

To: The Club Chairperson, Secretary & Fixtures Secretary of OBL clubs

Update from OBL – key dates and requests for help from clubs

Following a Committee meeting mid February, there are several topics that we wish to update you about. The main ones are:

OBL Bursary

At the 2023 AGM it was agreed that OBL would once again offer bursaries. Details of the application process and form have recently been sent to the Chairperson and Secretary of clubs. If your club wishes to apply then please return the form to the OBL League Secretary by 31 March.

Admin during the season including the timely input and verification of results

There have again been issues this season with the late and inaccurate submission of results by the home club and also delays in verification by the away club. A user guide for the Just Go reporting system was made available to clubs so please refer to it. Club Fixtures Secretaries are responsible for reviewing the list of outstanding results (see the link on the Tables page of the OBL website) and chasing the relevant contact within their club. If there should be a dispute about the result then OBL expects that the clubs will attempt to resolve the issue between themselves (via the Club Fixtures Secretaries) before contacting OBL. Unfortunately Rosie, as League Fixtures Secretary, has needed to contact specific clubs about late results and other issues but this should be the last resort. The end of season is fast approaching – remember it ends on 31 March - so do please be pro-active getting results in. This also helps ensure that the league tables are more useful for all clubs.

League Presentation & Social – Friday 17 May (7.30-11pm)

This is being held on Friday 17 May at the Loose Cannon Brewery in Abingdon. This year we will (belatedly) be marking OBL's 60th Anniversary. Tickets (£15) cover a Barn Dance and include a curry but not drinks. As previously, the clubs will be asked to collect money from those within your club that wish to attend, making payment to OBL (likely deadline 15 April) in return for tickets to pass on to those attending. Trophies will be presented to teams that have won their divisions so do please return trophies that you received last season to Peter. A flyer was sent out to clubs a few weeks ago. Details of the ticket application/payment process will follow but do start asking your members.

AGM – Wednesday 22 May

This letter gives you notice of the AGM being held on Wednesday 22 May in the Dining Room of The Manor Preparatory School in Shippon, Abingdon at 7.30pm. If your club wishes to submit proposals for changes to the Rules or Constitution then please do this in writing to the OBL Secretary, seconded by another club, by 24 April at the latest. As usual, we are asking for volunteers to consider joining the Committee as we wish to have representation from more clubs (both large and small). A reminder (per Rule A5) that all clubs are expected to send a representative to the AGM. An agenda will be issued nearer the AGM and after the deadline for receiving proposals from clubs.

We, like you, are volunteers but without your help we cannot run the League on your behalf so please do respond promptly to enquiries, especially from the League Fixtures Secretary.

Thank You

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