

Newbury & District Badminton Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 10th May 2005

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 & Executive Committee
Paul Madden	Bucklebury & Executive Committee
Andrea Bolden	Cannons
Sally Hill	Cannons
Sandra McCutcheon	Downlands
Mick Turrell	Firefly
Luke Hale	Greenacre
Andrew Earl	Kennet
Kathryn Meakin	Kennet
Malcolm Taylor	Kennet
Julia Bowers	Kintbury Ridgeway
Sally Salter	Newbury & Executive Committee
Linda Barlow	Newbury
Paul Olive	Shaw
Tony Glinos	St Mary's & Thatcham Juniors
Pam Norman	St Mary's & Thatcham Juniors
Teresa Chandler	St Mary's
Denis Hazell	Whitchurch

Apologies for Absence:

Alison Humphrey	Greenacre
Ian Mitchell	Greenacre
Paul Abraham	Kintbury & Executive Committee
Yvonne Masters	Newbury & District Juniors
Sue Chivers	Shaw

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Approved & signed

3. Matters Arising

- ◆ No matters arising

4. Chairman's Report

- ◆ Have continued to remain focussed on getting youngsters into badminton, but this has proved difficult to co-ordinate. 3-4 schools in the area have been visited by Tony Glinos & Bob Reed.
- ◆ Badminton continues to develop at a national level and is now attracting money from Sport England. Regional and County Development Officers are being appointed across the country.

5. Secretary's Report

- ◆ From a Secretary's point of view, this season has been relatively quiet. All Exec Meetings were well attended and activities have run smoothly. Thanks to everyone on the committee for their sterling efforts throughout the season.
- ◆ Next season looks promising; Hurst Badminton Club are considering entering a Men's team into the league next season and we are hopeful that existing clubs can maintain their existing level of team entries.
- ◆ This season has seen numerous youngsters make their mark on the badminton scene at St Mary's, Bucklebury, Aldermaston, Kintbury, Downlands & Shaw.
- ◆ Reminder to all clubs to ensure that Badminton England receive their clubs Affiliation Fees before the end of September to ensure continual insurance coverage. Clubs can subsequently register additional members after the initial affiliations have been submitted.
- ◆ Paperwork for next season's league team entries will be issued in the next couple of weeks so please can clubs inform me if there is any change to their Secretary.
- ◆ A big thank-you to Keith Simms for continuing to maintain & host the League Fixtures database – his efforts saves Margaret and Karen many hours of work each year.

6. Treasurer's Report

- ◆ All England Trip: Loss of £59
- ◆ Tournament income down slightly and tournament hall hire is up as we now have to pay for courts for all four tournaments.
- ◆ Trophies & Dinner Dance income/expenditure has been omitted from interim accounts (cost of trophies for this season is £512.28)
- ◆ A loss of £118.12 is anticipated for the season assuming the Dinner Dance breaks even.
- ◆ £100 has been set aside to purchase small replicas of the Terry Snook Trophy for all winners.
- ◆ Final accounts will be presented at September General Committee Meeting.

6.1 Proposed Team League Entry Fees for 2005/2006 Season

- ◆ Club & Team entry fees have not increased for a number of years
- ◆ Treasurer proposes that Club fees should increase by £2 to £12 per season and team entry fees increase by £1/team to £7/team.
- ◆ Motion seconded by David Lowe. No votes against or abstentions

7. 7.1 Fixture Secretary's Report

- ◆ Final league tables presented
- ◆ Season ran smoothly although two teams withdrew at start of season
- ◆ 312 matches scheduled, 8 matches were conceded, 28 matches played with just 2 pairs
- ◆ Marked increase in the number of juniors playing and winning.
- ◆ MM thanked all match secretaries for their hard work during the season and for keeping her informed of postponed or cancelled matches.
- ◆ One club commented that by being co-operative and rearranging matches to help other teams out can easily backfire and potentially penalise you. Between the original match date and the new date, 5/6 players were injured and they couldn't field a team.

7.2 Blackford Cup

- ◆ Once again a closely fought season. Injury affected the Aldermaston/Downlands match. Aldermaston/Newbury semi-final ran over onto second night but fortunately there were no issues as both sides were able to field the same team.
- ◆ Injury also played its part in the final (1st leg, ladies singles, 1st end). In the spirit of the game, Shaw & Newbury agreed on the night that Newbury could call upon a substitute to complete the final two matches.

