

## HERTFORDSHIRE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a committee meeting held on Tuesday 16 July 2013 at Birchwood Leisure Centre starting at 7.40pm and attended by:

<b>Malcolm Fraser</b>	<b>MF</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Hilary Anderson</b>	<b>HA</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Nigel Abdullah</b>	<b>NA</b>	
<b>Dave Bartlett</b>	<b>DB</b>	
<b>Gill Bartlett</b>	<b>GB</b>	
<b>Paul Kempster</b>	<b>PK</b>	
<b>Paul Widdicombe</b>	<b>PW</b>	

Apologies for absence had been received from Simon Carter; Bob Green; Brian Jackson; Eddie Lintott and Colin Walker.

### 1. Action following the AGM and the previous meeting.

MF had put forward the suggestion that the Badminton England (BE) AGM should be streamed and this would be taken up. DB confirmed that expressions of appreciation for their donations had been sent to the Learney family and to Hertford Badminton Club. A report on the Primary Schools Tournament had been placed on the HSBA website and MF had complimented HSBA on their new Newsletter. All actions regarding the AGM had been taken.

### 2. Report on activities

#### Chairman

MF had attended the BE AGM where DB had been elected to the General Committee for a further year. Dave Eddy; Di Troke and Eric Brown had been elected as Directors. Martin Dew and Nick Ponting had not been elected. Following a report issued by John Havers a meeting with the BE Chairman and Chief Executive had been held. The cost of the new BE centre at Milton Keynes would be covered by the sale of the current site together with funding from other sources and no funding intended for badminton would be used.

Following a request from BE it was agreed at the meeting that a cheque for £25 would be sent to support the National Badminton Museum and MF would at the same time ask them to prepare an article on the Museum for the HBA Newsletter.

#### **ACTION: COLIN WALKER & MALCOLM FRASER**

The Wheelchair Tournament would be held on Saturday 26 October at Herts Sports Village. Funding of £250 from Welwyn/Hatfield Sport and Physical Activity Alliance (WHSPAA) had been agreed, and there was the possibility of generous funding from the Masons. BE would provide 10 dozen tubes of Yehlex shuttles and the medals. BE were starting a Parabadminton Tournament Circuit and hoped to hold six or seven events.

DB said that a badminton club was being set up in St. Albans specifically for deaf players, and it was agreed that all possible assistance would be given.

#### **ACTION: DAVE BARTLETT**

It was also agreed that, where possible, it was important to integrate deaf players into clubs.

#### Secretary

The current committee stands at 16 and according to the new Constitution at least 25% attendance at committee meetings is mandatory. Reference to the HBA

Constitution had been omitted from the AGM minutes and the following should be added:

*HBA Constitution*

*It was agreed at the meeting to accept the revised HBA Constitution which had previously been circulated to clubs with the AGM papers.*

**Treasurer**

CW had sent a written report that he was still awaiting the travel grant from BE for the 2012/13 season.

Some irritation was expressed at the meeting about the inability of BE to negotiate with banks in an attempt to obtain the best deal for treasurers of both County Badminton Associations and clubs. So far they have offered no assistance. MF will take this up with BE

**ACTION: MALCOLM FRASER**

**Herts County League Co-ordinator**

PK said that he had sent out invitations to clubs to submit teams for the County League, with responses due by 10 August. The County Fixtures Meeting will be on Wednesday 28 August. He was getting the trophies engraved. It was agreed that two Sundays towards the end of April would be allocated at Birchwood as catch up time for delayed or postponed county matches.

**Hertford Area League Co-ordinator**

No report

**North Herts and Letchworth area representative**

BG had sent a written report saying that the area AGM had been held on 8 July. They would be losing 3 teams and gaining one. The committee remained the same. The CBN would organise how to use the £500 kindly donated by HBA for development.

**S.W. Herts League Representative.**

No report. Concern was expressed at the lack of contact with this area and MF would take steps to improve communications

**ACTION: MALCOLM FRASER**

**Tournament Secretary**

EL had sent a written report confirming that the courts had been booked for the Herts Open Tournament on 31 August/1 September; entry forms had been sent out and entries were trickling in. Lesley Owens would be replacing John Herdman as referee. EL would appreciate extra volunteers for shuttle distribution. He was also running the County Over 40 team and was currently arranging fixtures.

PW reported that the Herts Restricted tournament would be held on Sundays 22 (singles) and 29 September (doubles) at Birchwood Leisure Centre. He was also organising Masters Events for the over 40s and over 50s on 20 October.

**Newsletter Editor**

GB was hoping to finalise the next issue of the Newsletter and send it to the printers soon.

**Development Co-ordinator**

DB circulated his report which was available on the HBA website. He also circulated the Eaw-WHSPAA (Everyone's a Winner – Welwyn Hatfield Sport and Physical Activity Alliance) quarterly magazine. 10,000 copies had been printed and the magazine was issued free. He outlined the various activities being undertaken by Welwyn Hatfield CBN (Community Badminton Network). MF confirmed that, if successful, these ventures would be taken up in other parts of the county. DB stressed that, in order to obtain funding, it must be shown that participation was increasing and this was where the major effort was being expended.

### **Coaching Co-ordinator**

BJ had sent a written report saying that he was attempting to obtain a coach for deaf children in St Albans.

### **HSBA Representative**

MF reported that he had attended a HSBA meeting last week. Successful trials had been held with lots of children looking to get into the squads. For those who had been unsuccessful there was scope for coaching at Birchwood. An 'all schools' tournament was planned and details should be on the website. Fixtures were being made and Birchwood was being used by HSBA.

### **County Match Secretary**

MF welcomed NA to the committee. NA reported that six counties had confirmed their fixtures with Herts with a further two awaited. He will confirm fixtures one month before each is to take place. Irritation was expressed by PW that Malcolm Jellows at BE was placing incorrect information about matches on the BE website and, although this had been pointed out, it took a long time for corrections to be made.

### **3 Election of Chairman of Selectors**

PW was re-elected unopposed. He said that he would not continue in this role for much longer, and a replacement should be sought

### **4. Sunday Bookings at Birchwood.**

MF reported that he and CW had a meeting with Hatfield Town Council about the use of the courts at Birchwood and a draft agreement had been drawn up.

CW had circulated a schedule of the bookings made so far. Schools would take up a further two Sundays and provision should be made for a coaches course and possible other coaches activities. These events needed to be finalised and then a schedule of court usage would be published. MF said that Birchwood was proving to be a good asset.

### **5. HBA Constitution**

This had been signed by the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer

### **6. Any Other Business**

DB said that he had been asked for assistance by John Ridley with his proposal to include badminton at a Sports Fest to be held at Knebworth Park this Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July. It was agreed that HBA would provide funds of £70 if John was prepared to handle the paperwork.

### **7. Dates of Further Meetings**

The following dates were agreed:

Tuesday 10 September

Monday 4 November

Tuesday 11 March 2014

AGM : Monday 2 June 2014

The meeting closed at 9.10pm with thanks to Paul for arranging the venue.