
BRAINTREE & DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE

TO: ALL BRAINTREE LEAGUE CLUBS
COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FROM: NICOLA HUTCHINS, SECRETARY TO THE LEAGUE

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD AT ALEC HUNTER SCHOOL

DATE: 5 MAY 2016

- The meeting opened at 8-02pm, apologies were received from John Hall, Ian Marsden and Gina Smith
- The minutes from the previous AGM on 7th May 2015 were accepted

Treasurers Report

- Copies of the balance sheet were circulated and a copy is retained with the minutes
- The league made a donation to the Stroke ward that cared for Dick Williams in his memory
- Costs were similar to previous seasons
- The League did actually make a profit of £691.61 this season and now has a healthy bank balance, predominantly due to the increase in entry fees and numbers for the individual tournament. The League does not seek to make a profit and will continue to review the situation, comments/suggestions from the meeting were
 - The website biannual cost of £127.50 is due in Feb 2017
 - The cost of the tournament at £8 per person does not seem to have deterred entries, however it was agreed that due to the healthy bank balance the fee for junior entries (i.e. U18's) and those in full or part time education would be reduced to £4 per person.
 - Some of the older trophies need repairs and space for new names so it was also suggested that these were done 1 at a time so as not to use up the bank balance too quickly
- The new trophies for the Youth and Experience Mixed and Mens Doubles were donated by Sue Williams and Ian Marsden respectively – Thank you to them both
- The flowers for the female tournament winners were donated by Therese and Melvin – Thank you
- The Chairman proposed to keep the fees for next season the same with the exception of the junior tournament fees as above at;
 - Affiliation £25 plus £5 per team
 - Tournament entry fees £8 per player and £4 per player for junior entries (i.e. U18's) and those in full or part time education
- Melvin thanked Michelle
- **Tournament Secretary's Report**
- A full copy of Therese's report is held with these minutes

In summary:

- Another successful tournament, with finals night being well supported
- The standard of badminton on finals night was excellent with 3 of the 5 events going to 3
- Entries up on last year, the increased entry fee as already discussed did not deter entries and helped towards the running cost including trophy engraving significantly
- Youth and Experience events becoming popular, its nice to see some family partnerships. This year the Y&E mens had the same number of entries as the veteran mens and the Y&E mxd 11 entries compared with 14 in the main mxd event.
- Therese thanked Sue Williams and Ian Marsden again for the donation of the Y&E trophies and all those involved and those who helped; Peter Webb (venue), Paul Butcher (website publication), Ian Marsden (photos) Lauren Smith/Jane Holland/Louise Murphy (raffle) and all the line judges and umpires and not forgetting Melvin who fiddles for hours on his pc with the draw!
- There was a discussion about semifinals nights and how difficult it had been to manage everyone's availability. The dates are publicised on all paperwork and the website but it was agreed all clubs would emphasize this to all members. It was also agreed to try and put all the finals of other events not held on finals night such as the veteran events on 1 night to again make it clearer and it hopefully would become a 'mini' finals night. Melvin noted he needs to book the 2017 dates as soon as possible as this makes the visit from Yonex and possibly a green playing surface more likely.
- **Entry forms are available on the website for next season along with photos and results**

<http://www.badmintonbraintree.org.uk/Finals.html>

KO Competitions (John Hall)

- John was unable to attend due to work commitments
- John was unable to provide the final report as the competitions are not complete.
- Details thus far;
 - In the Lance Woodley Mixed 6 the final between Old Maldonians and Pioneers is still to be played. PMN date fixed for 31st May
 - In the Danny Jones Mixed 4's Old Maldonians and Sandon were unable to play the semi-final, thus the trophy is awarded to Halstead
- There was discussion around the difficulties in fitting in these games and whether we should continue. Suggestions were that the home/away could be flexible depending on who has court space. It was agreed that we should try and continue and the competitions would still appear on the entry form – there is no cost for entry.

Melvin thanked John for all his hard work.

League Secretary's Report

- A copy of the League Tables is held with these minutes and copies were circulated to all clubs and published to the website. The tables are put on the website periodically during the season.
- Generally Nicola received most results – the legibility of some was questionable! Where the result

card wasn't received players couldn't be included in the top pairs

- Thank you to everyone who chased down results. Results will be accepted in any format provided it is legible e.g. happy to accept email, photo of card via mail or text, good old hard copy in the post etc
- Nice to see the offspring of well-known names playing; Bishop, George, Roberts, Pipe, Cureton
- Top pairs are a bit of fun and may not be accurate! And is based on playing approximately 50% of games
- Graph a new bit of info and just shows how close some of the matches were, particularly in Mens 4, by overlaying the home and away points for each match

Mixed 6 Highlights

One 100% - congratulations to Jackie Elliot and Paul Leach from Sandon, next were Louise Murphy/Paul Butcher on 86.7%. Ladies and men have also been separated and Jackie was 100% with all partners!

59 different pairings

LBC had the most pairings with 14 and Pioneers the least with 8

Therese and Fanitsa played with 5 different men. Fan played the most matches

There were 2 concessions (10% of matches played)

Mixed 4's Highlights

30 matches, 3 concessions (10%)

Steve Tilbury was the top man, with 86.7%, Sophie the top lady with 100%, congratulations to Sophie

Gina, Michelle, Sophie and Anna played the most games and for the men Hugh, Wai, Jason and Trevor

Mens 4's Highlights

There were 6 concessions (10% of matches played)

1 100% from Carl Skuce but it was only from 3 matches

A lot of men played a good amount of games, 14 well over 50%. Richard Cureton played the most matches 10/12 I counted 50 different men playing.

- Melvin thanked Nicola for standing in doing this role.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All committee members were willing to stand once again.

The Officers were elected unanimously on block as proposed by Melanie Goodison and seconded by Paul Butcher.

The Committee is as follows:

President	Ian Marsden
Chairman	Melvin Hutton
Secretary	Nicola Hutchins
League Secretary	Nicola Hutchins
Tournament Secretary	Therese Hutton

Treasurer

Michelle Clarke

- The Knockout Handicap Committee was also willing to stand again, Ian Marsden also volunteered. John however does recognize that he does not play anymore so is more than happy if someone would like to take on this role. Further volunteers are welcome to come forward or be persuaded by others:

Knockout Secretary

John Hall
Nicola Hutchins
Ian Marsden
Michelle Clarke

Therese Hutton
Gina Smith

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- The score cards are available as PDF's on the website
 - <http://www.badmintonbraintree.org.uk/Leagues.html>
 - **There was a request to add the email address to them**
- Nicola will again do some advertising during the summer
- As mentioned earlier there are sufficient funds to do some trophy repairs
- If you have any information you would like to be put onto the website, contact the committee or Paul Butcher – Paul.Butcher@badmintonbraintree.org.uk
- Bishops Stortford invited anyone who is interested to their summer club – its pay per play on Monday Eve approx. £5 per session, starting on 20th June, 8pm. There is also a junior club at Bishops Stortford.
- Dates for diary's are;
 - League entry forms by **1st August** (by any means) (£25 per club and £5 per team)
 - Fixture Meeting September 8th Sept 2016 Alec Hunter School 7.30pm
 - End of next season proposed 7th April 2017
 - Individual Tournaments – as per discussion
 - Semi's 19th & 26th April 2017
 - Finals 28th April 2017
 - AGM 4th May 2017, 8pm
- All Clubs are reminded that nonattendance at any meeting will result in a £5 fine

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed:

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