

AGM Minutes 3rd May 2017

Brackley Town Badminton Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 3rd May at Winchester House Sports Hall:

Present: Calvin Burnett, Marie Feltham, Molly Feltham, Paula Williams, Marcus Lesniak, Tom England, Kaye Wainwright, Mark Talbot, Sarah Marshall, Paul Collins, Brian Rugg, Tim Riley, Fran Williams, Bob Wheeler, Dan Hopkins, Eoin Garvey, Connor Hunter, Sarah Anderson, Martin Drew, Henry Pang, Chris Brown, Michael Gillman,

1: Chair's opening remarks.

Tim Riley welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated all of the teams for the enjoyable season.

2: Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from: Carla Campion, Mags Maher and David Ludlow.

3: Approval of Minutes of 2016 A.G.M.

Minutes of the previous AGM were presented for approval and were approved with no amendments and agreed unanimously.

4: Treasurer's Report.

This is Kaye and Paul's last official function before retiring as treasurer(s). Kaye reported we had a healthy balance of £1500. It was communicated that we may need to book the hall for all Mondays as there are so many matches (and we may add an extra team so there would be more) and if we do then the extra hall costs will be £1000 – this would mean an increase in fees of £20 for seniors (pro rata for students/juniors) and using some of the balance to cover the rest. If matches weren't being played on either night then the hall can be used for club night – Wednesday would still be the main night as some people cannot do Mondays as club night. Also discussed was match fees and visitors fees – after some discussion it was decided to keep both at the current level of £2 and £5 respectively. Approval of the accounts was agreed and approval of looking to book Mondays for the whole year with 2 objections.

No of teams: The number of teams was discussed – should we have the same number as last year or should we add a Men's B team due to recent growth in no of men at the club. After some discussion it was decided that we would enter a men's B team next year. Suggestion was also made about entering a 3rd knock-out team in the cup next season but there was no conclusion on this.

Coaching – Paula brought up the question of coaching and whether people would be interested in having another coaching session. The consensus was that this was a good idea and perhaps with some focus on playing as a pair as all matches played are doubles. We will leave till next season before organising.

5: Summer club venue and fees for 2017

Kaye has already booked Winchester House Sports hall for the summer club. The summer club started today 3rd May and will last for 11 weeks (7th June with reduced courts due to exams at the school). Fees remain at £30.00 for adults and £15 for juniors.

6: 2017-2018 Winter season venue and fees (Annual fees, match fees, visitor fees)

The annual membership fee for the main badminton season will be raised to £110.00 (for adult members), £70 (for senior members who are students in full time education) and £55 (for junior members) as discussed in point 4. Match fees will be kept at £2.00 per match and visitors' fees will remain at £5.00 per visit (Up to 3 visits).

7: Team Captain's Reports for 2016-2017 season.

Mens Team (Division 1)

Captain: Mark Talbot

By a fluke, and the withdrawal of some teams, instead of being relegated we were offered the option to stay in Division 1 which Mark accepted. Thank you to the men who played in the team. We fared better than expected in that we finished 4th out of 6 teams with in our last match against Bicester needing 2 rubbers to definitely stay up – the team got 3. So staying in Division 1 next season

Played 10, Won 3, Lost 7, Pts 45, League Pos 4 (6 teams in league)

Mixed A Team (Division 1)

Captain: Dan Hopkins

Being unprepared we had an interesting season. We won 1 game, learnt a lot as our pairings were fairly stable. It all came down to the last match against Feather's A – the champions. We had to win 3 games to definitely stay up and we won 2. That meant that we were level on points with Marlborough A – it went to a count back of rubbers and we had 3 more than them so we finished 5th out of 6. Well done all.

Played 8, Won 1, Lost 7, Pts 23, League Pos 4 (5 teams in league)

Mixed B Team (Division 3)

Captain: Sarah Marshall

We had a good season in Div 3 using 13 different players over the matches. Special mention goes to two ladies – Kaye who played in every match and Jess who has developed well over the season. In the final games a lot of matches were decided by Jess's final pair game and she performed brilliantly. We ended up 2nd in the Division.

Played 8, Won 6, Lost 2, Pts 67, League Pos 2 (5 teams in league)

Mixed C Team (Division 3)

Captain: Tim Riley

Thanks firstly to Paula for helping to organise getting the teams with me. We had a competent season and at Christmas were top of the league. Thanks to all who played – special mention to all 3 ladies who all had a good season.

Played 8, Won 4, Lost 4, Pts 50, League Pos 3 (5 teams in league)

Knock Out Cup Mixed Teams

Team Captains: Dan Hopkins (A) and Sarah Marshall (B)

The club entered two teams in the knock out cup handicap tournament. The A team won in a close final against Marlborough C giving them 7 points a rubber. Well done!

Ladies A Team (Division 2)

Captain: Carla Champion

Molly spoke in Carla's absence - Won more than we lost and finished 2nd in the league.
Played 8, Won 7, Lost 1, Pts 33, League Pos 2 (5 teams in league)

Ladies B Team (Division 2)

Captains: Paula Williams & Mags Maher

The B team finished a credible 4th. And we found the secret formula – we beat Marlborough A having all had naps before the game. Special mention goes to Fran who developed during the season starting as 4th lady and finishing as 1st – Fran you will be missed.
Played 8, Won 3, Lost 5, Pts 21, League Pos 4 (5 teams in league)

8 Retirement of Officers and Committee.

The committee was then retired and a new committee was elected.

9 Election of Officers and Committee.

The following committee members and officers were elected:-

Position	Held by
Chair:	Tim Riley
Secretary:	Calvin Burnett
Treasurer:	Michael Gillman
Men's A Captain:	Eoin Garvey
Men's B Captain:	TBC once team confirmed
Ladies A Captain:	Molly Feltham
Ladies B Captain:	Mags Maher & Paula Williams
Mixed A Captain:	Dan Hopkins
Mixed B Captain:	Tom England
Mixed C Captain:	Tim Riley
Match Secretary:	Eoin Garvey
Social Secretary:	Tom England

Thanks to Kaye and Paul for being treasurer(s) and Carla and Sarah for skippering for the last few years and Brian for being Match Secretary for 7 years.

The committee members were agreed unanimously

10: AOB:

See item 4 where some AOB was discussed.

Can we update the website? Tom E mentioned that we could create a new website and have it regularly updated to share details of matches, events, news etc. Current website is one that Marcus had set up a few years ago and Marcus was happy to have a new site set up. Thanks to Marcus for setting the current one up and pointing many of us to the club. Tom said that he was happy to look into this and as an initial estimation it may cost about £50 for set-up with a £20 a year admin fee for a managed site. This was agreed to and Tom was asked to come back with confirmed costs.

Shuttles – Can we purchase some decent shuttles as the ones currently in use are not so good. This was discussed and agreed. Michael to purchase better quality shuttles for next season. Also feather shuttles are to be kept after matches to allow anyone who wants to play with them to do so until they are completely done.

Waiting List – Do we have a waiting list and how does this affect visitors coming? As discussed we did have a waiting list this season and the way we managed visitors was to ask the committee prior to bringing one so that there wasn't a clash with matches etc. This next season as we will have the hall for 2 days a week there may not need to be a waiting list - we will wait and see the levels of membership next season and play it by ear.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm