

**HERTFORDSHIRE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Monday 8 June 2015 at 7.30pm**  
**Birchwood Leisure Centre, Longmead, Hatfield AL10 0AN**

**President** Bob Welsh  
**Past Presidents** Bill Andrew, Bill Goode, Fred Chinnery, Roger Simmons  
**Chairman** Paul Kempster

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of AGM held on 2 June 2014 and matters arising.
3. Presentation of Executive Committee Reports:
  - Chairman and BE Representative
  - Membership Secretary
  - Chairman of Selectors
  - County League Secretary and *Presentation of County League Trophies*
  - Area League Representatives: Hertford; SW Herts, and North Herts & Letchworth
  - Masters Co-ordinator
  - Tournament Secretary
  - Development Co-ordinator
  - Coaching Co-ordinator
  - HSBA Representative
4. Presentation of Accounts
5. Subscriptions for Season 2015-16 (see notes)
6. Election of Vice Presidents (see notes)
7. Election of Executive Committee and BE Representative(s) (see appended list)
8. Election of Auditor
9. Review of BE Agenda
10. Any Other Business

<b>Secretary</b>	Hilary Anderson
<b>Treasurer and Membership Secretary</b>	Colin Walker
<b>County Match Secretary</b>	Nigel Abdullah
<b>Development Co-ordinator</b>	Dave Bartlett
<b>Coaching Co-ordinator</b>	Brian Jackson
<b>County League Secretary</b>	<b>Vacancy</b>
<b>Tournament Secretary</b>	Eddie Lintott
<b>Hertford Area Representative</b>	Pam Newman
<b>SW Herts Representative</b>	
<b>N Herts and Letchworth Representative</b>	Bob Green
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Gill Bartlett
<b>Masters Co-ordinator</b>	Steve Willis
<b>Publicity Officer</b>	<b>Vacancy</b>
<b>Child Welfare Officer</b>	Barbara Lewczynska

## Notes to accompany the Agenda

### **Item 5 Subscriptions for the 2015-6 season**

The committee proposes that the HBA Senior Fee is **REDUCED** to £3.50 and the Junior Fee is **REDUCED** to 50p.

In line with Badminton England a new member joining an affiliated club on or after 1st May would only have to pay half of the HBA fee.

Proposed BE Fees are as follows:

Affiliated Clubs: Senior	£15
Junior	£5

### **Item 6 Election of Vice Presidents**

The committee proposes that:

Angela Blowers

Pat Walker

Phil Westwood

Paul Widdicombe

be elected as Vice Presidents, as well as:

Laura Andes; Natalie Barton; Tony Clarke; Duncan Conway; Marion Conway; Margaret Cooper; Gail Emms; Malcolm Fraser; Andy Goode; Megan Lumb; Pam Newman; Lynne Parker; Byron Perry; Jim Shekle; Gary Southgate; Geoff Thomas; Joan Walters

*HBA Vice Presidents are listed on the HBA website on the **Roll of Honour Board***

### **Item 7 Election of Committee.** As listed on agenda sheet.

Committee vacancies:

**County League Secretary**

**Publicity Officer**

There is a vacancy for a **Chairman of Selectors** which needs to be filled as a matter of urgency.

A representative from the **SW Herts League** would be welcome to attend HBA Committee meetings

Council Representative Paul Kempster, with Gill Bartlett as alternate, are proposed by the committee. To comply with the BE timetable, this is for 2016-17

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## HBA Membership Report 2014/15

### Herts Registered Clubs

	<i>Junior Clubs</i>	<i>Senior Clubs</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>April 2015</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>71</b>
<i>April 2014</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>73</b>
<i>Change</i>	<b>0</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-2</b>

### Herts Registered Members

	<i>Juniors</i>	<i>Seniors</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>April 2015</i>	<b>548</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>1488</b>
<i>April 2014</i>	<b>503</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1503</b>
<i>Change</i>	<b>+45</b>	<b>-60</b>	<b>-15</b>

### Herts Individuals Club

Most members are registered through their local club. Membership to Badminton England and Herts Badminton Association is also available through the Herts Individuals Club and the cost is cheaper than joining Badminton England direct as a "Club England Active" member. An application form is available on the HBA website.

Membership Secretary CRW June 2015

## **Senior Inter-County Championship report**

**Captains: Gail Emms, Andy Walden, Liz Austin**

### **Herts 1**

This was my 1st season as manager and Hertfordshire 1st team are relegated. Not sure if this is a reflection on my managerial skills (!?) but it is definitely not the efforts of the players that played on the 3 premier A weekends. It is, however, a reflection that the county league does not and cannot get the top players that could represent it to be able to play. In one weekend, there were representatives from Herts 3rd team and we as a county were not alone in the predicament for getting players to the event.

I couldn't ask for more from the players. I was proud that Herts 1st team were a great group to be a part of and I am only sorry that the system let us down as a full 1st team turnout would have ensured our survival in the top league. Congratulations to Ryan McArthy for 1st Team Player of the Year - deserved as he had to run around me in mixed doubles! Looking forward to the next debacle of trying to get players all on the same weekend...!!

### **Herts 2**

The 2nd team had a great season, finishing second and securing promotion to the new format Division 1.

Having lost twice to the eventual winners, Worcestershire, and once to Cambridgeshire, we set up a final game shoot-out with Cambs to decide who would take the second place. When the pressure was on, the team stepped up, winning 9-6.

We reaped the benefit of having a more settled team than in previous years, especially on the men's side - with the 4 core team members - Andy, Dave, James and Doug - playing most of the games. Of course, we still had plenty of subs at times, with all of the 3rd team playing up for us at least once, so thank you and congratulations to all who played.

Special mention should go to Charity, who took the 2nd team player of the year award. Not only did she play in 7 of our 8 matches, but also played singles, doubles and mixed in them more often than not, and still came out with an 85% win record, losing just four all season.

And so, on to the next challenge! With the newly-introduced format to next season's ICC, we will be playing not only against our fellow top-finishing teams in the regional divisions, but those from the national divisions as well...including our own 1st team. Bring them on!!!

### **Herts 3**

The 3rd team have had one of their best seasons in a long time, finishing in third place. Not only was there not a relegation battle in sight (a rarity in recent years!) but we only missed coming second by 2 rubbers. We were also 1 of only 2 teams to beat runaway winners Middlesex. Phew, what a season!

3rd team player of the season was awarded to Ben Vranjkovic, for willingly throwing himself into whatever singles, doubles and mixed games were thrown his way and for winning the most games of the men. While all the players contributed to the excellent result, mention should be made of the two regular ladies doubles pairs: Caroline Hale and Liz Austin were unbeaten all season winning 12 out of 12 and Cayleigh Bambrick and Charlotte Willis won 9 out of 14.

Caroline Hale was very deservedly awarded overall Herts Player of the Season, for winning 21 games out of 22 for the 3rd team and 4 out of 7 for the 2nd team. A win ratio like that is pretty hard to beat!

Well done and thank you to all the third team players, including those who stood in at short notice, for ensuring we get a shot at the new division 2 next year!

## **Hertfordshire County League Report 2014/15**

After another hard fought season in the County League with some exceptionally close matches the final results are presented below – congratulations to all the winning teams.

Ladies Division 1	Asteroids Herts ladies
Ladies Division 2	Comets Herts ladies 1
Mens Division 1	Asteroids Herts Mens 1
Mens Division 2	Sunnyside (Middlesex) Mens 1
Mens Division 3	Bishops Stortford Herts Mens 1
Mixed Division 1	Ware Mixed 1
Mixed Division 2	Asteroids Herts Mixed 2
Mixed Division 3	Comets Herts Mixed 2

All the match results and league tables are available on the Herts Badminton website at <http://www.hertsbadminton.net/default.aspx?id=31>

The league trophies will be presented at the AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> June.

Please can all the winners from last season ensure that the league trophies are returned at the AGM, or make arrangements to hand them back before if your club is not going to be represented at the meeting.

The annual fixture meeting will take place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at Birchwood Leisure Centre during which the league trophies will be handed out to clubs. Further details and team entry forms for next season will be sent out to clubs through the summer.

