

NORFOLK BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held at East Tuddenham Victory Hall on 6 June 2018 at 7.30pm

Present

Maureen Lincoln (President), Simon Piff (Chairman), Sally Piff (Treasurer), Helaine Wyett (Secretary).

Also present: Julie Pike, newly appointed BE Relationships Manager, Sandra Robinson (Blofield)

1 Apologies

Serena Verney, Suzanne Benton, Mike Stevenson, Coral Warren (Selectors)

2 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2017, were approved and signed as a correct record.

3 Matters Arising

The Treasurer confirmed that the outstanding match fees had been received.

4 Treasurer's report

The accounts were circulated, showing a loss for the year of approximately £850, one reason being a drop in affiliation fees indicating less people were affiliating. Squad fees were lower but were net of court costs for training sessions. The extra Masters team obviously is an added cost. However there were still funds in the accounts to carry this deficit.

Sandra questioned the payment of £300 per team towards accommodation or travel costs for the final weekend of matches. Sally confirmed that this amount was virtually all accounted for by match fees received. Sandra noted that the Masters pay for themselves in their weekend tournament but Sally considered that normally Masters match fees balance out the situation. It was thought that 2 Masters teams have once again been entered into the ICC for the coming season.

The accounts were duly accepted..

5 County Affiliation Fees

It was agreed that the NBA fees remain as last season, ie £6 for adults and no fee for juniors. The Badminton England fees for 2018-2019 were: Clubs (both senior and junior) with 1-8 members = £60, with 9-15 members = £80, 16+ members= £110. These figures were only if the fee was paid electronically. An increased fee would be applicable otherwise. These increases reflected falling membership, BE suspecting that clubs were not registering their true total membership. It was agreed that it would be reiterated, at the Norwich & District AGM, the necessity for every player participating in league matches must be registered for insurance purposes. Masters will also have to pay the Compete fee of £10 this season.

6 Reports

i) *County Squads:* Helaine read the selectors' report. Mike Stevenson felt that the season had been a success, despite often last minute substitutions. He highlighted the U18s, especially those who played ladies singles! He was pleased to report that the 1sts would remain in Division 2, and the 2nds would be promoted to Division 3. The 3rds maintained their position of last year. He thanked new captains Lucy and Adam, and Louise whose contribution over several seasons has been immense. Because of other commitments, she would not be playing in the coming season and will be sorely missed. He noted that the captains often had to act as a buffer between the selectors and players and he thanked them for that. He urged clubs to encourage players to enter the Restricted tournament with a view to County representation.

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ii) *Tournaments:* The Norfolk Restricted results were
MS: Tom Boardman, r/up Jack Taylor; GS: Amy Hayhoe, r/up Katie Witting
MD: Ian Murphy, Mike Philpott, r/up Jon Atmore, Paul Savage
WD: Louise Culyer, Serena Verney, r/up Toni Sturgeon, Amy Hayhoe
MX: Jack Taylor, Louise Culyer; r/up Ian Murphy, Amy Hayhoe

The difficulties experienced by the tournament organisers where very late entries necessitated re-drawing the tournament must not be repeated.

Next season's dates: The Restricted – 29th -30th September 2018

iii) *Juniors:* Maureen reported that the 4 junior squads had been run well. She noted that the Hewett School would have a new hall, reportedly from September, and she was making enquiries about hire costs for the U18s, to replace the Norwich City College hall. There were good numbers at U12 and U14 particularly. The U18s had come 25 out of 32 teams in the ICT tournament, an excellent result as some team members were relatively inexperienced. It was hoped that most coaches would continue for next season, with Matthew Bell and George Vickers possibly joining them. A band system had been instigated and all U14s had completed the ability tests to achieve their bands. All players who had played regularly in the Shires Leagues had received a certificate. 2 teams would enter the U14s Shires League next season.

iv) *Schools:* League results: U12 Boys TSA (Thorpe St Andrew); Girls Fakenham
U14 Boys Fakenham; Girls TSA
U16 Boys Fakenham; Girls Fakenham
U16 Mixed: Fakenham

Tournament results: U16s BS: Charlie Wakefield; GS: Charlotte Pollard
BD: Charlie Wakefield, Louis Davis
GD: Kelsie Eastaugh, Mollie Crombie
MX: Charlie Wakefield, Izzy Sellors
U14s BS: Harry Wakefield; GS: Jasmine Hudson
BD: Harry Wakefield, Luc Widdowson
GD: Jasmine Hudson, Evie Pearson
MX: Charlie Butler, Evie Pearson
U12s BS: Nareen Prabhakar; GS: Freya Small
BD: Adithya Velu, Naraen Prabhakar
GD: Freya Small, Elise Murphy

Julie Pike had organised the County and Regional rounds of the Badminton England National schools tournament. Fakenham represented the County at both boys and girls Key Stage 4, with Dereham Neatherd girls and KES boys at Key Stage 3. None progressed further.

v) *Masters:* No report was available. An Over 40s and an Over 50s team had participated in the ICC and the Over 50s had also played in the ICC tournament.

vi) *Website:* Simon had been handling enquiries made via the website as Alex Wyett was no longer in the county. He would continue to act as webmaster.

vii) *Development/Coaching:* it was hoped to run some more courses. It was known that 4 people from Hethersett wished to take the Level 1 course and it was thought that the West also had some interested players.

viii) *Registration:* no report available. It was noted that Teachers BC had folded and CP81 would not be putting a team into the league next season.

ix) *Norwich & District League:* All leagues had finished and a good Men's Top Team event had taken place. Maureen reported of difficulties being experienced with the current secretary, Helen

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Bunn, and the treasurer, Marilyn Chittock recently resigning. Helen had recently experienced ill health and it was agreed that flowers and a card be sent from NBA wishing her well but hoping she might reconsider. The AGM takes place on 2 July at which clubs must be urged to consider who might fill these positions.

7 Election of Officers

Helaine was presented with an engraved glass bonbon dish in recognition of her work as NBA Secretary since 2006.

No other notification of resignations had been received but Louise Culyer had resigned as Match Secretary during the season. Maureen proposed that all other Officers and Committee members be re-elected *en bloc* and these were unanimously elected. Maureen would ask Helen Bunn if she might consider being NBA Secretary. Simon stated that there was an urgent need for more NBA members and bearing in mind the vacancies in the Norwich & District League, he proposed consideration of a merger of the two committees. He and Maureen would speak to Robin Cole and David Guy.

8 Appointment of Honorary Auditor: Simon was thanked for auditing the accounts and he agreed to continue to do so.

9 Any Other Business:

Simon proposed to contact all league clubs and those not affiliated to ask if they would like to expand their information in the Handbook, which Simon would coordinate. In order to comply with the recent General Data Protection Regulations, it was agreed to remove all personal addresses, keeping only email and telephone numbers in the Handbook and on the website. Sandra would ensure that some form of permission slip be available at the League AGM.

10 Provisional date of next AGM: during the week commencing 3 June 2019.

Maureen thanked Julie Pike for putting her name forward to attend the Queen's garden party, which she had done the previous day, accompanied by Sally Piff.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.