

# Newbury & District Badminton Association

Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2003 at the Salvation Army Hall, Newbury

## 1. Present:

Andy Moore	Chairman
Karen Harrison	Secretary & Shaw
Robert Winter	Treasurer & Kennet
Sally Salter	Executive Committee & Donnington
Malcolm Taylor	Kennet
Lisa Thorne	Kennet
Pam Norman	Thatcham Juniors & St Mary's
Geoff Pratchett	Wantage

## Apologies for Absence:

Margaret Mason	Fixture Secretary & St Mary's
Paul Madden	Executive Committee & Bucklebury
Frances Perkin	Executive Committee & Downlands
Nigel Cabeldu	Basildon
Mark Mason	Donnington
Jo Russ	Newbury
Yvonne Masters	Newbury Juniors
Phil Cooke	Overton Sabres

## 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

- ◆ Approved & signed

## 3. Matters Arising

- ◆ None

## 4. Treasurers Report

- ◆ Level Doubles Championship made an effective profit of £43
- ◆ All England Trip all booked and paid for. Due to mis-information from NIA on ticket prices, a small refund will be give to everyone. Anticipated profit of £28.
- ◆ No payments yet made for the Dinner & Dance. Projected to break even.
- ◆ Balance of funds: £3,788.02 (incl. £2,025 of Awards for All grant)

## 5. Fixture Secretary's Report

League

- ◆ Season running smoothly – most scorecards are arriving on time
- ◆ 2 matches conceded so far – both in the Ladies 6
- ◆ 5 matches played with 2 pairs
- ◆ Unfortunately, Basildon B have had to withdraw from Mixed Division 3

Blackford Cup

- ◆ Currently at semi-final stage
- ◆ St Mary's lead Bucklebury by 10 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> leg being played this evening
- ◆ Kennet have a 90 point lead over Overton; Overton home leg to be played on 24<sup>th</sup> January
- ◆ Final needs to be played by end-March

## 6. Championships

### Robin Deasley

- ◆ Championship being promoted by St Mary's
- ◆ Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2003 at Elstree School Sports Hall
- ◆ 8 entries in and at least 2 more en route

### Division 3 & Below

- ◆ Championship promoted by Downlands
- ◆ Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2003 at Cannons

### Veterans Championship

- ◆ Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2003 at Cannons

**AGM discussion point:** Over the last two seasons, championship entry numbers are reducing. Why??

## 7. Publicity

- ◆ Reports published throughout the season
- ◆ In addition to league action, trying to gain coverage for the Junior Badminton
- ◆ Clubs welcome to submit photos for use in NWN and/or web site

## 8. Awards for All Grant

- ◆ NDBA received Award in July 2002 for £2,025
- ◆ Money must be spent (or at least allocated/booked) by July
- ◆ Decision made to break away from college, as planned course were cancelled without warning or consultation.

### Leaders Award Course

- ◆ Being held at Park House on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2003
- ◆ Only one or two spaces remain

### Coach Part 1

- ◆ Encouraging response for Coach Part 1 course.
- ◆ No other organisation was running a course locally therefore NDBA is running course themselves in conjunction with Reading (Bob Reed)
- ◆ Courses being held May/June/July time – venue TBA

### Junior Badminton Day

- ◆ Held at Park House on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2002
- ◆ Encouraging number of primary school children attending however, both Thatcham and Newbury Junior clubs are full so there is nowhere for interested children to play
- ◆ Follow-up coaching course booked for 8<sup>th</sup> March 2003 at Elstree. Letters to go out to children who participated in Open Day in next week or so.
- ◆ Need to consider opening and running another junior club

## 9. Junior Badminton

### Thatcham

- ◆ Most children re-enrolled from previous session
- ◆ Several boys currently in U12 county squad or the Back-up Squad
- ◆ Still trying to arrange matches with Newbury Juniors however, court space is a problem. (Sally Salter (Donnington) to advise if they can offer a court on their Monday club night).

### Newbury & District Juniors

- ◆ Both sessions currently full
- ◆ NJBC would like to thank Newbury BC and Cannons BC for taking some children into their Monday club nights to free up space on the later sessions.

#### 10. Presentation Dinner & Dance 2002

- ◆ The Chequers Hotel has been booked for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2003
- ◆ In order to secure better quality disco, would need to pay £300 which is the equivalent of an extra £1.50-£2.00 per ticket. NDBA may need to absorb some of this increase.
- ◆ Info to be sent out to all Club Secretaries in February

#### 11. A.O.B.

- ◆ **All England Trip**
  - ◆ Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2003
  - ◆ Coach pick-up details on the web-site (Thatcham at 10am / Bus-stop by Mercedes Garage in Newbury at 10.10am / The Crown & Horns Pub in East Ilsley at 10.30am).
  - ◆ Coach will return once action is over for the day.
- ◆ **Terry Snook Trophy**
  - ◆ Nominations must be received by the Secretary by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2003
- ◆ **Rule / Constitution Changes**
  - ◆ Must be received by Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2003
- ◆ **Playing Down Rules**
  - ◆ An observation has been made that these rules may be being stretched and some clubs are using this rule to their advantage, playing their strongest players down at the start of the season. Appeal to all clubs to ensure they play within the spirit of the game.
- ◆ **General Committee Meeting in January**
  - ◆ Do we actually need to meet in January as numbers over the last 3 seasons have dwindled considerably?
  - ◆ Information is being distributed via the web and e-mail so may not be any need for people to meet
  - ◆ General consensus was that the meeting was not needed
  - ◆ NDBA to submit a rule change to Item 10 in the Constitution

Meeting Closed at 8.50pm.

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

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

#### **Next Meeting is the AGM:**

Tuesday 6th May 2003 – 8pm – Salvation Army Hall, Newbury