



Secretary Report 2015-16

I would like welcome the membership to the Annual General Meeting for the 2015-16 season and this is my annual report on the League and your Executive Board.

I will first report on the League and some of the observations that have happened this season starting with the way the Executive had set up this year's formats.

The set up of formats this season has resulted in, for the most part, a very close season and some of our divisions have only been settled with the make up night due to the night the league lost to bad weather. The League this year welcomed six new teams this season, which were made up of players that haven't played or only had one or two players from previous teams in the league before. We always have other teams that have split up and formed into new teams, but I don't recall another year were the League has had so many new teams join. Which helped formed multiple divisions in the formats which unfortunately lead to a couple of the twelve game divisions to be odd but the teams in those divisions didn't complain about having a night off in the eighth week round.

Some of those new teams even placed in the top three of their formats/divisions and I would like to congratulate them on their hard work. Other teams unfortunately that have played well in past seasons and moved up into either higher formats or divisions didn't have the best of year's and those teams I know will be back next year with something to prove.

For the most part the League has operated very well this year and other than the one night the League lost to bad weather everything has gone overall very smoothly.

The Executive this season had to make two tough decisions starting with the expulsion of a Director due to a bad choice he made by not reporting a matter to the Executive which ended up leading to his expulsion from the Board. During that same meeting in late July the President also had a major problem with your Secretary and accusations where made towards the Secretary around his handling of the rulebook and other matters that the President stated in that meeting.

I could only answer those accusations by stating that it has never been my intention to mislead the League or Board and it was only a case of miscommunication and a mistake on my behalf, I would never intentionally do what I was accused of doing. I did offer my resignation to the President and the Board. The Board decided to accepted my apology and my responses to the questions in that matter.

Your Executive have taken great strides in trying to get both the Thursday and Monday Leagues to run without too many issues, but there are always matters that the Board has to deal with.

Some of those issues dealt with certain players that have made some bad decisions that includes verbal abuse of players and threats of physical contact to other players on some teams. The Executive couldn't let these actions continue, so we called every member that had these issues before the Executive. The Board listened to every member involved in these issues, but some of these matters had to lead to some of our membership receiving either warnings letters and a possible threat of a suspension from our League. One member of the League even did something I haven't heard of any member of the League doing before and that was the mooning of his own team. Unfortunately, that act was also witnessed by the opposition that night, little alone the venue. The Executive had to deal with this incident which was going to lead to a very possible suspension of this member. The member in question took full blame for his actions and resigned from his captain's position and turned in his player's card to the President stating that he felt this was the only proper way he wanted that matter to be handled.



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We also had a team that wouldn't play another team due to past incidents between players on both teams and now there is an amendment proposed to deal with the way that one team handled the matter. The Board didn't like this issue and it was a very frustrating case, but we couldn't really do much about that matter in the current version of the rulebook.

The Executive has overall worked great with each other during this term and have had some interesting conversations at our monthly meetings on the matters that have come before the Board. Every Executive member has always had an opportunity to make their views clearly heard. We did have some major issues around the computer equipment with it being too old for software updates. The Board decided to purchase three used laptops for the Secretary, Scorekeeper and President to do the League business with and I can only say the laptop that I've received has been so much easier to work with. Which is something I cannot say was the case with the ten-year-old computer I had been working with.

Each of your Directors (Pete, Ed, Ben and Dave) have done an excellent job this year by voicing their opinions on each and every matter that came before the Board. Each of these men have done a great job with all the assignments that had been given.

The Scorekeeper has fulfilled all of his duties that Andrew does each and every year, since he has been in that position. The Scorekeeper has to do the schedules for both Thursday and Monday Leagues and in my opinion Andrew has done an excellent job this year.

The Treasurer has of course done his normal great job that Dave does each year and the finances of your League are in good hands with Dave.

The Vice President has been quiet at times but when Brian has an opinion on a matter he lets the Board know where he stands on it. Brian did decide that this League needed to go to another venue for our banquet this year. The Board fully supported Brian in this area and I look forward to going back to the updated Hellenic Centre for a great meal and time.

The President has been steering the Board and the League in the right direction and even though not every member of the League may agree with the direction Richard is taken us. Richard has done his duties with only the membership and the future of the League in mind.

This leaves me with the final position of the Secretary and I have to apologise for the way the rulebook was set up this season. It seems that I had made a few mistakes, but the Executive has been supportive towards my miscues and I would like to thank the Executive for keeping me on the right path. The Secretary's position in my opinion is the hardest position on the Executive to fulfill. The Secretary is responsible for so many duties that sometimes mistakes happen, but I'm always learning and can't wait until next season. One of the biggest issues I felt was to have the Executive consider the dart line being disconnected and taking the internet bill away from the League. In my opinion the current dart line has outlived its usefulness and more members of the League have been calling my own cell phone anyway. The ending of that phone line in combination of the internet going on my own private bill should go a long way to help save more money for the League.

In closing, I would like to thank the Executive and the membership for a great year.

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