

# Newbury & District Badminton Association

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2004

### Salvation Army Hall - Newbury

#### 1. Present:

Andy Moore	Chairman & Newbury
Karen Harrison	Secretary & Shaw
Margaret Mason	Fixture Secretary & St Mary's
Co Winter	Treasurer & Kennet
Tony Lockyear	Aldermaston
David Lowe	Aldermaston
Paul Madden	Bucklebury & Executive Committee
Martin Eldred	Cannons
Sally Hill	Cannons
Andrea Bolden	Downlands
Sandra McCutcheon	Downlands
Mick Turrell	Firefly
Paul Abraham	Kintbury & Executive Committee
Sally Salter	Newbury & Exec Committee
John Trehearne	Newbury
Sue Chivers	Shaw
Paul Olive	Shaw
Pam Norman	St Mary's & Thatcham Juniors
Catherine Hodges	St Mary's

#### Apologies for Absence:

Sacha Emery	Cannons
Lisa Thorne	Kennet
Yvonne Masters	Newbury & District Juniors
Denis Hazell	Whitchurch

#### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Approved & signed

#### 3. Matters Arising

- ◆ No matters arising

#### 4. Chairman's Report

- ◆ The development strategy will be updated and published in the new season's handbook
- ◆ Focus is still getting more juniors involved with badminton and is reasonably encouraged by a number of coaches coming forward to help.
- ◆ One positive move is that Berkshire has established the Berkshire Coaches Association.
- ◆ BCBA will review the position of Development Officer (position originally scheduled to run for 3 years). The BA of E is willing to continue funding this position so it is likely the BCBA will also continue to fund this position. As DO, Bob Reed has achieved quite a lot, especially with junior initiatives.
- ◆ On the junior side, the district has decided that Junior Play-in Days are not the way forward as it is too difficult to communicate with schools and the numbers that turn up are low. However, Newbury Juniors did gain a couple of new members as a result
- ◆ Next season activities will focus on BISI Day
- ◆ For the seniors, AM would like to see all clubs appoint a club coach

- ◆ Still ever hopeful that the All Doubles section will get off the ground. May be this summer is a good opportunity for clubs to consider entering a team for next season.

## 5. **Secretary's Report**

- ◆ All Exec Meetings have been very well attended
- ◆ Thanked Andy Moore for all his hard-work and enthusiasm as Chairman
- ◆ For the first time in many seasons, some clubs have voiced their frustrations regarding frequency of players turning up late for matches (sometimes 1.5 hours after the match had started). Clubs should be reminded of League Rule 10 "No players arriving more than one hour after the notified match start shall be allowed to take part without the consent of the opposing Captain."
- ◆ A big thank-you to Keith Simms for continuing to maintain the League Fixtures database – his efforts save Margaret and Karen huge amounts of time each year.
- ◆ Belated congratulations to Pam Norman for deservedly winning the Cyril Denton Rose Bowl last summer in recognition of all her enthusiasm and hard work with Junior Badminton in the area.

## 6. **Treasurer's Report**

- ◆ Dinner Dance monies omitted from interim accounts
- ◆ Subscriptions are down by £86 due to reduction of number of clubs/teams playing in the Districts
- ◆ NDBA will be applying for another Awards for All Grant from Sport England for next season
- ◆ Final accounts will be presented at September General Committee Meeting. Sue Chivers kindly offered to arrange the auditing of the accounts
- ◆ Treasurer proposed that subscriptions & fees remain unchanged for next season. Seconded by Sue Chivers

## 7. **7.1 Fixture Secretary's Report**

- ◆ Final league tables presented
- ◆ Although fewer divisions, there was a similar number of games to previous years
- ◆ 8 matches were conceded, 28 rearranged and 38 played with just 2 pairs
- ◆ For next season, clubs must ensure that they have sufficient match nights available when considering team entry.
- ◆ Some clubs commented that arranging matches alternate weeks of Level and Mixed worked really well and helped the Fixture Secretaries'.
- ◆ An issue arose at the end of the season where a match didn't start promptly and ran out of time at the end (a club wanted to claim a rubber as opposing team did not start promptly) and this result was a crucial to determine relegation positions.
  - ◆ Both teams should take responsibility to ensure that matches start promptly at the notified start time (or at the latest within 15mins of the start time).
  - ◆ NDBA will issue some guidance notes to clubs; invoking League Rule 10 is an absolute last resort and should co-operate to ensure this situation is avoided. This will be issued to all clubs at the Sept meeting and posted on web site.