There is now a vacancy for the role of County League Secretary and a job description outlining the responsibilities and time required is available – if you are interested and wish to find out more please contact Paul Kempster on 07767 212428 / [pkempster@ntlworld.com](mailto:pkempster@ntlworld.com) or another member of the HBA committee.

## **Area League Reports**

### **Hertford Area League**

Another smooth running, successful season. 21 clubs made up the Hertford Area League last season which successfully ran 4 divisions of Medley, 2 of Ladies 4, 3 of Mens 4 and just 3 teams made up a division for the Mens 6

There were a high number of entries in the closed tournament held in September

At the AGM held earlier this month, as it was reported the League is in a healthy position financially there would be no increase in team fees next season. At this meeting it was announced that Colin Jackson was standing down from the role as Chairman as he is planning to move away from the area and at the time of preparing this report, a replacement for this role has not been found. All other committee members were re-elected along with Wendy Train who agreed to take on the role of Results Secretary

There was much discussion about the ruling where a club has 2 teams in the same division stating that no player may play for both these teams in the same season. After a vote it was agreed that for a trial season the relevant rule was to be changed to allow players in the lower team playing a maximum of twice in the higher team

Hertford were awarded the Ernest Pearce Memorial trophy, being the club that caused the league organisers the least hassle over the season

Stanstead Abbots Badminton Club recently celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> competitive year

Pam Newman

May 2015

### **Letchworth and District League**

It has been a fairly uneventful season, just a couple of matches conceded. The first division was won by Highbury, who still seem to be untouchable, runners up were Norton & Baldock A. The second division was won by Norton & Baldock B, with Cam Gears just behind them. The Fletcher Cup was run on a different basis this season, with teams consisting of 2 men and 2 ladies and the initial matches being played in groups. Generally speaking the committee's handicapping was pretty good, this was certainly the case for the final, where St Johns only beat Codicote by 12 points, 246-234.

We would love to hear from any clubs that would like to join the league to help us grow a little.

### **North Herts CBN**

We have had a busy season, thanks to all those involved. We have run four well attended junior schools taster initiatives, in Hitchin, Letchworth, Baldock and Breachwood Green. These were thanks to money from the North Herts Community Fund. Our successful bid for Sportivate funding meant we were also able to run three senior schools initiatives, at Hitchin Girls School, Fearnhill School and Priory School. This season also saw the first Satellite Club being set up at Highfield School. A singles tournament was organised in May and due to the success of this, another will be run at the end of June. All the local junior clubs are still going strong and we have gained a few additional coaches this season. So Badminton is doing well in the area.

Bob Green

## **South West Herts Badminton League**

There is very little to report from SWBHL. The season is coming to an end and the final results are in the process of being added to our website. The clubs haven't reported any problems in general, other than the normal one of not enough ladies.

Liz Bateman

### **Report from Masters Co-ordinator – Steve Willis**

This season was my first in charge of the Masters teams – we started the season with O40s, O50s and O55s in the **County Championships**. Unfortunately it became clear that the O50s would be difficult to run due to a lack of available ladies, so we then pulled out.

My thanks go to Ed Lintott (O40s) and Jeff Armstrong (O55s) for efficiently running their respective teams.

Results – O40s Played 6 Won 2 Lost 4

O55s Played 6 Won 6 Lost 0 Qualified for play off against Surrey for right to enter Final weekend (other regions do not have a Play off). We played at HSV and put up a valiant performance in losing 3 – 9: Jeff fulfilling his ambition of beating Essex!

In the O40s 21 players represented us over the course of the season

In the O55s 12 players represented us over the course of the season

### **County Challenge – Worcester**

The O45s successfully (eventually) defended their National Premier Title in a 3 way tie with Essex and West of Scotland – original decision was that they came 3<sup>rd</sup> on countback but looked at again it transpired that they won again.

In preparation for 2015-16 it was decided to open the process to other players within the county who perhaps have not played before. To this end we had a trial at Birchwood on 26<sup>th</sup> April to which over 40 players from 40 – 70 attended – a fantastic response!

