

Newbury & District Badminton Association

Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 5th September 2000 at the Salvation Army Hall, Newbury

1. Present:

Andy Moore	Chairman
Karen Jackson	Secretary & Shaw Rep
Margaret Mason	Fixture Secretary
Dave Adams	Executive Committee
Alan Williams	Executive Committee & Basildon Rep
Paul Madden	Executive Committee & Bucklebury Rep
Bill Oliver	Aldermaston
Marilyn Williams	Basildon
Gary Brooke	Downlands
Frances Perkin	Downlands
Steve Webb	Firefly
Bob Crichton	Kennet
Catherine Hodges	Kennet
Robert Winter	Kennet
Julia Bowers	Kintbury
Jo Russ	Newbury
Phil Cooke	Overton Sabres
Pam Norman	Thatcham Juniors
Geoff Pratchett	Wantage

Apologies for Absence:

Sally Salter	Executive Committee & Donnington Rep
Sally Hill	Cannons
Audrey Jackson	Newbury Juniors
Frances Rayson	St Mary's

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

- ◆ Approved & signed
- ◆ Draft minutes of May 2001 AGM distributed

3. Matters Arising

- ◆ None

4. Chairman's Welcome

Development will be key for the districts future. Bob Reed has been appointed as Berkshire Development Officer. He wants to drive development forward and obtain funds for our area.

Priority will be on Developing Juniors:

- Get into Primary Schools and provide links to channel Juniors into Thatcham & Newbury Junior Clubs. Will be requiring adults with Leaders Award qualifications (and some spare time) to go into Primary schools and work with Juniors. Appeal for more adult players to obtain leaders qualification – and NDBA/Dev Officer will also try to secure funds for this.
- Badminton Day for Juniors
This has been booked for 3rd November at Park House. Need more leaders to help out on the day.

Senior Badminton

- Encourage more formal coaching within each club having at least one qualified coach/leader. Also making it easier for clubs to find out who the qualified coaches are in the area, willing to give some coaching.
- Suggestion of coaches names to appear in handbook
- Suggestion of organising a coaching day

Finally, delighted to announce that Frances Perkin (Downlands BC) has been co-opted onto the Exec Committee and will co-ordinate the All England Trip and promote coaching in the area.

5. Treasurer's Report

- ◆ All England trip made a small loss
- ◆ Audrey Jackson kindly donated the trophy for the Veterans Championship
- ◆ Increase in the cost of small league winner/runners up plaques
- ◆ Tournaments made a healthy profit

- ◆ Surplus of funds for the year - £160.48
- ◆ Balance carried forward - £990.28

Accounts accepted. Proposed Andy Moore, Seconded Bill Oliver

Fiona Scarrett has resigned her position as Treasurer. AM thanked Fiona for all her hard work and advised that Co Winter (Kennet BC) has been co-opted to the Exec Committee as Treasurer.

6. Fixture Secretary's Report

- ◆ 14 clubs entered teams – Whitchurch and Hurst have withdrawn from the league as they are struggling with player numbers
- ◆ Kennet & Downlands have entered additional Mens teams
- ◆ Cannons have entered an additional Mixed team
- ◆ Shaw D have had to withdraw from Mixed 3 due to lack of Ladies

Match Night Changes

- ◆ Shaw now Wednesday & Friday (not Thursday & Friday)
- ◆ Donnington now Monday (not Thursday)
- ◆ Bucklebury now Tuesday at Elstree (not Monday at Brockhurst)

- ◆ Ladies 4 division reduced by 3 teams therefore only 1 division will run
- ◆ Downlands Ladies 6 is a joint Downlands/Cannons team

- ◆ All results on the web site will now be updated as soon as scorecards are received thanks to new database scoring system created by Keith Simms (Downlands BC)
- ◆ New style scorecards – space for match comments to be added by either team

- ◆ Clubs with more than 1 team in any section must send their player nominations to Margaret before the first match is played.

7. Blackford Cup Draw

	<u>1st Round</u>	<u>Quarter Finals</u>
1	BYE	Overton Sabres
2	Wantage vs	vs
3	St Mary's	Winner of Wantage vs St Mary's
4	BYE	Downlands
5	Donnington vs	vs
6	Newbury	Winner of Donnington vs Newbury
7	Shaw vs	Winner of Shaw vs Cannons
8	Cannons	vs
9	BYE	Kintbury
10	Basildon vs	Winner of Basildon vs Kennet
11	Kennet	vs
12	BYE	Aldermaston

- ◆ Note: w/c 8th October has been set aside for all 1st round matches
- ◆ Clubs to advise MM of Blackford Cup team nominations on/before 30th September 2001
- ◆ Wantage advised at the meeting that they may have been entered in this tournament by accident. Geoff Pratchett to confirm to MM asap.

8. Championships

- ◆ Bradfield College is only available on 18th November – block booking on Sundays in 2002
 - ◆ Due to higher entry level in the Level Doubles Championships, Committee may decide to swap dates Deasley and Level Doubles
- ◆ Committee still to find alternative venue for January tournament. Web site will be updated with the confirmation of tournament dates and venues
- ◆ Division Three & Below/Veterans Tournament:
 - ◆ Provisional booking made at Cannons Leisure Centre. Awaiting confirmation from Cannons
- ◆ The following Clubs will be promoting this years tournaments
 - ◆ Deasley – Shaw
 - ◆ Level – Newbury
 - ◆ Division 3 – Downlands
 - ◆ Veterans – Exec Committee
- ◆ Entry forms will be distributed via e-mail/web site and not in the handbook. Forms will be sent to Tournament Secretary 6-8 weeks in advance of tournament

9. Publicity

- ◆ No planned changes to reporting style
- ◆ Aim to get more photos in NWN
- ◆ For people playing in Monday night matches, please drop scorecards in Paul's letter box.

Web

- ◆ Now updated for new season
- ◆ Will only be updated periodically before Christmas

10. Presentation Dinner & Dance 2001

- ◆ Highly successful although different disco needs to be sought for next year
- ◆ Provisional date for this season's dinner dance is 10th May 2002
- ◆ Many thanks to Sally for organising the event

11. Juniors

- ◆ Newbury & District Juniors
 - ◆ Now running on two nights – Mondays for the youngsters and Wednesdays for the older players
 - ◆ Need more helpers/leaders

- ◆ Thatcham Juniors
 - ◆ Running as per last season.
 - ◆ 20 out of 24 youngsters have re-enrolled
 - ◆ Club run by Tony Glinos, Pam Norman and Margaret Mason
 - ◆ Hope that some parents/leaders will occasionally help out

- ◆ Thames Valley Games
 - ◆ Girls finished 2nd out of 8 teams
 - ◆ Boys finished 5th out of 8

12. A.O.B.

- ◆ County Veterans Squad Play-ins
 - ◆ 23rd September at Crosfields
 - ◆ 1pm start
 - ◆ Over 40's

- ◆ Proposed Scoring Changes
 - ◆ Although the plans are for new system to be introduced at international level, this may filter down eventually. To be discussed at next General Committee Meeting
 - ◆ Clubs can make representations directly to the BA of E

- ◆ Leaders Award Coaching course
 - ◆ Next course will run on 21st October

- ◆ Provisional date of AGM is 7th May 2002 (as Salvation Army Hall is no available on Wednesdays)

Meeting Closed at 9.05pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Next General Committee Meeting:

Tuesday 15th January 2002 – 8pm – Salvation Army Hall, Newbury