

# CHESTER & DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Chester & District Badminton League held on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018** in the Clubhouse of the Cheshire County Sports Club.

Attendees:

Ian Regan (IR)	Chairman	Brian Johnson (BJ)	Halton
Jan Bridge (JB)	Secretary	Steve Lacey	Delamere
Colin Fowler (CF)	Treasurer	Dave Roberts	Hawarden
Mark Perry (MP)	Rep to County/Norley	Mike Denham	CCO
Andy Hill (AH)	Rep to County/Ellesmere Port	Christian Taylor	Rossett
Geoff Cookson (GC)	Inter-league/Christleton	Ann Hipkiss	Connah's Quay
Louise Nesbitt (LN)	Tournament Secretary		

*Action by:*

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from: Lyn Brown (Match Sec/West Cheshire), George Williams (President/Cap-Vaux), Howard Malyon (Tarpoley), Andy Gibbons (Stella Maris), Jamie Jenkins (Watergate), Ann Hipkiss (Connah's Quay), Steve Eltham (Buckley), Karen Heron (DLCO), Emma Hilton (Christleton), Doreen Francey and Wendy Copping

## 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017 had been made available on the website. They were agreed as a true record and there were no matters arising.

## 3. REPORTS

### Treasurer

All league monies have now been transferred to a Barclays Community Account. On-line payments have been well referenced by payees. Some clubs to change their own bank accounts to allow on-line payments. *Clubs*

### Match Secretary

LB was ill on the night but her report is attached. In LB's absence IR raised the issue of Connah's Quay fielding an unregistered player which is covered in LB's report.

### Website

Captains are asked to take care when putting results on the website because as soon as a result is entered the application registers the game as having been played. If the user then realises they've put a result in the wrong place and deletes it the number of games played is not reduced down again. If anyone makes such a mistake or spots a discrepancy in total games played please let JB know and a manual adjustment can be made. *Clubs*

### **Men's League**

Men's home team captains to send score sheets to GW - contact details on score sheet.  
Reminder that players cannot play for more than one club. i.e. they cannot play mixed league for one club and men's league for another.

*Men's  
Captains*

It was agreed to keep the men's league informal in nature and encourage team captains to discuss and agree ways round situations where men are injured or otherwise unable to play in a particular match.

### **CCBA Matters**

At the last CCBA meeting there was a minutes silence to mark the recent death of Roger Cash. Roger was the President of the Chester League for many years.

Leanne Brown, the Badminton England relationship manager for the area, is willing to help the league in any way required. Clubs are invited to contact Leanne for further details of coaching bursaries & £500 grants available to clubs ([leannebrown@badmintonengland.co.uk](mailto:leannebrown@badmintonengland.co.uk)). It was agreed that Leanne should be invited to speak at the beginning of the AGM.

*Clubs*

*JB*

All BE members are asked to login to BE membership portal and change their contact preferences to allow contact from BE (the defaults is no contact!)

*All*

### **Interleague Competitions**

Len Knight trophy for masters - Chester lost in the final against Wirral.

Baxter trophy for moderates - Chester lost in the final to Wirral but this time by just one point!

The Junior tournament for U15's and U19's is to now take place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 from 1pm to 6pm at Christleton Sports Centre.

All clubs to let GC know if they have juniors in these age groups willing to play.

*Clubs*

## **4. PARKER & CAPPER TROPHY COMPETITIONS**

Will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March from 1pm to 5pm at the **Cheshire County Sports Club**.

There have been 4 entries in the Parker & 3 in the Capper

LN to send out another email to try to attract other last minute entries.

*LN*

Because of pressure of court time during the season and players playing in other leagues the tournaments had been moved to weekends this year but, as this also appears unpopular, LN raised the possibility of having the tournaments during the summer in future - to be discussed at the AGM.

*Clubs*

## **5. PRESENTATION NIGHT**

Will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7:30 in the County Lounge of the Cheshire County Sports Club. Initial indications are that approx. 100 people would like tickets.

As no-one has volunteered to coordinate ticket sales, **Club Secretaries agreed to encourage their members to attend and to collect monies** (£12 per ticket) which can be paid on-line to CF. Tickets to be collected on the door.

