

# CHESTER & DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Chester & District Badminton League held on **Tuesday 18th October 2016** in the Clubhouse of the Cheshire County Sports Club.

Attendees:

Ian Regan(IR)	Chairman	Christian Taylor	Rossett
Jeremy Pearson(JP)	Treasurer	Ann Hipkiss	Connah's Quay
Jan Bridge(JB)	Secretary	Brian Johnson	Britannia
Andy Hill (AH)	Rep to County/E.Port	Dave Roberts	Hawarden
Emma Hilton	Christleton	Henry Carrington	Deeside
Geoff Cookson	Christleton	Michael Hughes	Norley

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from: George Williams (Tournament Sec./Cap/Vaux), Lyn Brown (Match Sec./West Cheshire), Steve Lacey (Delamere), Howard Malyon (Tarporley), Richard Elston, Mark Perry (Norley), Jackie Perry (Norley), Lyn Nicholson (Norley), Mel Turnham (Norley), Andy Gibbons (Stella Maris), Tim Cope (Millbrook), Doreen Francey, Jamie Jenkins (Watergate), Marion Tullett, Steve Eltham (Buckley), Cliff Price (Buckley) and Leroi Walwyn (CCO).

## 2. MINUTES OF THE AGM & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the AGM held on 24th May 2016 had been made available on the website. The minutes were agreed as a true record and there were no matters arising.

## 3. MINUTES OF THE FIXTURE MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the Fixture Meeting held on 7th July 2016 had been made available on the website. These were agreed as a true record and there were no matters arising.

## 4. TREASURER'S REPORT

By JP: This season we have 33 mixed teams and 6 men's league teams, each showing an increase of one team. So far we have 491 players registered, 30 greater than my budget and there are always a few extra registration fees still to be paid during the season.

The fixtures booklets have been printed at the same cost as last year. Room hire has increased with the Cheshire County Sports Club now not providing our use of a room for the AGM gratis.

We currently hold a balance of £2,506 on deposit but there are still some significant costs that we have to meet this season such as trophies and the finals of the Parker and Capper Trophies.

JB noted that this time last year we had 439 members and at the end of last season 485 members so it is encouraging to see numbers rising rather than falling.

## **5. MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The match secretary's report is attached. JB also reminded our Welsh teams that anyone playing in CDBL should be registered with Badminton Wales to ensure they have insurance cover.

## **6. TOURNAMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT**

By GW: I apologise for the delay in the Parker & Capper as on the original closing date there were insufficient entries to run the competitions so I have put the closing date back to 24 Oct and any more entries by this date would be appreciated

Would any veterans over 40 who would be interested in playing in the Len Knight Trophy (inter-league competition) which will be played at the Christleton Sports Centre on 4 Dec please get in touch, preferably by email to [helen\\_george@talktalk.net](mailto:helen_george@talktalk.net)

## **7. MEN'S LEAGUE**

Britannia & Millbrook have joined - DLCO & Watergate have withdrawn. Therefore currently we have 6 teams: Britannia, Buckley, CCO, Christleton, Norley and Millbrook.

Connah's Quay have extra men but no court space, Deeside have a couple of extra men + court space. These two clubs to explore possibility of putting a combined team in the men's league.

## **8. CHESHIRE COUNTY BADMINTON ASSOCIATION (CCBA) MATTERS**

At the last CCBA meeting discussion took place re: the feeling that the leagues are disconnected from the County – there was a desire to improve matters.

CCBA to recirculate information relating to the Club Support Package (funding available for clubs).

## **9. CLUB FEEDBACK**

There was a lively discussion and lots of feedback from the clubs present. In summary it appears that many clubs are near capacity in numbers (limited by court space and cost) but the general consensus we do not want to stop promoting the league / clubs and will try to accommodate new members wherever possible.

## **10. JUNIORS**

Tarporley are allocating court space to Juniors.  
EH reported that the new Christleton Development Squad are enjoying their match experience.

## **11. WEBSITE / SCORES**

The website appears to be functioning OK and team captains are successfully entering their own match scores.

## **MATCH SECRETARY REPORT – 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

*(correct as at 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016)*

### Registrations

Thank you again to everyone for being so prompt with their registrations – as of 14<sup>th</sup> Oct, there are 4 payments still outstanding:-

Britannia  
DLCO (invoice sent by Treasurer)  
Delamere (awaiting registrations and payment)  
Christleton (paying Treasurer direct)

We do still operate the seven day rule on any new registrations throughout the season (as per rule 6.1) so please bear this in mind when registering additional players.

### Match Score Sheets

Please complete all the required fields i.e. Division, match date, team sending in score sheet, player nominations etc.

A reminder for the home team to send a copy to both Lyn Brown and George Williams. The away team to send a copy to Lyn Brown only.

E-mail is working well in the main with scanned copies and photos. However, please ensure you capture the whole score sheet and that it is legible – two had to be returned recently as they were too blurred. You can also post your score sheets in the traditional way if you would prefer!

Reminder that the score sheets need sending in within 10 days of a match please...

Reminder that it's the home teams' responsibility to post the match score on the website.... within 7 days please... its very straightforward – contact Lyn or Jan if you're having difficulty. We do want to keep this as up to date as we can.

### Player of the season nominations

Reminder to complete this please - to reiterate, in the interests of fairness, if one team doesn't nominate players then the oppositions' nominations won't be counted in that particular match as it would be one-sided.

### Re-arrangements

One or two rearrangements already due to lack of school halls (exams). Just to reiterate rule 9.1 that rearrangements should only be for lack of hall or inclement weather... not because you can't raise your strongest team...and please contact the Match Secretary for permission prior to contacting the opposition.

Badminton England on-line registrations now open...

Lyn Brown  
Match Secretary – Chester & District Badminton League