I was the able to go the Masters AGM in Milton Keynes to say that for next season we will have 5 teams in the **Championships** at O40, O45, O50, O55 and O60. Decided though not to enter all the teams in the **Challenge** – just O45, O55 and O60. Maybe next year we can run all teams

Fixtures will be arranged in the coming weeks and there will be 2 further trails in September to finalise squads

Steve Willis



## Herts Open 2014

The 2014 Herts Open took place at HSV on the weekend of 30 & 31 August but unfortunately numbers of entries were well down on previous years. There were still over 150 players who took part, coming from all over the country. Hertfordshire was well represented with both juniors and seniors looking to get tournament practice early in the season.

The mens and ladies singles was played on the Saturday using all twelve courts to start. There were 66 entries in the mens singles and 26 in the ladies singles. In the mens singles the number one seed Ben Muir (Surrey) and the number two seed Joel Douse (Bucks) both got to the final with Ben winning a tough three setter with Hertfordshire's Matthew Widdecombe in the semi-finals. Ben was the victor again in the final winning 21-19, 21-17. In the ladies singles the number 2 seed Jo Dix (Hants) met the Hertfordshire based Nicki Chan-Lam in the final. Jo Dix ran out the winner 21-16, 21-15 to claim her first Herts Open title having been coming to the tournament for over a decade.

Sunday started with the level doubles again on all twelve courts, and as the day progressed the mixed doubles were started. All in all 65 games were played during the day with the last final coming off court at 8.00. In the mens doubles final top seeds Joel Gayle (Essex) and Victor Liew (Middlesex) were comfortable winners beating Martin Drabble (Yorks) and Robert Golding (Middlesex) 21-15, 21-9. In the ladies doubles final the pairing of Paige Butler and Lucy Mason (Bucks) beat Chrissi Nettleton (Yorks) and Rachel Vickers (Cheshire) 21-19, 21-10. The last game to be played was the mixed final between Joel Gayle and Caroline Westley (Essex) and Matthew Widdecombe and Claire Weaver (Cheshire). Joel and Caroline retained their title winning 21-10, 21-10.

Overall it was another successful Herts Open tournament, played in good spirit with lots of excellent badminton. A tournament of this size would not have been possible nor would it have run so smoothly without the help of a number of people, and so I would like to thank the referee, Lesley Owens, Jo Williams, Bob Welsh, Graham Hall, John Herdman and the staff at HSV for their time and effort over the weekend.

Eddie Lintott, HBA Tournament Secretary

## **Development Coordinator's Report to HBA AGM 2015**

HBA development areas are divided into 4 Community Badminton Network areas. Clubs and other badminton stakeholders are represented at each of their CBN committees in the following Local Authority Areas:

East Herts CBN: Broxbourne and East Herts

Herts West CBN: Dacorum, Hertsmere St Albans, Three Rivers and Watford

North Herts CBN: North Herts and Stevenage

Welwyn Hatfield CBN: Welwyn Hatfield

The reports below are from these committees.

### **East Herts CBN**

We formed in 2014 after an approach by Badminton England, although we decided to not take up their funding offer as we felt their conditions were not compatible with our ideas.

We started with five junior clubs and are now six and hope we can encourage all local east herts clubs to participate in our plans. We the club coaches have been visiting the member clubs to help and learn from each other as some times we can feel isolated in our own little world.

The CBN first project was a fun tournament held at Ware Drill Hall on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March all juniors were invited. We hope to link with other Hertfordshire CBNs to promote badminton in both junior and adult participation.

*Doug Clark*

### **Herts West CBN**

Established in 2013, the CBN representatives are from the SWH clubs, schools, local authority Sports Development Officers, FE colleges, facilities operators and BE Partnership Manager East Region, Leah Singleton.

The development plan was agreed, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 and can be found on the HW CBN webpage: [www.hertsbadminton.net/default.aspx?id=73](http://www.hertsbadminton.net/default.aspx?id=73). Funding has been received from BE Head Office. Some of the plans and example activities are described below:

#### Participation Increase

Westminster Lodge to start Ladies No strings Essentials followed by No strings with opportunities for SWH clubs needing ladies to visit, play with and invite suitable participants to clubs. Also 'Summer of Badminton' was agreed.

