**Balsall Common Badminton Club Annual General Meeting Minutes**

Date: 5th May 2016

Time: 8pm

Location: British Legion , Balsall Common

1. **Attendance**

*Committee attendees:*

Chairman – Steve Best

Treasurer – Louise Taylor

Secretary – Kirsty Hughes

Match Secretary – Louise Baynton

Social Secretary - Jon Newland

*Member attendees:*

Jez Cooper

Leigh Skillet

Jo Pratt

Tiffany Chak

Anthony Mcatamney

Joan Fuller

Debbie Johnson

Rachel Skidmore

Zo-dee Ledger

*Apologies:*

Debbie Griffiths

Andy Merry

Steve Davoile

John Todd

Julie Kenwright

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2. The minutes of the 2015 AGM were approved

3. The Chairman’s report was received

4. The Treasurer’s report was received and accounts circulated

5. Elections -

*Returning officers:*

Chairman – Steve Best

Proposed: Kirsty Hughes

Seconded: Leigh Skillet

Treasurer – Louise Taylor

Proposed: Kirsty Hughes

Seconded: Jez Cooper

Secretary – Kirsty Hughes

Proposed: Steve Best

Seconded: Louise Taylor

New Member’s Secretary – Tiffany Chak

Proposed: Kirsty Hughes

Seconded: Neil Smith

Match Secretary – Louise Baynton

Proposed: Kirsty Hughes

Seconded: Anthony McAtamney

Social Secretary – Zo-dee Ledger

Proposed: Kirsty Hughes

Seconded: Louise Taylor

*New appointments:*

New Member’s Secretary – Tiffany Chak

Proposed: Steve Best

Seconded: Louise Taylor

Team Managers – Leigh Skillet, Zo-dee Ledger, Anthony McAtamney

All the above appointments were unanimous.

6. Matters arising from the minutes – none

7.i) How to increase membership.

* The new website is going live next week – SB has donated this to the Club and the members expressed their gratitude.
* LT/SB have created flyers to be put up in various places.
* SB has approached former members to gauge interest in returning
* JN says that the badminton club is the second biggest at the Uni but with no transport ties, it is difficult. JN suggests the staff club may be a better target. SB will follow up with JN/JP.
* Consider inviting other clubs to Summer club/friendly fixtures

There was a general discussion about club standard – we insist on a league standard at the moment but numbers are down – options –

* Consider coaching availability
* Consider lower standard on a Friday for some or part

No decision was reached/proposals made

7 ii) League/Team Entries

* KH reported on the figures committed to playing for teams next season –
  + - Ladies – 6 ( plus one only if needed) mixed Cov , 1 Leam Mixed ( also for Cov) and 8 ladies cov.
    - Mens – 8 mixed cov ( 2 possibles/tbc), 5 mixed leam ( 2 possible /tbc)( all same men), 9 mens ( 2 possibles/tbc).

It was agreed unanimously to not enter a Leamington Mixed team as there is not enough commitment from the ladies to play. There are good numbers to support Mixed 1 and 2, Ladies 1 and 2 but there was a lively discussion about the number of <en’s teams. We can enter two teams (either Leam/Cov or two Cov) and everyone who wants to play can play. However, this assumes we have no new members who may want to play in a team. Also, once a team is withdrawn, teams must start in the bottom division. The benefit of not playing so many matches is more courts for club, less double match nights and more men at club night. It was decided to postpone a decision until 1st week of August to see if membership has any impact during summer club

7 iii) Mini Summer Club.

LT confirmed that summer club is booked at AT7. There was lively debate on the economics of the Summer Club which costs £417.60 for 2 courts for 2.5 hours for 8 weeks. LT advised this meant 10 members per session would be needed to break even at £5pp. An increase in fees was discussed as well as a suggestion that members wanting to play could just book courts privately all of which resulted in a majority vote that LT try to cancel the courts members making private bookings if they wish to play.

7 iv) Summer Club

LT advised that HoE is available from 6th July to 26th August for Summer Club. Main club will start on 4th September ( Lou – is 4th reopening date or last day of closure?) following the floor revarnish.

Cost is £78 for 4 courts or £39 for two courts for three hours.

After much discussion, DJ proposed four courts 8-10 on Wed and 2 courts 7-9 on Friday. This was not carried. AM counter proposed 2 courts 7-10 on Wed and 2 courts 7-9 Friday with an option of paying for extra courts if enough people turn up. The cost to the club per week is £65 plus shuttles. It was agreed that the fee be £5 per night or £70 for 8 weeks both nights or £35 for one night payable in advance. LT to keep attendance records/court usage info for review next year.

7v) Match fees

LT reported that she had been counting shuttle use during matches and it was agreed all teams would try to use fewer. However, Mens uses disproportionately more shuttles and so LT proposed Mixed fees stay at £5, Ladies at £4 and Men’s increase to £6 with no student discount. JN confirmed that this was the same or less than other clubs. This was agreed by a majority.

7vi) Annual fees

LT produced the accounts which show we have £1268 in the bank which is £1000 less than last year.

KH confirms that we have 22 members for 2016. Assuming match fees covers shuttles costs, this leaves subs to cover the Badminton England cost and Hall fees – based on last year this is about £200pp. Subs are currently £140. It was agree that fees be set at £160 ( £100 for students) with KH proposing a proviso that accounts be reviewed at Easter ( or before booking April-May courts) and a further call on members may be made at that point ie fees are for Sept-Easter and possibly until May depending on shuttle costs, match fees and new membership. This was agreed.

Fees to be paid by bank transfer before 4th September.

8 AOB

* The Club thanked LS for donating £200 to buy shuttles.
* It was agreed that Yell Ex Premium Shuttles be used at £16.10 per tube – they are recommended by Central Sport and are more expensive than Yonex but are discounted to £16.10 if 25+ tubes are bought. Yonex are £17.89 per tube.
* LB asked for priorities on booking matches. It was agreed that matches for different teams could take place on consecutive nights, that teams may have more than one match in one week if necessary, and that double match nights be avoided as far as possible
* SB thanked everyone for their attendance

Kirsty Hughes

Club Secretary