

OBL– Agenda for AGM to be held on Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Dining Hall of The Manor Preparatory School, OX13 6LN

1. Chair's welcome
2. Attendees and apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 2022 AGM held on 18 May 2022 and matters arising
4. Chair's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. League Reports
 - Results for 2022/23 season
 - Presentation of trophies to division winners
 - Summary of reasons for end of season review amendments
 - Feedback from clubs on the season
7. Proposals for changes to Rules or Constitution
 - Proposals from clubs - none received
 - Proposals from the Committee (see Appendix)
8. 2023/24 Season
 - Team entry process with key dates
 - Use of Just Go for input and verification of results
9. Election of Committee for 2023/24
 - Chair
 - Treasurer
 - League Secretary
 - League Fixtures Secretary/Secretaries
 - General Committee members
10. AOB

Notes

The OBL document library includes Minutes of the 2022 AGM and the 2023 AGM agenda.

Light refreshments will be available for AGM attendees.

Appendix - OBL 2023 AGM – Proposed Rule Changes from the OBL Committee

OBL Constitution sections 5 & 6

Rationale – to try to ensure that the Committee is quorate for meetings for the coming season. The proposed reduction in the minimum number of Committee members recognises the lack of new volunteers in recent years. The use of a percentage of members for being quorate rather than an absolute number would enable the Committee to make decisions with the smaller number of members.

Proposal 1

Current section 5. The Committee shall consist of minimum of 8 and a maximum of 10 members, to include Chairman, OBL Secretary and Treasurer, who will be elected each year at the AGM. The Committee shall be empowered to co-opt additional members. The Chairman will have the casting vote only, on all matters at the AGM and Committee meetings.

Proposed section 5. The Committee shall consist of a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 10 members, to include Chairman, OBL Secretary and Treasurer, who will be elected each year at the AGM. The Committee shall be empowered to co-opt additional members. The Chairman will have the casting vote only, on all matters at the AGM and Committee meetings.

Proposal 2

Current section 6. A quorum for the Committee shall be 5 and a quorum for General Meetings shall be 50% of the Clubs in the League. At General Meetings each Club shall have one vote.

Proposed section 6. A quorum for the Committee shall be 5-50% of Committee members and a quorum for General Meetings shall be 50% of the Clubs in the League. At General Meetings each Club shall have one vote.

Proposal 3 – OBL Constitution and Rules

Proposal – replace all references to “Chairman” with “Chair” in the Constitution and Rules.

Proposal 4 – OBL Rules, section D 5(b)

Rationale – to assist with the logistics of organising matches between a club’s teams in the same division and to reduce the time period that elapses before playing teams from other clubs. The current proposal maintains a restriction on the deadline for the second internal fixture to preserve the underlying intention of the current rule that requires clubs to play their internal fixtures before playing those of any other club in that division in an attempt to reduce the possibility of potential manipulation of results for the club’s overall benefit and/or to the detriment of other clubs.

Current D5 (b). Where a club has two or more teams in the same division, the home and away matches between those teams shall be played (i) before any matches are played by those teams against any other club’s teams in the same division and (ii) by 31 October. The penalty for not doing so will be that both teams have a zero score imposed for any inter-club matches that contravene the rules.

Proposed D5 (b). Where a club has two or more teams in the same division, the home and away one matches between those teams shall be played (i) before any matches are played by those teams against any other club’s teams in the same division and (ii) with the return match being played by the end of the last Sunday in November by 31 October. The penalty for not doing so will be that both teams have a zero score imposed for any inter-club matches that contravene the rules.