#### Schools and FE Colleges

FE Activator opportunities had been offered to Oakland's and West Herts Colleges to promote NS in the colleges. Oakland's had expressed interest in mentored opportunities in clubs. Schools would be offered Smash Up opportunities. The CBN would try to identify key schools near clubs with capacity to take keen students from Smash Up sessions with the possibility of some financial assistance...

#### Junior Clubs

While all JBCs are thriving several are in need of coaches and volunteers and plans are progressing on how to address this issue across the county.

#### Senior Clubs

Several senior clubs were in need of members, some specifically ladies. It is hoped the NSE and NS sessions being established in sports centres will indirectly lead to more players and if clubs engage with the NSE sessions they could find direct benefits

#### Competition

There was interest in CBN junior league/tournaments, which could require some funding. There was interest too, in the HSBA replacement for the HYG Games tournament with a CBN selection tournament. Junior clubs have been emailed and response awaited.

Battle Badminton: might interest SWH League clubs particularly players in clubs that pack up for the summer.

Workforce needs (volunteers and coaches) are being addressed at a meeting with BE Regional Head Office in June.

We would like to thank the clubs that have participated, Abbey JBC, Harpenden JBC, Marshals JBC and Harpenden BC. We hope more will in future.

Next meeting 1<sup>st</sup> June.

*Gill Bartlett*

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*Bob Green*

### **Welwyn Hatfield CBN**

Established in 2013, the committee comprises representatives of clubs, schools, facilities operators, Herts University, the Community Sports Network (WHSPAA), local authority, and BE Partnership Manager East Region, Leah Singleton. Head Office funding was received in 2013-14 and 2014-15.

#### **Participation Increase**

Several promotional sessions through the season were provided to shoppers at Hatfield Galleria promoting all badminton stakeholders: the next is 21<sup>st</sup> June. Last summer's Summer of Badminton programme in 3 sports centres and Oaklands College created 2000 participations and will again be promoted in 2015.

All 4 Sports Centres are running at least one No strings session each week. 45+, Back into Badminton and Ladies Badminton sessions are also on offer. Gosling, in particular, is promoting Disability Badminton sessions (see Disability Hub, below)..

#### **Schools, College and University**

The Sportivate-funded SmashUp! sessions, 2013-14, in the 3 secondary schools are continuing but mainly as standard badminton, in the 4 schools we have contact with. One young leader who qualified as SmashUp! activator managed a Woolmer Green session for 3 months. Stanborough school again held Bisi fun tournaments for 7 primary schools (and CBN coaches assisted) at Gosling Sports Park: after-school primary sessions were provided on a regular basis to at least 3 schools. A WHSPAA Sport England-funded programme for leaders provided badminton (and other sports) to 180 children at St Marys, Welwyn, and 5 new SmashUp! Activators on a course at the new Sir Frederic Osborn school sports hall in May 2015.

There are no sports courses at Oaklands College, Welwyn Garden City but since last summer when some 60 participants enjoyed No strings there has been ongoing participation. The University has a Higher Education Officer, Matthew Widdicombe (who qualified as SmashUp! and Level 1 this season), who has promoted badminton among the students (including No Strings) and delivered No Strings at Birchwood LC.

#### Junior Clubs and Junior Sessions

Comets (20<sup>th</sup> anniversary), Knebworth (Inclusive) and Swifts (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary) JBCs continue to thrive as do junior sessions at the sports centres.

#### Senior Clubs

Following the demise, last season, of Lingwood BC, owing to lack of officials, almost all the members have found places in other clubs or, for a few, in No Strings sessions. Several other clubs' members also play in the No Strings and sports centres' sessions which is helping new players migrate into clubs.

#### Sports Centres

Birchwood LC with its advantageous use agreement with HBA has helped with several programmes and one-off events for the CBN and county-wide.

Gosling Sports Park, since its BE-funded upgrade last season has gone from strength to strength in its provision of a wide diversity of sessions. It works closely with the local authority and Herts Sports Partnership and particularly as the centre hub for the county-wide Disability Sport project.

