

Newbury & District Badminton Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 6th May 2003

Salvation Army Hall - Newbury

1. Present:

Andy Moore	Chairman & Newbury
Karen Harrison	Secretary & Shaw
Margaret Mason	Fixture Secretary & St Mary's
Tony Lockyear	Aldermaston
David Lowe	Aldermaston
Paul Madden	Bucklebury & Executive Committee
Martin Eldred	Cannons
Sacha Emery	Cannons
Yvonne Masters	Cannons & Newbury Juniors
Sally Salter	Donnington & Executive Committee
Mark Mason	Donnington
Andrea Bolden	Downlands
Steve Webb	Firefly
Malcolm Taylor	Kennet
Paul Abraham	Kintbury & Executive Committee
Julia Bowers	Kintbury
Pam Norman	St Mary's & Thatcham Juniors
Geoff Pratchett	Wantage

Apologies for Absence:

Nigel Cabeldu	Basildon
Frances Perkin	Executive Committee & Downlands
Co Winter	Treasurer & Kennet
Phil Cooke	Overton Sabres

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Two corrections:

- ◆ 16.2 should read League Tables
- ◆ 16.4 should read Summer League

Approved & signed

3. Matters Arising

- ◆ Bill Oliver Memorial Tournament. Congratulations to Aldermaston for organising an excellent tournament and achieving a far higher entry than the district achieved for their tournaments!

4. Chairman's Report

- ◆ AM hoped to hand over to Bob Reed, Chairman of the Berkshire County Badminton Association.
- ◆ The development strategy will be updated and published in the new season's handbook
- ◆ BA of E strategy is filtering down into the district level associations
- ◆ Focus for 2002-2003 season has still been with the juniors. Three initiatives ran throughout the season:
 - ◆ November Open Day: far more successful than previous season. Downside is that both junior clubs were full so no-where for any new juniors to go.
 - ◆ Elstree Junior Coaching Day in March with about 24 juniors. Coaching session was lead by Chris Tompkins and helpers thanked.

- ◆ BISI (Badminton into Schools Initiative) Festival held at Park House with 5 primary schools attending.
- ◆ Hope to run similar program for the 2003-2004 season.
- ◆ District is hopeful that Chris Tompkins will open and run another Junior Club for the older children. The aim is to free up places at Thatcham & Newbury Junior Clubs.
- ◆ The NDBA were successful in obtaining a grant of £2,025 from Awards for All (Sport England) and this money has been used to fund a Leaders Award and Coach Part 1 course along with various coaching courses

5. Secretary's Report

- ◆ Season has run very smoothly
- ◆ All Exec Meetings have been very well attended
- ◆ Thanked Andy Moore for all his hard-work and enthusiasm as Chairman

6. Treasurer's Report

- ◆ All England Trip surplus £43
- ◆ September coaching session made a profit of £20.
- ◆ Hall hire for tournaments:
 - ◆ Bradfield hall costs down by £20 as fewer courts used
 - ◆ Elstree hall costs increased by £70
 - ◆ Cannons generously offered us use of their facilities for Division 3 & Veteran's Tournament.
- ◆ Surplus of Income over expenditure for season: approx. £150 (does not include Grant)
- ◆ Current balance of account (excluding Grant & Dinner/Dance monies): £1,378
- ◆ Noted that the NDBA do not gain any interest on their accounts as level for earning interest off "Club/Society" accounts as we are below the interest paying threshold.
- ◆ Final accounts will be presented at the September General Committee Meeting for approval.
- ◆ Treasurer proposed that subscriptions & fees remain unchanged for next season

7. 7.1 Fixture Secretary's Report

- ◆ Shaw had an outstanding season with Men's A & B and Mixed B & C all unbeaten.
- ◆ Mixed Div 1: Newbury regained honours but St Mary's B who were promoted last season finished in third place.
- ◆ Bucklebury won Mixed Div 4
- ◆ Sadly Basildon withdrew their Mixed B mid-way through the season so Mixed 3 played fewer matches
- ◆ Donnington & Overton Sabres struggled throughout the season frequently playing matches with just 2 pairs.
- ◆ 314 matches played
 - ◆ 4 Men's, 1 Mixed and 2 ladies conceded
 - ◆ Increase in number of matches played with just two pairs (12 Ladies, 19 Men's, 12 Mixed)
- ◆ 50 matches were re-arranged and not all were rearranged for genuine reasons
- ◆ Players should note that matches conceded can influence the final league table positions

7.2 Blackford Cup

- ◆ Season ran smoothly with all matches being played to schedule
- ◆ St Mary's beat Kennet in the final by 23 points

8. Rule Changes

8.1 Constitution Change – Number of General Committee Meetings

- ◆ Amend constitution to allow the General Committee to meet only once between AGM's
Proposed: NDBA Exec Committee
Seconded: Geoff Pratchett
- ◆ Proposal accepted by those present

9. Junior Badminton

Chairman now looks after Junior Badminton on behalf of the Committee.

