

## League Secretary Report to AGM

10<sup>th</sup> November 2018

The 2018 league season was completed on schedule. Congratulations to all teams that participated – especially the individual league winners.

Financially, the League made a loss during 2018 - £428 – which has to be addressed. The fees for 2019 have been raised from £25 per team to £30 per team. I am pleased to welcome 2 teams back to the league, St Andrews B and Alexandra B. Bloomfield C will continue in East 2.

A review of the League Rules was carried out in September and 2 rules have been amended.

- The first change is to relax Rule 4 (d) to allow a team to field up to two players in a lower team who have played more often for any one higher team in the club so long as they have already played at least once for the lower team. This change should make it easier for smaller clubs to manage the matches at the end of the season.
- The second change is to Rule 8(b) enforcing the requirement to send the result cards to the Assistant League Secretary within 24 hours of the end of the match. Note that electronic returns in many cases are preferable and can be sent on completion of the match.

Several clubs suggested other changes, but on reflection chose not to pursue them through the AGM.

My thanks primarily go to the Assistant League Secretaries – Jeff Capon, Peter Reay and Mike Scaggs – for their sterling work throughout the season and for their assistance in preparing the fixtures for the 2019 season.

Finally, another plea to all clubs – **PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL RESULT CARDS ARE SENT IN PROMPTLY.**

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