Herts Sports Village has provided the venue for the local and county inter-schools championships as well as the HSBA squads and national tournaments.

Hatfield Leisure centre, since obtaining the upgraded lights and walls due to BE investment, has started to increase its badminton provision.

Sir Frederic Osborn School's Sports Centre that opened in January hosted the Herts Open Parabadminton tournament, 25<sup>th</sup> April and SmashUp! workshop 20<sup>th</sup> May. They run junior and adult badminton sessions on Tuesdays.

#### Competition

HSBA organised a successful county-wide inter-club tournament in 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Juniors are being invited to the training and team selection sessions for the HSBA Inter-Local Authority tournament at Birchwood LC 12<sup>th</sup> July.

HBA organised Herts Open Parabadminton tournament, 25<sup>th</sup> April.

#### Workforce

At the Herts Coach Ed week organised by HSP together with BE Head Office in February, there were just 3 SmashUp!, 4 Level 1 and 3 Level 2 attendees from Herts.

*Dave Bartlett*

### **County-wide Considerations**

#### **BE Head Office Funding and Supporting Organisations**

The Head Office funding available to our CBNs has pump-primed inward investment of resources (funding and people): however, there is no more in future. Funding from Government Organisations such as Sport England is likely to continue to be available: Healthy Living initiatives and their funding opportunities are likely to increase. Both require the standard application procedures.

We are grateful of the support of our CBNs from BE Head Office staff, other organisations including, Herts Sports Partnership, Local Authorities, Herts Schools Games Partnerships, University of Hertfordshire, Herts FE colleges and sports facilities operators, and, our clubs and coaches..

#### **Workforce needs (volunteers and coaches)**

The current badminton workforce needs for the whole county have shown to be:  
SmashUp! Activators: 13; Level 1 coaches 8; Level 2 coaches 14; Volunteer administrator 1  
These are being addressed at a meeting with BE Regional Head Office staff in June.

## **Coaching Co-ordinator's Report 2014 - 2015**

There have been around twenty requests for coaches this year, almost exclusively for 1-to-1 coaching with the occasional group and one for disability badminton coaching. Thanks to the keen and eager coaches we have in the County, I have only failed to find a coach for a couple of these requests.

When looking to fulfil a request, I use the Badminton England coaching register as these coaches will have had their qualifications checked, a DBS check and be insured. We have lost quite a few coaches from the register in recent years; currently we have 57 registered coaches; 20 level 1, 35 level 2 and 2 level 3. Nine level 2 and one level 3 coaches have elected to withhold their details, leaving a pool of 26 coaches for 1-to1 coaching in the County. I am very grateful to all those who have responded positively to coaching requests.

With the establishment of the CoachMark system by Herts Sports Partnership, I expect that schools are using this route to finding coaches as requests from schools have almost dried up. I have had a request for a coach for an after-school club at Furneux Pelham but have been unable to find anybody for this post.

I do not have access to the SmashUp activators but think that they could be a very useful for introductory and one-off sessions. I have had requests from BeeZee Bodies, an organisation dedicated to promoting healthy living through diet and exercise. SmashUp activators could be ideal for their exercise sessions.

In 2010 a group of coaches went to the National Badminton Centre, Milton Keynes to see the top ladies doubles players being coached, a talk with the national coaches and a tour of the facilities. I will organise a visit to the new centre, when it opens.

*Brian Jackson*

## **HERTFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS BADMINTON REPORT 2014/2015**

HSBA has again concluded a most successful season due to the very hard work put in by both volunteers and players alike.

For the first time in our history each of our 4 squads has been able to train on the same evening at a single venue, which will continue to confer important benefits for all of our members.

Our ongoing challenge must be to attract the better young athletes into the sport to take advantage of the ever-improving strength and quality of our coaching personnel.

We have continued to expand the number of junior national tournaments held in the county in spite of a dependence upon a reduced number of volunteers; further evidenced by the fact that HSBA has recently stepped in to replace the Herts Youth Games (which is no longer being externally financed) with an Inter-district event.

