend without great travel costs.
- d. Rules for these events would be determined by the tournament committee but would be designed to be fairly light touch and be no more than one page in length. This tour would operate outside the BUTBA constitution to allow for maximum flexibility year on year dependant on numbers. Agreement would be sought from all universities wishing to participate to these rules before the first event.

Main/Open tour:

- a. The main tour would then be centrally organised by the BUTBA committee (but applications from student clubs or ex-student individuals to hold these events would still be welcome and are encouraged)
- b. These events would look at slightly more expensive entries (£35 - £45); longer formats; different oil patterns and cash prizes which would be open to all members (and some non-members to enter)
- c. There would probably be fewer of these events than the current tour – probably 6; and at least one would be a joint BUTBA/BTBA event like Airport doubles

General:

- a. It is anticipated that the Student and ex student events should not clash with each other to enable students who wish to bowl on the main tour in addition to the student only one
- b. Events should be organised with a social event in mind (i.e. Meal, poker tournament, pool event etc after bowling)

II. Raise Blind Scores (James Larkin)

Higher blind scores should be used – currently we use 100 scratch with 70 handicap, but this is quite a disadvantage. TD's would be encouraged to be more flexible, particularly at larger events (5s/6s) so that incomplete teams can still enter and be reasonably competitive.

III. Constitution (James Larkin)

Look at the constitution again to try and get a smaller document which is easier to understand and which is more straightforwardly worded

6. Nomination of Officers

- a. Chair – Kirsty Ralph
- b. Secretary – Sarah Hood/Tim Hughes
- c. Treasurer – Paul Marks (Incumbent)
- d. Co-ordinator – James Larkin (Incumbent)