## 7.2 **Blackford Cup**

- ◆ Season ran smoothly with all matches being played to schedule
- ◆ Final very competitive with St Mary's beat Cannons in the final

## 7.3 **Discussion Point – Three teams from Same Club in same division**

If the normal promotion/relegation rules were applied, Shaw would have three Mixed teams in Mixed Division One. The Committee doesn't feel that this is in the best interests of the League, but wished to seek views from all clubs.

- ◆ Shaw's view was for their C team to remain in Division 2 and only one team should be promoted/relegated between Division 1 & 2. This was the majority view from the club (and their Mixed C team).
- ◆ No major opinions either way were expressed by other clubs although the following comments were made:

- ◆ Should Kintbury Ridgeway [who finished in third] be promoted in their place instead? This was a "no" as they had not finished in a promotion place at the end of the season.
- ◆ If Shaw C felt they were good enough to play in Div 1 then good luck to them!

## 8. Rule Changes

None

## 9. Junior Badminton

### 9.1 Newbury & District

- ◆ Quite well attended with 24 members
- ◆ Need more older juniors but on the whole numbers picked up towards the end
- ◆ Thanks to Chris Tompkins, Yvonne Masters, Bob Crichton, Malcolm Taylor & rest of the team for their help throughout the season
- ◆ One junior – Tom Bass – has represented Berkshire U17's and was unbeaten in his first match
- ◆ Need more helpers (who are on the Coaching Register) are required to help at the club and the club would be willing to refund some/all of this fee in return for a level of commitment.

### 9.2 Thatcham Juniors

- ◆ Another successful season
- ◆ Now have a waiting list of 7
- ◆ Thatcham won the friendly against Newbury Juniors.
- ◆ Two teams entered into the Boys U15 – one team finished 3/10 and an all girls team finished 8/10.
- ◆ One member plays regularly for Berkshire
- ◆ Club itself has had to become part of St Mary's BC as Kennet Sport Centre wouldn't allow volunteers to run any classes on their behalf. Rather than set up a new club, the decision was made to incorporate Thatcham Juniors into St Mary's BC.
- ◆ Pam Norman, Tony Glinos, Margaret Mason, Suzanne Allen and David Bilton thanked for their help during the season.

### 9.3 Thames Valley Games

- ◆ Training squad underway for this years games being held in Maidenhead in July

### 9.4 Other Junior Issues

- ◆ District needs to focus on getting juniors to stay playing the game especially now there is no Youth Club for them to move to.
- ◆ BISI Festival to be held in November – helpers will be needed

## 10. Coaching

- ◆ Berkshire currently running some coaching courses
- ◆ Subject to funding, the District may try and run its own Leaders course and book people on external Coach Part 1 courses
- ◆ Player coaching days to be organised for first two weeks in September

## 11. Championships

### 11.1 Veterans Tournament: 26<sup>th</sup> October 2003

- ◆ Held at Cannons Leisure Centre
- ◆ 7 pairs entered (2 withdraw at last moment through injury/illness)
- ◆ Won by Sandra Page & Glyn Libberton – Aldermaston  
RU: Andrea Boldon & Keith Parsons – Downlands

### **11.2 Robin Deasley Mixed Doubles Championship: Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2003**

- ◆ Held at Elstree
- ◆ Promoted by Newbury BC
- ◆ 11 pairs entered
- ◆ Men's won by Clare Beavis & Adam Turner – Shaw  
RU: Andrea Farmer & Andy King – St Mary's