Our program of junior badminton playing opportunities has been further enhanced this year with a weekly coaching session running throughout the summer period at Birchwood. Parents are also invited to benefit following on from these events, which are being expertly managed by Nick Goode. We shall be carefully monitoring this extension to our program in the hope that it may be perpetuated in the future.

The season has also seen an important change in the way that we manage our finances and we are grateful to our new honorary treasurer, Mrs Ying Lee for her valuable contribution in effecting these improvements.

The massive contribution made by each of our Squad Managers and their assistant coaches has again resulted in some highly respectable achievements, which should, in turn, continue to benefit HBA for many years to come.

In conclusion, I should like to congratulate Paul Kempster on successfully completing his first full season as Chairman and to thank HBA for their continuing support.

Ken Winchester  
Chair - HSBA

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**2014/ 2015**

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# HERTFORDSHIRE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL 2015

2014		note	2015
£			£
12,157	Bank balance - current account		11,593
8,047	Bank balance - savings account		8,051
	ADD:		
511	Debtors and prepayments	1	356
96	Stock of shuttlecocks	2	235
	LESS:		
0	Creditors	3	-300
<u>20,811</u>	<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		<u>19,935</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>			
	General reserves		
15,983	Opening balance		17,322
1,339	Profit for the year		1,245
0	Transfer to Ray Learney Fund		-500
17,322	Closing balance		18,067
503	Herts community badminton network fund	4	175
	Stevenage secondary schools badminton		
431	development fund	5	0
1,583	Ray Learney memorial fund	6	1,283
972	Parabadminton fund	7	410
<u>20,811</u>			<u>19,935</u>

### REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HERTFORDSHIRE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

#### TREASURER

Enclosed are the Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ending 30th April 2015, Balance Sheet as at the same date and Notes to the Accounts.

CR WALKER FCCA

May 2015

#### AUDITOR

I have examined the above Balance Sheet as at 30th April 2015 and annexed Income and Expenditure Account for the year then ended on that date and certify that they are in accordance with the books and vouchers of, and information given to me by HBA.

# HERTFORDSHIRE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

## INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th APRIL 2015

2013/14				2014/15
£	£		note	£
		<b>INCOME</b>		
		Badminton England		
-63		Travel grant		0
<u>153</u>		Coaches refund		<u>161</u>
	90			161
	4,258	Club subscriptions		4,143
	5,988	Tournament entry fees	8	5,694
	538	County league entry fees		597
	5,245	County matches & training fees	9	4,792
	<u>4</u>	Interest		<u>4</u>
	<b><u>16,123</u></b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b><u>15,391</u></b>
		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
	-5,448	Tournament expenses	8	-5,671
	-7,969	County matches and training expenses	9	-7,696
	-553	Newsletter expenses	10	0
	-183	Rebate to junior clubs		0
	0	Payment to clubs for AGM attendance		-180
	<u>-631</u>	Other expenses	11	<u>-599</u>
	<b><u>-14,784</u></b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b><u>-14,146</u></b>
	<b>1,339</b>	<b>PROFIT FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>1,245</b>
	-503	Herts community badminton network fund	4	-328
	-45	Barbara Stevens fund		0
	0	Stevenage secondary schools fund	5	-431
	-300	Young officials fund		0
	553	Ray Learney memorial fund	6	-800
	972	Parabadminton fund	7	-562
	<b><u>2,016</u></b>	<b>(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b><u>-876</u></b>