7.3 Discussion Point – Should the NDBA Introduce a Substitution Policy (SP)

Comments raised by the floor:

- ◆ How can you verify an injury substitute; who checks that it is a real injury and not just an excuse for a tactical substitution
- ◆ May prove difficult to monitor
- ◆ Over the last couple of seasons, at least one match has been affected by an injury
- ◆ SP would favour larger clubs
- ◆ Could SP be implemented only for Blackford Cup (not league matches)
- ◆ Do we need to implement a rule change, can't we just have an informal agreement

If a player is injured and substitute used, the injured party should be barred for the rest of the tournament.

General consensus at the AGM is that a rule change **OR** informal agreement could be implemented for the Blackford Cup. Consider whether this applies just for the BC Final or all matches in this competition.

Exec Committee to present paper for further discussion at September General Committee Meeting.

8. Rule Changes

None

9. Junior Badminton

9.1 Newbury & District

- ◆ Mixed season
- ◆ Numbers are down in the junior age group. Mary Hare are now sending a number of children along. One was runner up at the Berkshire U15's.
- ◆ Yvonne Masters is retiring from handling the junior club admin
- ◆ Good core of helpers during the season
- ◆ More hall time is available for next season

9.2 Thatcham Juniors

- ◆ Another successful season with 40 juniors regularly attending
- ◆ Running 2 x 90 min sessions on a Saturday morning
- ◆ Friendlies arranged against Aldermaston & Newbury Juniors.
- ◆ Several children have taken part in Berkshire Tournaments and are also in the U10's, U13, U15 & U17 county squads
- ◆ Several juniors are now playing in the Newbury leagues.

9.3 Aldermaston Juniors

- ◆ Aldermaston BC have now added a junior section to their club being run by Graham Page
- ◆ Clubs also thanked for showing tolerance towards their juniors when they have played in matches

10. Coaching

- ◆ Badminton England is revamping Coaching Structure
- ◆ Malcolm Taylor & Suzanne Allen have attended Coach Level One (equivalent to "old" Leaders Awards)

Player Coaching Days

- ◆ Exec Committee hopes to organise two coaching days for first two weeks in September

Berkshire Badminton Coaches Association

- ◆ Run several briefing/coaches sessions a season and are recommended.

11. Championships

11.1 Veterans Tournament: Sunday 10th October 2004

- ◆ Held at Elstree School Sports Hall
- ◆ 7 pairs entered
- ◆ Won by Jackie Beaver & Paul Olive – Shaw BC
RU: Jo Russ & Andy Moore – Newbury BC

11.2 Robin Deasley Mixed Doubles Championship: Sunday 21st November 2004

- ◆ Held at Elstree School Sports Hall
- ◆ Promoted by Newbury BC
- ◆ 14 pairs entered
- ◆ Men's won by Julia Eatwell & Nigel Thorne – Newbury BC
RU: Karen Harrison & Andy Norman – Shaw BC

11.3 Level Doubles Championship: Sunday 30th January 2005

- ◆ Held at Elstree School Sports Hall
- ◆ Promoted by St Mary's BC
- ◆ 10 pairs entered the Men's and 8 pairs entered the Ladies
- ◆ Men's won by Jon Harry & Jon Schofield – Shaw BC
RU: Mark Ferguson & Andy King – St Mary's BC
- ◆ Ladies won by Andrea Farmer & Janine Fisher – St Mary's BC
RU: Catherine Hodges & Sarah Rake – St Mary's BC

11.4 Division Two & Below: Sunday 27th February 2005

- ◆ Held at Elstree School Sports Hall
- ◆ 9 pairs entered (1 withdrew prior to tournament)
- ◆ Promoted by Shaw BC
- ◆ Won by Melanie Pennington & Steve Pennington – Kintbury Ridgeway BC / Kennet BC
RU: Sally Norman & Trevor Poore – Shaw BC

11.5 Discussion Point – Should NDBA Consider Running Two Championships on Same Day?

- ◆ Number of entrants declining and hall costs increasing
- ◆ Generally viewed by all present as a bad move

- ◆ Paul A thanked for his hard work in co-ordinating the championships
- ◆ If any clubs wish to promote any of the championships next season, contact Paul Abraham

