

2019 SECRETARY'S REPORT

You may have noticed that we are holding an EGM this year. This is to bring the area in line with the BJA's financial year

The BJA are looking to bring out a model constitution for all areas, we have been working on this this year, when it is agreed we will publish it to all area "A" clubs

This has been a busy year for the area with our usual range of competitions plus the ENGLISH MINORS, the area ranking and the team league was not the success it normally is so this year we are looking to adjust the format slightly

Once again thank you to all area officials/coaches and volunteers that have helped the area throughout the year. Especially Ros Edwards who as a committee member has helped me a great deal, If you have any body at your club that would like to stand for a committee post or just help the area please let me know stewartcollings@live.co.uk

The area training together (squad training that was) has continued with various guest coaches Congratulations and thank you to all the players that have entered competitions this year. Also congratulations to those players that competed abroad Also congratulations to all those who took part and medalled at the Nationals this year

Please can anyone holding an event to look at the area calendar and avoid any clashes of dates. Also please let the secretary know so it can be added to the area calendar. And also be circulated to area clubs if required.

As ever we are short of officials if anybody in your club would like to help the area either as a table official (please contact Denise denisemargaretoates@gmail.com) or as a referee (please contact ref@markwaterhouse.com) or just to help out at competitions please let us know.

Denise and Mark have run a table officials and referees course this year this means we have new people officiating thank you

We have had referees officiating out of the area more this year and Mark Waterhouse has been refereeing in Europe

We are again planning a revalidation event in conjunction with the AGM,

If any of your club coaches are not on my circulation list please send me there name, email and club so I can add them.

Finally if you think I can be of any help to you or your club please contact me

Stewart Collings

Area Secretary