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

	2014/15	2013/14
	£	£
<b>1 Debtors and prepayments</b> outstanding at 30th April represent:		
Badminton England coaches refund	161	0
HSV deposit prepaid for 2015 Herts Open	165	0
Senior county shirts	30	0
Vets 50+ match fees	0	384
Senior county match fees	0	127
	<b>356</b>	<b>511</b>
<b>2 Shuttlecocks</b> represent 14 dozen tubes of shuttles in stock (6 dozen)		
<b>3 Creditors</b> outstanding at 30th April represent:		
Ray Learney awards	-300	0
	<b>-300</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>4 Herts community badminton network (CBN) fund</b>		
In 2013 it was agreed that the balance on this fund be distributed to each of the four CBN areas in Hertfordshire - Welwyn & Hatfield, West Herts, North Herts and East Herts and £251 was paid to both Welwyn & Hatfield and West Herts CBN's.		
In 2014 a further £251 was paid to North Herts CBN.		
East Herts have decided to set up a looser confederation of clubs rather than a formal CBN and have not set up a bank account. HBA have agreed to subsidise any tournaments they run up to a maximum of £251. During 2014 £76 was paid out to subsidise a tournament run by East Herts "no strings" CBN. The balance on this fund at 30th April 2015 amounts to £175.		
<b>5 Stevenage secondary schools badminton development fund</b>		
During the year the balance on this fund amounting to £431 was donated to the North Herts CBN.		
<b>6 Ray Learney memorial fund</b>		
During the year seven awards totalling £800 were made and HBA transferred £500 into the fund from its general reserves.		
The balance on this fund at 30th April 2015 amounts to £1,283.		
<b>7 Parabadminton fund</b>		
The net cost after entry fees to run the 2014 parabadminton tournament amounted to £562. An equivalent sum was transferred from this fund to meet this cost, leaving a balance on the fund at 30th April of £410 for future tournaments - see note 8.		
<b>8 Tournaments</b>		
Income from Herts open tournament	4,127	4,308
Less expenses	-4,119	-3,625
<b>Net surplus</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>683</b>
Income from Herts restricted tournament	690	630
less expenses	-675	-687
<b>Net surplus/(cost)</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-57</b>
Income from Herts parabadminton tournament	468	182

less expenses	-1,030	-960
Sponsorship released to cover net cost- see note 7	562	778
<b>Net cost</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-86</b>
<b>Net surplus</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>540</b>

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	2014/15	2013/14
	£	£
<b>9 County matches and training (inc vets.)</b>		
<b>Income from matches and training</b>		
Fees from matches and training sessions	4,592	5,245
Shirt sales	200	0
BE travel grant	0	-63
<b>Total income</b>	<b>4,792</b>	<b>5,182</b>
<b>Less expenses:</b>		
Entry fees	-1,176	-942
Accommodation	-948	-1,006
Travel expenses	0	-145
Hire of courts	-3,360	-3,345
Shuttles	-1,605	-1,960
County trophies/awards	-158	-46
Shirts	-399	-525
BE fines	-50	0
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>-7,696</b>	<b>-7,969</b>
<b>Net cost</b>	<b>-2,904</b>	<b>-2,787</b>
<b>10 Newsletter</b>		
The newsletter is now published on line so there are no printing or postage expenses.		
<b>11 Other expenses</b>		
AGM expenses	-123	-91
Website expenses	-153	-120
FixturesLive subscription	-120	0
Hire of hall for fixtures meeting	-36	-36
Gift for auditor	-10	-10
Gift for committee member	-85	-35
Engraving	-42	-44
Administrative expenses	-30	0
Centre for Voluntary Service membership	0	-20
Donation to Badminton Museum	0	-25
Donation to Umpires Association	0	-250
	<b>-599</b>	<b>-631</b>

**12 Birchwood Leisure Centre**

In 2013 Herts Badminton Association signed a 3 year agreement with Birchwood Leisure Centre for the exclusive use of its 4 courts from 9am to 9pm every Sunday during the year.

Herts Schools Badminton Association also agreed to participate in the agreement. The courts are used for junior, senior and veterans matches, training and a number of tournaments

In addition, any courts not required by HBA or HSBA are hired out to coaches and clubs.

Under the agreement a rebate is given for any Sundays not required

During the year 24 Sundays were taken at a total cost £4,225. After recoveries from HSBA and other third party bookings, HBA's share amounted to £1,906 and the cost per court hour was £7.33 (£5.50).

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**Remainder of the Agenda**

- 5 Subscriptions for Season 2015-16 (see notes)
- 6 Election of Vice Presidents (see notes)
- 7 Election of Executive Committee and BE Representative(s) (see appended list)
- 8 Election of Auditor
- 9 Review of BE Agenda
- 10 Any Other Business