12. 12.1 Publicity

- ◆ Another reasonably successful season with coverage in the NWN. Unedited reports are posted on the NDBA web site
- ◆ NWN sent photographers to both legs of the Blackford Cup final
- ◆ Two more volunteers have joined the roster for match reporting

12.2 Web

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

13. Presentation Dinner & Dance 2005

- ◆ Friday 13th May 2005
- ◆ Numbers similar to last year – 99 people attending but only 6 clubs are represented
- ◆ Choice of 4 main meals and 2 puddings
- ◆ Ticket price is £3 cheaper than last season. Budgeted to break even at 85 people, although 8 tournament winners are attending (eligible for ½ price tickets).
- ◆ Reminder to all clubs that trophies must be engraved before handing back at the end of the season
- ◆ May be last Dinner Dance at The Chequers if people feel it's time for a change

14. Terry Snook Trophy

- ◆ Award will be made at the Dinner Dance on Friday

15. Nomination of Officers

- ◆ Sally Salter is retiring from the Exec Committee after 11+ years of service.
 - ◆ Sacha Emery has resigned from Exec Committee due to work commitments.
 - ◆ Paul Olive (Shaw BC) has agreed to join the Exec Committee
 - ◆ Currently one vacancy on Exec Committee
 - ◆ Andy Moore also announced that this would be his last year as Chairman of the NDBA
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| ◆ Chairman: | Andy Moore | Proposed: Paul Madden | Seconded: Sally Salter |
| ◆ Secretary: | Karen Harrison | Proposed: Pam Norman | Seconded: Luke Hale |
| ◆ Treasurer: | Co Winter | Proposed: Paul Olive | Seconded: David Lowe |
| ◆ Fix. Sec.: | Margaret Mason | Proposed: Pam Norman | Seconded: Sally Hill |
| ◆ 4 Committee Members (Paul Abraham, David Lowe, Paul Madden, Paul Olive) | | Proposed: Sally Salter | Seconded: Andrew Earl |

16. A.O.B.

16.1 All England Trip

- ◆ Exec Committee has organised a trip to the semi-final day of the All England for last five years.
- ◆ Numbers were down on previous seasons
- ◆ In previous years, coach tickets have been sold right up until the last minute (people would buy tickets on the door), but this year both semi-final & final day were completely sold out well in advance.
- ◆ Question asked if additional tickets could be bought when booking is initially made as not everyone wants to commit so early.

16.2 Cyril Denton Junior Award

- ◆ Will be represented to Tom Bass at the Dinner Dance on Friday

16.3 Handicapping on Ladies 6

- ◆ Currently wide variance in playing ability in Ladies 6. Would NDBA consider handicapping this league?
- ◆ Rule change would be required as league are not handicapped
- ◆ Downlands also commented that there was a similar situation in the Ladies 4

16.4 All Doubles Format

- ◆ Clubs reminded that All Doubles Format is still available for teams to enter
- ◆ Need four teams to make league viable: 4 men & 2 ladies per teams
- ◆ Comment made that this format may prove viable as a team tournament and may be should be considered for a trial

16.5 Blackford Cup

- ◆ Can clubs enter two teams in Blackford Cup
- ◆ Great potential for larger clubs to submit a second team and increase the competition

16.6 Serving

- ◆ Serving in the league has deteriorated and there are players at all levels that are now foul-serving. This is not in the best interests of the league
- ◆ Basic rules of serving should be included in the handbook and put on the web site
- ◆ Coaches within the clubs should also point out to any fellow team mates that they are foul serving and help them to adjust to a legal serve.

16.3 Summer Club

Aldermaston:

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

Bucklebury:

- ◆ Tuesdays 8pm onwards
- ◆ About £4 per evening (TBA)
- ◆ Plastic shuttles used
- ◆ Juniors welcome

Cannons:

- ◆ TBA

Downlands:

- ◆ Wednesdays 7.30pm onwards
- ◆ £3 per evening (TBA)

Firefly:

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

Greenacre

- ◆ Mondays from 7.00 –9.00pm
- ◆ £5.50 per evening (Student/Juniors £3.50)

Kennet:

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

Kintbury Ridgeway:

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

Newbury:

- ◆ Wednesdays from 8pm onwards
- ◆ £3 per evening

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

Meeting Closed at 10.05pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____