

# Newbury & District Badminton Association

Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2002 at the Salvation Army Hall, Newbury

## 1. Present:

Andy Moore	Chairman
Karen Harrison	Secretary & Shaw
Margaret Mason	Fixture Secretary
Martin Eldred	Cannons
Frances Perkin	Downlands
Bob Crichton	Kennet
Catherine Hodges	Kennet
Jo Russ	Newbury
Audrey Jackson	Newbury Juniors
Yvonne Masters	Newbury Juniors
Pam Norman	Thatcham Juniors
Frances Rayson	St Mary's
Geoff Pratchett	Wantage

## Apologies for Absence:

Bill Oliver	Aldermaston
Alan Williams	Executive Committee & Basildon
Marilyn Williams	Basildon
Paul Madden	Executive Committee & Bucklebury
Sally Salter	Executive Committee & Donnington
Co Winter	Kennet
Julia Bowers	Kintbury
Phil Cooke	Overton Sabres

## 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

- ◆ Approved & signed, correcting the date of the last meeting

## 3. Matters Arising

- ◆ Development Strategy Update

### Badminton Day

- ◆ Took place as planned with plenty of helpers; disappointing number of juniors attended
- ◆ Flyers for the junior clubs were distributed to all attendees and several juniors have now joined Newbury Juniors
- ◆ Comment was made that the information did not get into the schools and there were no leaflets in Thatcham/village schools. For any future badminton days, we need to ensure that sufficient levels of leaflets are delivered to the schools and follow up.
- ◆ This event was no cost to the district
- ◆ Should try again next season for 1 of the ½ term week Saturdays as no school events run on these weekends

### Badminton into Schools

- ◆ NDBA wants to offer coaching services to primary schools either as part of the PE lesson or as an after-school activity
- ◆ Bob Reed is willing to set this up and work with the volunteer(s) for the first couple of sessions
- ◆ Volunteer(s) still sought with free time during the day

### **Leader's Course**

- ◆ Date of next course is 24<sup>th</sup> March
- ◆ Frances Perkin is still persuing interested parties to get minimum numbers
- ◆ Cost £60 and venue is TBA

### **Coach Part 1**

- ◆ Planned for May/June time and cost is around £245 per person
- ◆ NDBA is trying to secure funding for sponsoring this course, but we do not know if application will be successful
- ◆ Comment made that may be clubs could sponsor part of the costs or clubs can apply for a Sports for All grant to subsidise this cost
- ◆ Comment made that Park House Sports College often run Badminton courses to train the teachers. Frances Perkin to investigate if NDBA players can attend these courses.

### **Coaches/Coaching in Clubs**

- ◆ Some clubs do want to receive coaching
- ◆ Try to arrange some evening coaching sessions for adults. Need to secure coaches and venue before this can be confirmed
- ◆ Need to try and establish who are qualified coaches in our area and those that are willing to coach

## **4. Treasurer's Report**

- ◆ All outstanding issues resolved
- ◆ Current balance is £1418.06
- ◆ The NDBA accounts will be audited – Frances Perkin has offered to do this
- ◆ Exec Committee will be submitting a rule change proposal for consideration at the AGM to change the financial end of year from end of May to end of June each year.

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

- ◆ Season running smoothly and 137 out of 308 matches have been played. A lot of matches remaining to be played between now and the end of season
- ◆ 3 matches conceded to date
- ◆ Scorecards coming in steadily and comments section is working well
- ◆ Request that all clubs double-check the eligibility of players, especially junior players
- ◆ League tables are on the web site and are updated on a daily basis (when score cards arrive) and include notified fixture changes. Therefore league tables will not be mailed out to all clubs during the season.