9.1 Newbury & District

- ◆ 30-40 juniors attend and club is run by Yvonne Masters, Bob Crichton and Malcolm Taylor.
- ◆ Some juniors are now members of Newbury and Kennet BC.
- ◆ Newbury won the Newbury Juniors vs. Thatcham Juniors match
- ◆ Joint teams with Thatcham entered in the County tournaments.
- ◆ U15 team finished second out of 6 teams.
- ◆ Still require more helpers
- ◆ The Wednesday club did not run this season due to lack of helpers

9.2 Thatcham Juniors

- ◆ Another successful season with more girls now members of the club. 4 boys are also in the County and Back-up squads for their age group
- ◆ Several tournaments entered and also some children played county matches
- ◆ Some juniors now playing at St Mary's and Bucklebury
- ◆ Definite need for another mid-week junior club
- ◆ Pam Norman thanked Tony Glinos, Margaret Mason and David Bilton for their help during the season

9.3 Thames Valley Games

- ◆ West Berkshire won Gold at the Badminton Event in the Thames Valley Games
- ◆ This team then played in the National Youth Games final and the team again finished 1st
- ◆ The 2003 Thames Valley Games takes place in July

The Chairman thanked Yvonne & Pam for all their hard work with the Junior Clubs along with everyone who helps out. One initiative the district is trying to secure with the Juniors Clubs is for the clubs to refund the Coaches Register fee if coaches are making a regular commitment to the club.

10. Coaching

- ◆ Leaders Award Course ran with 7 people qualifying: Suzanne Allen (St Mary's), Gary Brooke (Downlands), Paul Madden (Bucklebury), Margaret Mason (St Mary's), Sheila Moore (Newbury), Graham Page (Aldermaston) & Malcolm Taylor (Kennet)
- ◆ Coach Part 1 will take place at the end of May: Sacha Emery (Cannons), Andy Norman (Shaw), Graham Page (Aldermaston), Keith Parsons (Downlands) & Co Winter (Kennet) participating
- ◆ Player Coaching was organised for September. This was very well attended and two sessions will be organised for the start of the new season.

11. Championships

11.1 Level Doubles Championship: Sunday 17th November 2002

- ◆ Held at Bradfield College
- ◆ Promoted by NDBA
- ◆ 15 pairs entered
- ◆ Men's won by Adam Turner & Tony Walker – Shaw
RU: Andy Norman & Kevin Walker – Shaw
- ◆ Ladies won by Suzanne Allen & Su Craig – St Mary's
RU: Rebecca Chivers & Karen Harrison – Shaw

11.2 Robin Deasley Mixed Doubles Championship: Sunday 26th January 2003

- ◆ Held at Elstree School
- ◆ Promoted by St Mary's BC
- ◆ Won by Suzanne Allen & Pete Braithwaite – St Mary's
RU: Sheila Moore & Kevin Walker – Newbury / Shaw BC

11.3 Division Three & Below: Sunday 2nd March 2003

- ◆ Held at Cannons Leisure Centre
- ◆ 8 pairs entered
- ◆ Promoted by Downlands BC
- ◆ Won by Kathryn Meakin & Malcolm Taylor - Kennet
RU: Sam Ferryman & Carl Wheatley – St Mary's

11.4 Veterans Tournament: 6th April 2003

- ◆ Held at Cannons Leisure Centre
- ◆ 11 pairs entered
- ◆ Won by Sue Richardson & Keith Fleming – Aldermaston
RU: Clare Beavis & Andrew Nicholson – Downlands / Shaw

11.5 Comments

- ◆ Clubs thanked for promoting the tournaments throughout the season.
- ◆ Cannons thanked for allowing district to use courts free of charge for two of the championships
- ◆ Overall, entries were down on previous seasons. Exec Committee to organise survey to find out why this is
- ◆ May be merit to change Div 3 and below to a Div 2 and below tournament
- ◆ Comments made that tournaments are not well publicised within the club
- ◆ Suggestion made that one tournament could be moved to the end of September as the Bill Oliver Tournament was so well attended.

