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**\*\*2023-2024 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING\*\***

**MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2024 – 7-45pm**

**SOUTH LEEDS CONSERVATIVE CLUB**

**(Arranged in accordance with current LBSO Rule 5 of Section 3)**

**\*\* AGENDA - incl. LBSO RULE CHANGES\*\***

* **CHAIRMAN’s – WELCOME / OPENING REMARKS:**

**& A MINUTE’S SILENCE – for friends departed:**

* **ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES:**
* **PREVIOUS AGM in 2023 (for season 2022/23) – Minutes & Matters Arising:**

1. **Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 11/09/23 at South Leeds Conservative Club – Chaired by Mr. Andy Taffinder:**
2. **Matters arising out of the Minutes of the last AGM:**

* **FINANCES – (for 2023/24):**

1. **Treasurer’s Financial Report for season 2023-2024:**
2. **Adoption of the Balance Sheet as a true record:**

* **RULE ALTERATIONS – LBSO LEAGUE & COMPETITIONS RULES (for 2024-25):**

**See page 2 onwards for further details and all LBSO proposed rule changes.**

* **Election of LBSO Officers (for 2024-25):**

**INVITATIONS FROM ANYBODY ARE ALWAYS WELCOME, to assist LBSO Officers in some of the tasks undertaken.**

**Please email Bob Patterson with any expressions of interest.**

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| **Not officially part of the AGM’s agenda, but at some time during the meeting, comments will be made by -:**   * **League Secretary Paul Grimes about the forthcoming 2024-25 league season, and likewise from,** * **Competition Secretaries Paul Marlow & Mark Ball, regarding LBSO competitions during the forthcoming 2024-25 season.** |