### **11.3 Level Doubles Championship: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2004**

- ◆ Held at Elstree School
- ◆ Promoted by NDBA
- ◆ 15 pairs entered the Men's and 9 pairs entered the Ladies
- ◆ Men's won by Paul Knight & Steve Pennington – Kennet  
RU: Steve Fox & Matthew Valentine - Kennet
- ◆ Ladies won by Andrea Farmer & Janine Fisher – St Mary's  
RU: Suzanne Allen & Su Craig

### **11.4 Division Two & Below: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2004**

- ◆ Held at Cannons Leisure Centre
- ◆ 8 pairs entered
- ◆ Promoted by Kennet BC
- ◆ Won by Linda Hayes & Steve Pennington - Kennet  
RU: Annette Bramley & Paul Abraham - Kintbury

### **11.5 Discussion Point – Championship format changes?**

- ◆ Due to enter numbers dwindling for the tournaments, a suggestion was made to turn the Robin Deasley into a non-handicapped event and open the Division 2 & Below championship to all divisions (although it should be made clear to the top players that this championship would be for the players who did not enter the Robin Deasley).
  - ◆ The majority of the entries for the Robin Deasley tended to come from Division One.
  - ◆ Shaw's view would be to leave the championships as they are
  - ◆ Running one of the championships with a "sealed" handicap would eliminate the problem of big handicaps. Alternatively, it could be run as a Swiss Championship.
  - ◆ Appoint a Championship co-ordinator in each club – someone who would be willing to hassle people into entering the championships.
  - ◆ Request that Division Two & Below Championship use feather (not plastic shuttles).
- ◆ Executive Committee would view these points when discussing Championships at their next meeting.

## **12. 12.1 Publicity**

- ◆ Publicity co-ordination now handed over to David Lowe.
- ◆ Rota has been set up – Paul Madden, Andy Moore, Paul Abraham and Karen Harrison all contribute articles on a regular basis.
- ◆ More volunteers wanted

## **12.2 Web**

- ◆ All results and league tables are updated on a daily basis throughout the season.

## **13. Presentation Dinner & Dance 2003**

- ◆ Numbers up on previous years – 100 people attending
- ◆ Choice of 4 main meals and 2 puddings
- ◆ Reminder to all clubs that trophies must be engraved before handing back at the end of the season.

## **14. Terry Snook Trophy**

- ◆ Several nominations received and trophy will be presented at the Dinner Dance
- ◆ The unsuccessful nominations will be carried forward automatically to next year.

## 15. Nomination of Officers

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| ◆ Chairman: Andy Moore   | Proposed: Paul Madden    | Seconded: Paul Abraham   |
| ◆ Secretary: Karen Harrison  | Proposed: Sue Chivers    | Seconded: John Trehearne |
| ◆ Treasurer: Co Winter   | Proposed: Sally Salter   | Seconded: Paul Madden    |
| ◆ Fix. Sec.: Margaret Mason  | Proposed: Malcolm Taylor | Seconded: Paul Abraham   |
| ◆ 5 Committee Members (Paul Abraham, Sacha Emery, David Lowe, Paul Madden, 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. Should be repeated next season

### 16.2 BA of E Affiliations

- ◆ BA of E are now proactive in informing the districts of their registered players and in checking that players who say that their fees have been paid via the coaches register/other clubs, have actually paid.

### 16.3 Summer Club

#### Aldermaston:

- ◆ Tuesdays from 8pm onwards
- ◆ £3.50 per evening
- ◆ Call David Lowe before turning up!

#### Bucklebury:

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

#### Cannons:

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

#### Downlands:

- ◆ Mondays 7.30pm onwards
- ◆ £3 per evening or £20 for the summer
- ◆ Keith parsons running coaching

#### Firefly:

- ◆ Mondays from 8.30 –10.00pm
- ◆ £4 per evening

#### Greenacre

- ◆ Mondays from 7.00 –9.00pm
- ◆ £5 per evening

#### Kennet:

- ◆ Thursdays from 8pm onwards
- ◆ £3 per evening (£1.50 for juniors) or £30 for the summer

#### 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.

Meeting Closed at 9.55pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_