

MINUTES 12 October 2009
BADMINTON HERTS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Present: Tim Fitches (Regional Development Manager)
Malcolm Jellows (Herts BDO)
Tony Marmo (SSP Senior Competition Manager)
Dave Bartlett (Committee Chairman)
Malcolm Fraser (HBA Chairman)
Gill Bartlett (HBA Newsletter Editor & BHDC Acting Minute Secretary)
Brian Jackson (Coaching Co-ordinator)

1. **Apologies** were received from: Peter Simmons (Sports Development , HSP); Matt Rayner (Youth & Sport Development Manager, Welwyn Hatfield); Bob Green (North Herts); Doug Clark (East Herts); Liz Bateman & Ron Duckling (SWHerts); and Angela Blowers (HSBA).
2. Tony Marmo was welcomed to the meeting, and introductions were made around the table.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** Minutes of the meeting on 11 May were approved as accurate, apart from noting the change of date of this meeting to 12 October. MJ reported that there were still 2 refunds of course fees outstanding, despite reminders to those concerned.

4. **Partnership Updates**

SSP Report by Tony Marmo:

- 11 of 12 SSPs signed up to Badminton Interschools Tournament – 51 schools in total; approx. 204 players per age/gender. North East Herts, which operates with a 3 tier system, has only 2 secondary schools and these may join competition within North Herts. MJ identified he wants more integration for independent schools, which TM will try to implement.
- For next year, TM fear that potential cuts are likely to be made to Competition area – he currently goes month to month.
- The Community Management programme is another uncertainty: The Youth Sports Trust seems unable to make it work sustainably
- The new SSP Competition website (www.hertscompetitionmanagers.co.uk) was identified as potentially useful.
- TM had queries about the Herts Youth Games: what decision has been taken about the age group? And who is the East Herts contact?

BADMINTON England Report by Tim Fitches:

- A Further Education Cup is being introduced. (Jill Eaton wants to run it in Herts)
- Young Leaders have been under-utilised in the past. They are to help at the intra-school competition
- The new Development network is now in place, with 30 regional fulltime posts. MJ remains key Herts contact, and TF is Regional Manager. A regional whole sport plan is nearing completion. There are two new posts: Disability Manager and Facilities Investment Manager.
- No Strings agreements are being set up in time for January launch. Facility licence fee will be £400 pa. (As volunteer involvement is likely to be required, MF asked what the County cut would be.)
- BISI: new BISI packs launched today (12 October); cost is £51. TF reminded that BISI development bags (approx 100) are still available for clubs taking up the offer

5. **Development Report Updates**

Malcolm Jellows handed around hard copies of the BHDPlan/Report for October 2009 to April 2010. (Copies available on the BHDC section of HBA website)

The Introduction set out the following 3 BADMINTON England Key Objectives:

- 1 To become the World No 1 badminton nation by 2016
- 2 To Grow the Game - continue to increase participation
- 3 To be considered Fit for Purpose.

HBA and HSBA were asked to consider and add their own key objectives. PW has already suggested two HBA objectives:

- 1 Herts 1 team to be No 1 by 2016.
- 2 Herts to have its own purpose-built facilities.

The structure of the Plan/Report reflects MJ's main direct and non-direct responsibilities, setting out the same objectives for each of the 4 CBns and remaining 5 districts within Herts, and their targets where applicable. It was noted that JFK should be added to MJ's Non-direct work plan for Dacorum & St Albans CBN area. ??MJ is looking for resources to promote HBA and HSBA activities. ACTION: DCB

MJ reported that 2 coaches dropped out of the recent Level 2 course. 3 of the remaining 4 passed (Michael Jones of Academy was judged NYC).

6. **Any Other Business**

N E Herts: Jan Wood of Freman College is to contact Brian Jackson if she needs sessions prior to SSP competition ACTION: BJ if required

Non-CBN areas: promotion required to promote awareness; contact MJ. ACTION: GB
Need to create new clubs in Watford. MJ to contact Middlesex re volunteers/coaches.

ACTION: MJ

National Leisure Centres Tournament and BE Cup: info to be sent to targeted clubs.

7. **Date of Next Meeting**

Next meeting Monday 11 January at 7.30pm. venue to be confirmed