

Newbury & District Badminton Association

Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 17th January 2001 at the Salvation Army Hall, Newbury

1. Present:

Andy Moore	Chairman
Karen Jackson	Secretary & Shaw Rep
Margaret Mason	Fixture Secretary
Alan Williams	Executive Committee & Basildon Rep
Dave Adams	Executive Committee & Donnington Rep
Marilyn Williams	Executive Committee & Basildon Rep
Catherine Hodges	Kennet
Robert Winter	Kennet
Andy Bell	Kintbury
Audrey Jackson	Newbury Juniors
Frances Rayson	St Mary's
Pam Norman	Thatcham Juniors

Apologies for Absence:

Fiona Scarrett	Treasurer
Sally Salter	Executive Committee & Donnington
Martin Eldred	Cannons
Yvonne Masters	Cannons
Barbara Hogben	Newbury
Bob Crichton	Newbury Juniors
Phil Cooke	Overton Sabres
Geoff Pratchett	Wantage

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Approved & signed

3. Matters Arising

- ◆ None

4. Treasurer's Report

- ◆ Balance as of 17th January 2001: £929
- ◆ Deposit paid for Dinner Dance
- ◆ VAT to be reclaimed from Bradfield Sports Complex booking

5. Fixture Secretary's Report

- ◆ Hurst unfortunately withdrawn from league because of lack of ladies
- ◆ Aldermaston Home courts have suffered storm damage are not available. January fixtures will be played out of Elstree. Venue for February matches onwards is still TBA.
- ◆ Up-to-date league tables distributed. Several pre-Christmas scorecards are still outstanding so league tables will not reflect all matches played.
- ◆ Margaret Mason must be informed of all changes match dates and also of new members joining your clubs
- ◆ Aldermaston, Bucklebury, Wantage and Whitchurch still have not advised MM of their registered players

6. **Blackford Cup Draw**

◆ **Semi Finals are:**

- ◆ Downlands vs St Mary's
(Downlands Home: 23rd January / St Mary's Home: 6th February)
- ◆ Shaw vs Cannons
(Shaw Home: 19th January / Cannons Home: 22nd January)

◆ **Quarter Final Results:**

- ◆ Downlands beat Kennet: 490-389
- ◆ St Mary's beat Aldermaston: 523-419
- ◆ Shaw beat Newbury: 430-384
- ◆ Cannons beat Donnington: 465-371
- ◆ The Committee would like to present the Blackford Cup Trophy on the night of the 2nd leg of the final to the winning team. Alan Williams to discuss this with Downlands.

7. **Championships**

- ◆ Robin Deasley Mixed Doubles Championship: Sunday 19th November 2000
 - ◆ Held at Bradfield Sports Complex – 6 courts booked for 1st two hours, 4 courts for remaining four hours
 - ◆ Promoted by St Mary's BC and sponsored by Ray Gooden
 - ◆ 22 pairs entered split into 4 groups
 - ◆ Margaret Mason and Mark Ferguson (St Mary's BC) beat Mandy Sainsbury (Donnington BC) and Adam Turner (Shaw BC) in the final 21-18
- ◆ Level Doubles Championship: Sunday 28th January 2001
 - ◆ Bradfield Sports Complex
 - ◆ Basildon BC to promote this tournament
 - ◆ 10 pairs entered to date (closing date is Saturday 20th January 2001)
- ◆ Division Three & Below: 25th February 2001
 - ◆ To be held at Cannons Leisure Centre
 - ◆ Championship will be promoted by Shaw BC
- ◆ Veterans Mixed Doubles
 - ◆ Good level of interest across all the clubs.
 - ◆ Provisional date for the tournament is 1st April 2001 – venue to be confirmed
 - ◆ Format will be Mixed Doubles.
 - ◆ All entrants must be aged 40 (or more) on the date of the tournament
 - ◆ The Exec Committee will promote this tournament and more information will be distributed shortly

8. **Presentation Dinner & Dance 2000**

- ◆ Booked for Friday 11th May 2001
- ◆ Chequers Hotel, Newbury
- ◆ Cost: £19 per person
- ◆ Clubs requested to get their allocation in early as last year's event was completely sold out (max 130 people can attend)

9. **Publicity**

- ◆ First report for 2001 should appear in NWN tomorrow
- ◆ Paul Madden has expressed an interest to stand down as Publicity Officer. Volunteers sought to fill this position

Web

- ◆ League tables were added as of 1st January 2001

10. Juniors

- ◆ Andy Moore welcomed Audrey Jackson (Newbury Juniors) and Pam Norman (Thatcham Juniors) to the meeting
- ◆ **Newbury & District Juniors**
 - ◆ Numbers slightly down on first session but second session is full
 - ◆ Juniors will all partake in the BA of E Junior Badminton Awards this term. Coaches will come into the test the juniors at the end of March
 - ◆ Neville Booth, Yvonne Master and Denise Adlington assist Audrey & Bob Crichton on Monday evenings.
 - ◆ No senior club players from the District have come down to play Badminton with the Juniors on Monday nights. Volunteers from the clubs are needed to help improve the juniors standard of play. Contact Audrey (01635 869394)
- ◆ **Thatcham Juniors**
 - ◆ A couple of spaces are available due to Juniors leaving to join St Mary's BC!
 - ◆ All kids are keen and standard is slightly better than last season
 - ◆ Pam is ably assisted by Tony Glinos, Gareth Clarke and Margaret Mason on a regular basis.
- ◆ Friendly match to be arranged between Thatcham and Newbury Juniors
- ◆ Both clubs will enter teams in the forthcoming team tournament

11. Terry Snook Trophy

- ◆ Forms distributed on the night and will be sent to all club secretaries
- ◆ Nominations (in writing) for this award must be received by 15th March 2001

12. A.O.B.

- ◆ **Coaching – Leaders Award:**
 - ◆ October course was cancelled due to lack of confirmed numbers
 - ◆ Next Leaders Award to take place on Sunday 11th March 2001 at Kennet Sports Centre
 - ◆ It should be stressed that you do not need to be a strong player – “some playing experience is useful”
 - ◆ Andy Moore will assist with the co-ordination on behalf of the District
- ◆ **All England**
 - ◆ District will organise a coach & book tickets. Pam Norman and Karen Jackson to co-ordinate.
 - ◆ Coach will leave Thatcham Health Centre at 10am PROMPT and will pick up at Newbury (bus stop by Lidl) and East Ilsley.
 - ◆ Cost: Adults: £20 and Children/Senior Citizens: £15.50
- ◆ **AGM**
 - ◆ AGM will be held on Tuesday 8th May 2001 at the Salvation Army Hall, Newbury
 - ◆ Clubs reminded that any proposals for NDBA rule/constitution changes must be notified in writing to the District Secretary no later than 31st March 2001.

Meeting Closed at 8.55pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Next General Committee Meeting is the AGM:

Tuesday 8th May 2001 – 8pm – Salvation Army Hall, Newbury