

HERTFORDSHIRE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a committee meeting held on Tuesday 8 October 2013 at Birchwood Leisure Centre starting at 7.30pm and attended by:

Ken Winchester	KW	Temporary Chairman
Hilary Anderson	HA	Secretary
Colin Walker	CW	Treasurer
Nigel Abdullah	NA	
Dave Bartlett	DB	
Gill Bartlett	GB	
Simon Carter	SC	
Paul Kempster	PK	
Paul Widdicombe	PW	

1. **Apologies for absence** had been received from Bob Green (BG) and Brian Jackson (BJ)

2. **HBA Constitution.**

It was agreed that the Executive Committee had the power to appoint an Acting Chairman under 5d of the HBA Constitution.

3. **Action following the previous meeting.**

KW said that the committee had now had time to reflect on Malcolm Fraser's sudden and unexpected resignation at the previous committee meeting. MF would not have resigned willingly and it was clear that he had experienced extreme frustration at the perceived lack of response from Badminton England (BE). It was agreed that the response from BE was not sympathetic and no empathy or understanding of his frustration and difficulty had been shown. BG had sent in written comment that "if the new Chairman is half as good as the last Herts will be well served. Also that it is sad to see Malcolm's reign end in such a way". These sentiments were shared by other committee members.

4. **Response to BE regarding Chairman's departure.**

Much discussion followed as to how to respond to BE. It was eventually decided that a letter should be sent setting out the dismay felt by the HBA over MF's departure, and giving MF full support for the stand that he took. HA was asked to undertake the first draft. A response would be requested by the date of the next HBA committee meeting.

ACTION: HILARY ANDERSON

5. **Recognition of MF's long service.**

It was generally agreed that there should be some form of recognition, but no decision was reached as to what form this should take. A copy of the letter sent to BE at item 4 should be sent to MF and would demonstrate that he had the full support of the committee. Hope was expressed that he may feel able to return to serve badminton, in his chosen role, in the future.

6. **Duties of Acting Chairman**

MF had prepared a list of the duties he performed and these had been circulated. It was agreed that the main duty was to chair the HBA committee meetings and the AGM. GB was the alternate for attendance at BE Council meetings. She would contact BE to establish the position with regard to sending a replacement for MF to the BE Council meetings when she was unable to attend.

ACTION: GILL BARTLETT

PW pointed out that travel expenses would be paid to any HBA representative attending meetings at Milton Keynes, although this had never been claimed by MF. CW was prepared to carry out the duties of Registration Secretary and it was noted that MF wished to continue dealing with the Individuals Club. BE should be informed of this change

ACTION: HILARY ANDERSON

No progress had been made with the Herts West CBN, and little interest had been shown by clubs in the area. This should now be dealt with by the Badminton Herts Development Committee. There was some discussion about the need for both HBA and HSBA committees but for the present DB agreed to prepare a report for the HSBA committee meetings. MF was prepared to run the Parabadminton Tournament later this month.

7. Matters Arising

There was some discussion about affiliation fees and CW agreed to circulate the current rates to committee members.

ACTION: COLIN WALKER

GB would also include details of the fees in the next Newsletter

ACTION: GILL BARTLETT

8. Election of Acting Chairman

Paul Kempster agreed to become Acting HBA Chairman, and was thanked by all those present. The committee would give him full support.

The next committee meeting will be held on **Tuesday 26 November 2013.**