12. 12.1 Publicity

- ◆ Paul thanked the guest editors during the season for their contributions and also thanked everyone that has taken time to make comments on the scorecards.
 - ◆ Get more coverage
 - ◆ Get more pictures
 - ◆ Improve quality of writing
- ◆ Paul has now stood-down from his position as Publicity and the committee will be reshuffled slightly. Next season publicity will be run on a rota basis – more volunteers with budding journalistic talents are required. If people are not willing to come forward then publicity the district will lose coverage in the NWN.

12.2 Web

- ◆ All results and league tables are updated on a daily basis throughout the season.
- ◆ Over 180 people also subscribe to the e-mail news bulletin – request to be informed of e-mail address changes

13. Presentation Dinner & Dance 2002

- ◆ Numbers down slightly on previous Dinner Dance (86 vs last year's 95)
- ◆ Better disco booked, but twice the price of previous ones
- ◆ 7 clubs will be represented with Shaw & St Mary's having the majority of the tickets.
- ◆ Evening kicks off at 7.30pm (meal at 8pm)
- ◆ Dinner Dance is currently forecasting a loss of £70, excluding any money raised from the raffle.

- ◆ Tournament winners are entitled to half-price tickets to the dinner dance. To avoid any embarrassment, winners must note that these tickets are NOT transferable if a winner is unable to make the Dinner Dance in person.

14. Terry Snook Trophy

- ◆ 3 nominations received and trophy will be presented at the Dinner Dance
- ◆ The unsuccessful nominations (for this season) will be carried forward automatically to next year.

15. Nomination of Officers

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| ◆ Chairman: Andy Moore | Proposed: Paul Abrahams | Seconded: Pam Norman |
| ◆ Secretary: Karen Harrison | Proposed: Paul Madden | Seconded: Sally Salter |
| ◆ Treasurer: Co Winter | Proposed: Margaret Mason | Seconded: Yvonne Masters |
| ◆ Fix. Sec.: Margaret Mason | Proposed: Pam Norman | Seconded: Mark Mason |
| ◆ 5 Committee Members (Paul Abraham, David Lowe, Paul Madden, Frances Perkin, Sally Salter) | Proposed: Andy Moore | Seconded: Karen Harrison |

16. A.O.B.

16.1 All England Trip

- ◆ Frances thanked for organising the trip. Good seats (thanks to early booking) and some excellent badminton seen along with a return to the old scoring system. Should be repeated next season

16.2 League Trophies

- ◆ All trophies except the Mixed Division 4 (Cannons) have been returned

16.3 Summer Club

Aldermaston:

- ◆ Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8pm onwards
- ◆ £2 per evening
- ◆ Call David Lowe before turning up!

Bucklebury:

- ◆ Tuesdays 8pm onwards
- ◆ About £2 per evening
- ◆ Plastic shuttles used

Cannons:

- ◆ Mondays 8-10pm
- ◆ £8 (for day membership to Cannons)

Downlands:

- ◆ Mondays 7.30pm onwards
- ◆ £3 per evening or £20 for the summer
- ◆ Beer & Chips down the pub afterwards!

Firefly:

- ◆ Mondays from 8.30 –10.00pm
- ◆ £3 per evening

Kennet:

- ◆ Thursdays from 8pm onwards
- ◆ £3 per evening (£1.50 for juniors)

Kintbury:

- ◆ Tuesdays from 8-10pm
- ◆ £3 per evening (first evening free)

Shaw:

- ◆ Fridays from 7.30pm onwards
- ◆ £3 per night

St Mary's:

- ◆ Mondays from 8.30pm onwards (no club on Bank Holiday Monday)
- ◆ £3 per night (Juniors £1.50) or £25 for the summer

As junior clubs finish at the end of March, please can any clubs holding summer clubs, please inform the NDBA of these details by mid-March so all juniors can be informed.

16.4 League News

- ◆ Basildon Badminton Club has folded. Alan & Marilyn Williams were crucial to the running on the club and in spite of Nigel Cabeldu's efforts the club cannot continue
- ◆ Strong possibility that Donnington & Newbury Badminton will merge with a reduced number of combined teams. This is not confirmed!

Meeting Closed at 9.35pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____