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| **CURRENT LBSO RULES:**  **2023-2024 – LBSO – League & Competition Rules**  The **current LBSO rules for the 2023/24 season** just completed, were most recently amended after the **last AGM held on 11th September 2023**, held at South Leeds Conservative Club.  ***The 2023 AGM was the most active in terms of rule additions / amendments for many a year, thanks mainly to attending delegates!***  Two rules up for discussion in particular at the 2023 AGM, were posted on the website the day after, in time for the start of the 2023/24 league season on Wednesday 13th September 2023, and a fully updated version of the 2023-24 LBSO League & Competition Rules was uploaded on the website shortly after the start of the season. | |
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| **\*\*LBSO RULE CHANGES (for 2024/25)\*\*** | |
| **REQUEST FOR - Proposed LBSO Rule Changes for 2024-2025 –:**  *Were submitted in accordance with current LBSO rule 5 of Section 3 (“General Rules – both Leagues and Competitions”), to be included as part of the* ***Agenda for the AGM held on Monday 9th September 2024 at South Leeds Conservatives Club.***  ***LBSO League & Competition Rules –***  ***Section 3 - Rule 5(a) to 5(e) –***  ***“Annual General Meeting, Rule Changes ………..”:***  In accordance with-   * **Section 3 Rule 5a**: the date and venue for the AGM was first shown on the website on **21st May 2024**, after being announced at the ‘registration meeting’ the night before. * **Section 3 Rule 5b**: the deadline date **14 days prior** to the AGM, for **receiving** proposed rule changes was set at **26th August 2024-**   **First notifications** about rule changes were sent to all captains by email on **27th July 2024**, with the main contents of that email also posted on the ‘Latest News’ part of the LBSO homepage on **1st August 2004**, and **with advice each time about how to make proposed rule changes and by the deadline date.**  Numerous email circulations and website postings have followed since, giving similar advice as the first notifications.   * **Section 3 Rule 5 c & d**: proposed rule changes properly received were then to be put on the AGM agenda, which has to be posted on the website and also circulated, **no later than the 2nd September 2024** (**7 days prior** to the AGM)-   The completed agenda was posted / uploaded on the website and also circulated to team captains on **Sunday 1st September 2004**.   * **Section 3 Rule 5e**: deals with the AGM itself, stating any proposed rule changes properly received, will be agreed (or not) at the AGM, but **only** by those actually **present** at the AGM. | |
| **RECEIVED - Proposed LBSO Rule Changes for 2024-2025 -:**  After notifications were given and within the time frames as detailed above, the following **LBSO proposed rule changes for 2024/25 were received**, by the individuals listed. In no particular order, they are- | |
| **‘LBSO LEAGUE & COMPETITION RULES’** | |
| **LBSO - LEAGUE RULES – SECTION 1**  **RULE 3 – ANNUAL REGISTRATION OF CLUBS / TEAMS:**  **General Secretary / Treasurer Bob Patterson** has proposed a change to **amend** rule 3 of section 1, in **part only.**  The amendment surrounds an unintended consequence of 2 clubs (3 teams) now registered with the LBSO, which are NOT actually part of the Metropolitan District of Leeds, even though both clubs have a Leeds postcode – LS29.  The amendment will allow ALL clubs with a Leeds postcode entry to the LBSO, irrespective of whether they are within or outside the Leeds boundary, but aims to prevent the entry of those clubs which are NOT within the boundaries of Leeds District and do NOT have a Leeds postcode.  **\*\*N.B.** - **There is NO change to the existing rule**, whereby clubs within the boundaries of Leeds, but do NOT have a Leeds postcode **are allowed entry** – e.g. BD11, WF3 & WF10, which has occurred before on at least one occasion.  ***The amendment to the rule by the inclusion of another part, ONLY intends to clarify things with the existing rule, NOT change anything.*** | |
| **CURRENT WORDING** | **PROPOSED WORDING** |
| **3 – ANNUAL REGISTRATION**:  Clubs may enter the LBSO each year with as many teams as they wish.  All players eligible to play in the LBSO, must be members of the club for which they are registered.  Once registered, no player may play for another club without the permission of the Management Committee. | **3 – ANNUAL REGISTRATION**:  **Clubs eligible to enter the LBSO each year, must either-**   1. **Be within the boundaries of the Metropolitan District of Leeds, or** 2. **Have a Leeds postcode where they are outside those boundaries.**   Clubs may enter the LBSO each year with as many teams as they wish.  All players eligible to play in the LBSO, must be members of the club for which they are registered.  Once registered, no player may play for another club without the permission of the Management Committee. |
| **OUTCOME AT THE AGM –**  **VOTES –**  **FOR - \_\_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | |
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| **LBSO LEAGUE RULES – SECTION 1**  **RULE 7 – TEAM PLAYERS LIST / STARTING HANDICAPS:**  **League Secretary Paul Grimes** has proposed a change to **amend** rule 7 of section 1, in **part only**, with regards to **players starting handicaps** set at +20, which he feels in now well out of date – (first shown in the rule book for the 2002/23 season).  Paul is also of the view, that the current handicap system for **new starters**, does not adequately cover the ability of **some new players**, who should be genuinely registered with a **first handicap of more than +40**.  The proposals do however include a caveat in both respects, so that if false handicaps are clearly found to have been given, then the committee have the discretion to deduct points from the offending player and the team’s total also.  There have been a number of instances of dubious handicaps in more recent years particularly, and where points deductions have been ruled on the odd occasion.  ***The intention behind amending this now well outdated rule, is to reduce, if not eradicate altogether, questions over new player handicaps, which in current times, seem to have become the most debatable LBSO subject.*** | |
| **CURRENT WORDING** | **PROPOSED WORDING** |
| 7.  On entry to the league, each **~~Club~~** shall submit to the League Secretary a list of players in order of merit, from which the teams must play in order of their current handicap.  **(………..)**Team captains are responsible for ensuring a player’s submitted handicap reflects the player’s ability, and the player’s last handicap is recorded on the entry form, together with his/her last club played for, if different from his present club.  ~~Where the ability of a player is not known, they will receive a handicap of 20 (snooker), 90 (billiards).~~    Where players’ handicaps are equal, …………………………………………………………………….. | 7.  On entry to the league, each **team** shall submit to the League Secretary a list of players in order of merit, from which the teams must play in order of their current handicap.  **For existing players,** team captains are responsible for ensuring a player’s submitted handicap reflects the player’s ability, and the player’s last handicap is recorded on the entry form, together with his/her last club played for, if different from his present club.  **For NEW players-**  **1. Team captains must recommend a true handicap which reflects the players ability, &**  **2. Team captains may recommend any handicap for new players.**  **However, in either case, if the committee view a player is given an inflated handicap, the committee will**  **(a) adjust the players handicap and**  **(b) remove any points won whilst the player was playing off a false handicap.**    **In addition, in exceptional cases of false handicap recommendations at the discretion of the committee, a further penalty will be incurred, up to a maximum of 8 points, to be deducted from the league points total of the player’s team concerned.**    **In all cases above, the committee's decision will be final, and based on recorded reasoning to be retained.**  Where players’ handicaps are equal, …………………………………………………………………… |
| **OUTCOME AT THE AGM –**  **VOTES –**  **FOR - ­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | |