

HERTFORDSHIRE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a committee meeting held on Tuesday 18 July 2017 at Birchwood Leisure Centre, starting at 7.35pm and attended by:

Paul Kempster	PK	Chairman
Hilary Anderson	HA	Secretary
Dave Bartlett	DB	
Gill Bartlett	GB	
Doug Clark	DC	
Brian Jackson	BJ	
Colin Walker	CW	
Ken Winchester	KW	

Apologies for absence received from Bob Green (BG), Graham Cobb (GC), Eddie Lintott (EL), Ben Vranjkovic (BV) and Steve Willis (SW).

1. Action following the AGM.

BJ presented his analysis of coaching needs dealt with during the previous season, as requested at the AGM. The full analysis would be available on the HBA website.

2. Report on activities

Chairman

PK had attended the Badminton England (BE) AGM at the end of June. It had been a routine business meeting with nothing particular to report. Due to the cut in funding it was sad to note the reduction in activities with no involvement in the National Badminton League or the Sudirman Cup and a reduced timescale for the All England Championships.

Secretary

Nothing to report.

Membership Secretary

CW reported difficulty in getting access to trial the new BE Go Membership administration system. What he had been able to see was an improvement but could prove to be onerous for club officials if they responded to all the requests for information. The Club Finder site still seemed the best way for a badminton player, new to an area, to find an appropriate club.

Treasurer

The current bank balance remained at around £21K, broadly the same as reported at the AGM. The reduction in county fees and the abolition of the Junior fee would reduce income by about £2K. Contributions were being made to the Community Badminton Networks (CBNs) as outlined in the Development Report. The meeting agreed that HBA funds should still cover the Individuals fee due to BE.

Senior County Coordinator

This position is still vacant

PK reported that information on next season's fixtures would be given by BE shortly. County training would take place on the four Sundays in both August and September at Birchwood Leisure Centre. Places at these sessions would be available subject to invitation and PK would ask the Manager of the new HSBA Under 20 Squad to ensure that appropriate players received an invitation.

ACTION: PAUL KEMPSTER

DB will ensure that these sessions are advertised on the HBA website so that all possible candidates are considered.

ACTION: DAVE BARTLETT

Herts County League Secretary

Information received after the meeting. The County League Fixtures Meeting would be held on Monday 4 September at Birchwood LC.

Hertford Area League Co-ordinator

No report

North Herts and Letchworth area representative

BG had sent a written report saying that Stevenage League were starting up a new format competition alongside their existing league structure, a 2 man and 2 lady format with each player participating in 3 rubbers. The Letchworth and District League were still without a Chairman and would be without a treasurer for the coming season. At their AGM it was decided that they would carry on and actively seek volunteers to fill these positions.

SW Herts League Representative

No report.

Tournament Secretary

PK confirmed that the Restricted Tournament would be held on 30 September/1 October weekend, and the Open on 19/20 August.

Masters Co-ordinator

SW was in full flow sorting fixtures. CW reported that 5 Masters teams had been entered ranging from Over 45s to Over 65s. Master's training/trials would take place on 3rd, 10th, and 17th September from 10am onwards at Birchwood LC.

Development Co-ordinator

DB referred to the Development Report submitted to the HBA AGM in June, which was available on the HBA website. Requests for funding of £288 for East Herts CBN and £500 for Welwyn Hatfield CBN were agreed and would be shared equally between HBA and HSBA. He referred to the new BE resource The Racket Pack that was replacing Bisi.

Coaching Co-ordinator

BJ would be speaking to BV about publicising the new Workforce Academy on Facebook. In response to a query from CW BJ expected that some of the ring fenced £1K would be spent on the Academy this coming season.

HSBA Representative

KW confirmed that 2 new coaches had been appointed and also that HSBA had finally been able to book 2 extra courts from 8-10pm for the Under 16s sessions with a crossover period to Under 18s. He then referred to the HSBA AGM which had been a most unpleasant experience. Further consideration would have to await the report on disciplinary matters.

3. HBA Plan including funding proposals.

CW expected the HBA bank balance to go down over the coming season due to the reduction in income from county fees, together with extra expenditure on Workforce development, the website and the CBNs. The support given to the County teams had been queried but this was legitimately one of the aims of the Association. It was, however, important that due publicity was given when our county players were able to put their skills to use in the service of the county, in the form of coaching or demonstrations. CW would prepare an initial draft plan for PK and this could be circulated to the committee for further suggestions.

ACTION: COLIN WALKER

4. Club Questionnaire

It was agreed that the BE Go Membership administration system may ask all the questions that were envisaged in the Club Questionnaire, rendering it unnecessary.

5. Age Group Vote

This matter had been resolved.

6. Committee Vacancy: Senior County Coordinator

Still vacant.

7. Sunday bookings at Birchwood

CW confirmed that the same deal at Birchwood LC was available at the same price. He could cancel up to 4 Sundays as long as it was done well in advance so it was agreed that 17 December and the last 3 Sundays in April would be handed back. CW would ensure that the appropriate HSBA squad manager was informed.

ACTION: COLIN WALKER

8. Any Other Business

None

9. Dates of future meetings

Committee meetings would be held on:

Monday 25 September

Monday 27 November

The AGM would be held on:

Monday 4 June 2018

Please make a note in your diary

The date of the March 2018 committee meeting would be decided later.