## **6. Blackford Cup Draw**

- ◆ At semi-final stage and latest result distributed
- ◆ St Mary's vs Downlands – Downlands won 1<sup>st</sup> leg by 38 ppoints. Return leg next week
- ◆ Kintbury vs Basildon – Basildon won 1<sup>st</sup> leg. Kintbury forced to concede 2<sup>nd</sup> leg through injury

## **7. Championships**

### **◆ Level Doubles:**

- ◆ Entry level down on last year, possibly due to swap of dates (1 mixed pair had actually entered)
- ◆ 7 ladies and 13 men's pairs entered

### **Men's:**

- ◆ Semi 1: Kevin Walker/Andy Norman (Shaw) beat Bryan Eastwood/Nigel Thorne (Newbury) 15-3 15-1
- ◆ Semi 2: Adam Turner/Dave Boorman (Shaw/Wantage) beat Scott Jamieson/ Craig Jamieson (Basildon) 15-8 15-8
- ◆ Final: Kevin Walker/Andy Norman (Shaw) beat Adam Turner/Dave Boorman (Shaw/Wantage) 11-15 15-10

### **Ladies:**

- ◆ Semi 1: Su Barber & Suzanne Allen (St Mary's) beat Sheila Moore & Sylvia Glendinning (Newbury/Basildon) 15-9
- ◆ Semi 2: Andrea Farmer & Pam Norman (St Mary's) beat Sam Chivers & Rebecca Chivers 15-8
- ◆ Final: Su Barber & Suzanne Allen (St Mary's) beat Andrea Farmer & Pam Norman (St Mary's) 15-1
- ◆ Robin Deasley Championship: 27th January 2002 at Elstree
- ◆ Division 3 & Below: 3rd March 2002 at Cannons Leisure Centre
- ◆ Veterans Championship: 7th April 2002 at Cannons Leisure Centre  
Secretary: Karen Harrison Referee: Dave Adams
- ◆ DA to advise Cannons of approx. numbers of entries to the Div 3/Vets tournaments
- ◆ DA advised that due to work commitments, he would be standing down from the committee at the end of the season.

### **8. Presentation Dinner & Dance 2002**

- ◆ Booked for 10<sup>th</sup> May 2002 at The Chequers Hotel, Newbury
- ◆ Cost £19 per head – better quality menu, but no drinks will be included in this price
- ◆ Different disco will be used
- ◆ Letters will be sent out to all club Secretaries at the end of February
- ◆ Karen is handling all the co-ordination/bookings

### **9. Publicity**

- ◆ Reports continue to appear on a regular basis
- ◆ A couple of articles have been written by guest columnists – more are sought to help Paul out

### **10. Juniors**

- ◆ Newbury & District Juniors
  - ◆ Move to Wednesday evenings has caused problems with some parents. Helpers are urgently needed (as this night clashes with the main match night for several clubs)
  - ◆ Also need people willing to turn up and play with the youngsters on Wednesday evenings. Contact Audrey or Yvonne for more information
  - ◆ Juniors need encouraging to go into senior clubs
  - ◆ Audrey will be stepping down at the end of the season
- ◆ Thatcham Juniors
  - ◆ Some juniors are gradually joining St Mary's
  - ◆ 25 registered members and about 23 turn up each Saturday
  - ◆ 5 members are in the County Squad
  - ◆ Matches to be arranged with Newbury Juniors

### **11. Terry Snook Trophy**

- ◆ Reminder to all clubs that nominations close on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2002

### **12. Discussion on Changes to Scoring System**

- ◆ No information on BA of E Web site
- ◆ Articles have appeared in August and November Badminton magazine
- ◆ All England will be played under new scoring system (best of 5 games to 7 points)
- ◆ No decision as to whether this new scoring system will be adopted. Await outcome and revisit once more information is known

### **13. A.O.B.**

- ◆ **All England Trip**
  - ◆ Tickets to be booked by end of this week
  - ◆ Thatcham Juniors to be asked if they want to go

◆ **Rule Change Proposals**

- ◆ Donnington are thinking of submitting a rule change requesting that clubs should state the number of ends that are played in a match at the beginning of the season. Discussion document distributed and feedback from the clubs is sought by Donnington

◆ **Thames Valley Youth Games**

- ◆ Taking place on 2<sup>nd</sup> June in the Vale of the White Horse
- ◆ Badminton will be included again. Tony Glinos and Pam Norma have agreed to help with the coaching
- ◆ There will be a play in session (date TBA) for pupils in Year 8 & 9.

◆ **BA of E Handbooks**

- ◆ Distributed to all clubs present at the meeting. These will be posted out to clubs not present.

◆ **AGM**

- ◆ Date of the AGM is confirmed as Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2002 (Salvation Army Hall is no longer available on Wednesdays)

Meeting Closed at 9.25pm.

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

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

**Next General Committee Meeting:**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2002 – 8pm – Salvation Army Hall, Newbury