

Newbury & District Badminton Association

Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 1st September 2004 at the Salvation Army Hall, Newbury

1. Present:

Andy Moore	Chairman & Newbury
Karen Harrison	Secretary & Shaw
Robert Winter	Treasurer & Kennet
Sacha Emery	Executive Committee & Cannons
David Lowe	Executive Committee & Aldermaston
Tony Lockyear	Aldermaston
Martin Eldred	Cannons
Somesh Sharma	Downlands
Keith Parsons	Downlands
Mick Turrell	Firefly
Andrew Earl	Kennet
Malcolm Taylor	Kennet
Nigel Thorne	Newbury
Pam Norman	Thatcham Juniors & St Mary's
Chris Burr	Wantage
Denis Hazell	Whitchurch

Apologies for Absence:

Margaret Mason	Fixture Secretary & St Mary's
Paul Abraham	Executive Committee & Kintbury Ridgeway
Colin Crockford	Firefly BC

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

- ◆ Approved & signed
- ◆ Draft minutes of May 2004 AGM distributed

3. Matters Arising

- ◆ None

4. Chairman's Welcome

- ◆ A warm welcome extended to all clubs and wished every success for the coming season

Development Strategy:

- ◆ An update on the NDBA Development Strategy is included in the handbook (and on the web site) and can be read at leisure

5. Treasurer's Report

- ◆ Dinner Dance made a profit of £161 and attendees given a refund on the night
- ◆ Financial Year end was in June and accounts have been audited (arranged via Sue Chivers)
- ◆ Income Over Expenditure for the year (excl. Awards for All): £449
- ◆ There was a loss for the year of £210 once the Awards for All adjustment was taken into account
- ◆ Balance of account: £1,822.39

Accounts accepted. Proposed Co Winter, Seconded David Lowe

Co Winter thanked for managing the accounts throughout the season and to Sue Chivers for arranging the auditing of the accounts.

6. Fixture Secretary's Report

- ◆ Scorecards were distributed to all clubs in attendance
- ◆ Problems with the printing of the handbooks so these will be distributed to all clubs in the next couple of days. All clubs were notified of fixtures by mid-August and are accessible via the NDBA web site
- ◆ 13 clubs have entered teams into the new season.
- ◆ Fixtures have been a struggle to fit in due to the number of clubs having Wednesday as their match night.
- ◆ As a result of positive feedback last season, fixtures have been arranged with alternate weeks of Mixed and Level Doubles.
- ◆ A reminder that clubs with more than 1 team in any section must send their player nominations to Margaret before the first match is played.
- ◆ Clubs must also send Margaret a list of all their registered players by the end of September and advise of any new members as the season progresses.

Scorecards

- ◆ Please encourage your club to write match comments on the scorecard
- ◆ Please also ensure that players **first and surnames** are entered on the cards and that the scores are filled in correctly.

All Doubles format

- ◆ Format for All Doubles sections was highlighted to ensure all clubs were aware of format to see if this league can be started next season

7. Blackford Cup Draw

	<u>1st Round</u>	<u>Quarter Finals</u>
1	BYE	Shaw vs
2	BYE	Cannons
3	BYE	St Mary's vs
4	Bucklebury vs	winner of Bucklebury vs Kintbury Ridgeway
5	Kintbury Ridgeway	
6	BYE	Downlands vs
7	BYE	Aldermaston
8	BYE	Newbury vs
9	BYE	Kennet

- ◆ Note: w/c 8th November has been set aside for all quarter final matches. The Bucklebury vs Kintbury leg must take place prior to this week
- ◆ Clubs to advise MM of Blackford Cup team nominations on/before 30th September 2004

8. Championships

- ◆ Provisional Championship Dates Issued:
 - ◆ Veteran's – Sunday 10th October 2004 (promoted by NDBA)
 - ◆ Robin Deasley – Sunday 21st November 2004 (promoted by Newbury BC)
 - ◆ Level Doubles – Sunday 30th January 2005 (promoted by St Mary's BC)
 - ◆ Division 2 & Below – Sun 27th Feb OR 13th March 2005 (promoted by Shaw BC)

- ◆ All championships are scheduled to be played at Elstree as courts are no longer available at Cannons. Cannons were sincerely thanked for their generous support of the district by donating free courts to host the Division 2 & Below and Veterans Championship over the past couple of years
- ◆ Entry forms will be distributed via e-mail/web site (and the promoting club). Forms will be sent to all Club Secretaries 6-8 weeks in advance of tournament.

9. Publicity

- ◆ Rota has been set up with four editors
- ◆ Aim to get more photos in NWN

Web

- ◆ Now updated for new season

10. Presentation Dinner & Dance 2004

- ◆ Exec Committee felt this was another success
- ◆ 100 people attended
- ◆ If clubs have a suggestion of an alternate venue to the Chequers, please let Paul Madden know
- ◆ Provisional date for this season's Dinner Dance is Friday 13th May 2005

11. Juniors

◆ Thatcham Juniors

- ◆ Starts this coming Saturday at Kennet Sports Centre (no sessions on the half term Saturdays)
- ◆ Club had a long waiting list so decision was made in the summer to split the club into two sessions.
- ◆ 9.00 – 10.30: Beginners & less experienced players
- ◆ 10.30 – 12 noon: More experienced players
- ◆ Club run by Tony Glinos, Pam Norman and Margaret Mason and several assistants but two more volunteers are needed for the second session

◆ Newbury & District Juniors

- ◆ Starts beginning of October
- ◆ Plans are for second session to become more of a training squad
- ◆ There are still vacancies in the second session

◆ Thames Valley Games

- ◆ Team of 4 boys and 4 girls entered into Thames Valley Games and won the Bronze Medal
- ◆ Tony Glinos awarded West Berkshire Coach of the Year

◆ BISI Day

- ◆ Booked for 20th November 2004
- ◆ Leaders/Coaches and/or volunteers to help out on the day required

12. Coaching

- ◆ Still looking to secure a venue for this
- ◆ Will hopefully run mid-September
- ◆ Information will be emailed out and posted on the web site when arrangements have been confirmed

13. A.O.B.

- ◆ **All England**
 - ◆ Another trip will be organised for the Championships Semi-Final day on Saturday 12th March 2005
 - ◆ Contact Sacha for more information

- ◆ **AGM**
 - ◆ Draft minutes issued from May 2004 AGM
 - ◆ This season's AGM will be held on Tuesday 10th May 2005 at the Salvation Army Hall starting at 8pm
 - ◆ End of Season Presentation Dinner & Dance is provisionally booked for Friday 13th May 2005

- ◆ **Blackford Cup Competition - Possibility of clubs entering two teams**
 - ◆ Idea floated by Kennet BC as their club would like to enter an additional team
 - ◆ They believe this will encourage more entries and a more interesting competition
 - ◆ Kennet BC to prepare discussion document to distribute to clubs
 - ◆ Any rule change proposals must be submitted to the NDBA Secretary by 30th March 2005 so this can be voted on at the AGM

- ◆ **Shaw BC Quiz Night**
 - ◆ Next Quiz Night will be held in January – other clubs welcome to enter a team

- ◆ **Veteran's Play in Day**
 - ◆ Sunday 26th September at Crosfields School, Reading from 1pm – 4pm
 - ◆ Contact Sheila Moore for more information

- ◆ **Guidance on Rule 10**
 - ◆ Comments received from several clubs that matches are not starting at the notified time
 - ◆ Some guidance has been issued to all clubs to help avoid disputes arising. This information will also be posted to the NDBA Web site

Meeting Closed at 8.55pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Next Meeting is the AGM: Tuesday 10th May 2005