

CHESTER & DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Chester & District Badminton League held on Wed 25th Oct 2017
in the Clubhouse of the Cheshire County Sports Club

Attendees:

Ian Regan (IR) Chairman	Jane Rogers	Connahs Quay
Colin Fowler (CF) Treasurer	Ann Hipkiss	Connahs Quay
Lyn Brown (LB) Match secretary	Mike Denham	CCO
George Williams (GW) Mens League	Emma Jenkins	Watergate
Mark Perry (MP) Deputy Chairman	Howard Malkin	Tarporley
Andy Hill (AH) County Rep	Brian Johnson	Halton
Geoff Cookson (GC) Christleton	Christine Taylor	Rossett
Steve Lacey Delamamere	Lizzy Ashworth	Rossett
Dave Roberts Hawarden	Tim Cope	Millbrook
Nicola Harris Norley		
Craig Young DLCO		
Fliss Morrissey Ellesmere Port		

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Jan Bridge

2. Previous Meetings

Minutes of the 2017 AGM and Fixture meeting were agreed.
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3. In Memorium – Marion Tullett

IR Read a eulogy for our sadly departed colleague and friend Marion Tullett.
(attached)

4. Reports

i. Treasurer, Colin Fowler

CF reported that despite a number of initial difficulties he had now had full signatory powers on the league bank current and deposit accounts. CF explained that due to the fact that the league banking facility was set up many years ago the current banking arrangement does not allow online banking access and that arrangements were being made to open a new “community” bank account to enable this. It was also reported that LB had a number of registration cheques which were to be passed over on the night.

ii. MATCH SECRETARY REPORT , Lyn Brown

With my recent holiday coinciding with the start of the season and registration time, I'm currently catching up with post and emails. Apologies if anyone was unable to get in touch with me recently but I've now almost caught up with the backlog...

Registrations

Thank you for being prompt with registrations and payments... in the main! There are a couple of outstanding issues, in particular with additional registration payments... which I'll resolve directly with clubs.

At this stage, with one club still to submit their registrations, I can tell you that we have 18 clubs, 32 mixed teams across the 4 leagues, 7 mens teams, and 466 players registered so far...

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

Match Score Sheets

Hopefully everyone has downloaded and is using the new score sheet following the change of format on the scoring system...

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

A reminder for both the home and away teams to send me a copy of the score sheet – and please make sure you agree on the scores and points before captains sign them! If taking a photo and emailing it, please ensure you capture the whole image as some have come through with the end column or the bottom not showing....

You can also post your score sheets in the traditional way if you would prefer! But please be mindful that these should be with me within 10 days of a match...

Mens team score sheets to go to George Williams...

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 and current 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 unfair and 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 me prior to contacting the

opposition. We've had one instance of an abandoned match where two remaining pairs matches are to be replayed on another date.... thank you to the captains for being pragmatic and fair in sorting this out....

Badminton England on-line registrations – deadline was 30th Sept.

iii. Mens League, George Williams

All match sheets to be returned to George

Although this is an informal league, Can teams please ensure they set their teams to the spirit of the league. It is an opportunity for those players who do not play regularly for the Clubs mixed teams.

iv. CCBA matters, Andy Hill

The passing of 3 prominent County notaries was noted inc Marion and a minutes silence observed.

The new BE Relationship Manager Leanne Brown was in attendance and she outlined her role, with usual goals of growing Badminton participation the main thrust of her role. She also mentioned a 'new' initiative of the Schools and Senior Racquet Packs which are available-see BE website for details.

Main discussion was around the difficulties and anomalies surrounding the new BE Registration process. Leanne noted them but had little in the way of direct answers!

There was disappointment that the Masters practice sessions had been poorly attended and that the response to the emails (sent to everyone over 35) was even worse!

The new County Match Sec was introduced, he's Andre Cardoso. He's very keen on getting news from the Leagues/Clubs and improving communications.

Crewe League informed us that they narrowly avoided a vote on disassociation through a technicality, but they expect it to re-appear at the next AGM.

The East Cheshire Performance Centre is struggling and it's survival in serious doubt. Whilst the West Cheshire PC is doing better it's lost several participants to the Junior County 'scheme'

The County website is to be updated at a cost of circa £2k, non of which will be passed on to the Leagues etc.

Next County meeting to be held on November 29th, so please pass on any questions or queries to the League Reps before then.

5. Website and scoring system.

Feedback was requested for the above. Both received positive responses from those present.

6. Club feedback

Milbrook reported issues with fewer members reporting the general lack of juniors coming through as the Development centres were soaking up all. Christleton and Rossett provided positive responses to their junior training sessions.

There will be a Level 2 coaching course next year in the area, Interested parties to be reported to Leanne Brown, BE rep.

7. Juniors

As reported above.

8. Tournaments

i. Len Knight, 12.00 Sunday 3rd December at Christleton.

Over 40 Min req 3 men and 3 ladies per age group.

1 x Men's Doubles, 1 x Ladies Doubles, 1 x Mixed Doubles

Over 48

1 x Men's Doubles, 1 x Ladies Doubles, 1 x Mixed Doubles

Over 56

1 x Men's Doubles, 1 x Ladies Doubles, 1 x Mixed Doubles

ii. Baxter, 12.00 Sunday 14th January at Christleton

Moderates competition so looking for the best players in the Chester League except can not be Cheshire 1st team players or having played more than once in the 2nd team.

1 x Singles Man, 1 x Singles Lady, 1 x Ladies Doubles, 1 x Mens Doubles, 2 x Mixed Doubles.

iii. Parker/Capper Trophies

Sunday 18th March at Christleton. A team will consist of three men and ladies. Group phase then knockout. Estimated cost of £6 per player. Depending on interest may run to second weekend.

9. End of Season Presentation evening and dance.

Venue and date have been confirmed, Fri 27th April at the CCO lounge. However we will require someone to run the event this year. Volunteers to contact Ian Regan.

10. Shuttles.

Additional Shuttle brand agreed. Victor Gold Champion.

11. AOB.

There was general feedback that the new registration system was poor and that support from BE lacking.