*Clubs*

**Each club to provide a prize for the raffle** (to be brought down on the night).

*Clubs*

IR to send out emails with further details including deadline for numbers (so they can be given to the caterers) and to devise a quiz for the tables.

*IR*

## **6. POTENTIAL PROPOSED RULE CHANGES**

JB proposed the removal of Rule 8.1. This was added at the last AGM but it was subsequently noticed that the contents of this rule are already covered by rule 7.3. *JB*

No other potential rule changes were identified at this time. It was agreed that we should stay with the latest system for awarding points. If the score sheets can be made available, BJ offered to undertake an exercise to compare results under the new system with what they would have been under the old. *BJ*

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# **ATTACHMENT**

## **MATCH SECRETARY REPORT – March 2018**

### Registrations

The deadline has now passed for any new registrations (end February). Please can clubs ensure any outstanding new registration payments are settled as soon as possible via electronic payment (and likewise with Badminton England). Colin Fowler and I will be going through all the additional registrations and ensuring all is up to date.... I may be in touch with one or two of you if we find there is anything outstanding....

Can I report to the Executive that on 23 October 2017, Connahs Quay A team fielded an unregistered player in their Division 1 fixture against Rossett A. Connahs Quay disclosed this breach of rule 6.1 by the Team Captain to the League and accepted the error of judgement. The following action was subsequently taken:

A four point deduction for Connahs Quay A team in respect of the events the unregistered player took part in (2nd ladies and 3rd mixed)

A two point deduction for Connahs Quay A Team in respect of the events played below that of the unregistered player (4th mixed)

The six points be awarded to Rossett A team

An additional two points be deducted from Connahs Quay A Team for breaching rule 13.1

The match result be adjusted on the website in accordance with the above

### Courtesy

The Committee would like to remind teams of the courtesy of arriving on time...or Captains pre-arranging if you know players may be late because of unavoidable circumstances....

I have received a number of informal complaints about players being late, one instance was despite the order being pre-arranged prior to the fixture. Arriving late is discourteous.

### Order of Play (Events and Strength)

Rule 7.1: There have been some "comments" this season about order of play in terms of players' strength.

This is not so much of an issue in the levels but is becoming more apparent in the mixed, particularly with the new scoring system and the fact that every game counts. Traditionally the strength of a pairing is governed by the man, so I would expect the order of strength of the mixed pairings to be in line with the strength of the men. However a number of teams have interpreted rule 7.1 and played their strongest first man with the weakest fourth lady at fourth mixed and argued that this is the weakest of the four pairs. Any query on order of play should be explained to the opposing Captain on the night and an explanation written on the team sheet for the Match Secretary.

### Reserves

As well as indicating on the score sheet your reserves, please can captains ensure they list on the score sheet (bottom left hand side box) who they are replacing and how many times this person has missed a match....

### Match Score Sheets

Match score sheets are still being submitted incomplete - no date, no division, events and points not added up, or home and away teams' points totals not corresponding! With the volume of score sheets coming in via email and post every week, it's an additional job to have to complete these on your behalf.

In addition, there is a section at the bottom right-hand side "Team sending in score sheet". This does not mean "home team"! If you are completing a score sheet and sending it in, this is the name of your team!

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

Reminder that it's the home teams' responsibility to post the score on the website.... within 7 days... It's fairly straightforward - just let me or Jan know if there is a problem... everyone appreciates when the scores and tables are up to date so this is important please...

If you do have new Team Captains, please can you ensure a proper handover so that they are aware of their responsibilities re. completing and sending in score sheets and the loading of scores onto the website.

Please use the score sheets to report anything you feel the Match Secretary needs to be aware of as part of a fixture.

### Player of the season nominations

Reminder to complete this - to reiterate, in the interests of fairness, if one team doesn't nominate any players, then the oppositions' nominations won't be accepted in that particular match as it would be one-sided. It's going to be close in some cases so please keep these coming in as the season draws to a close and we'll announce the winners at the league presentation evening!

My thanks to all the Team Captains for their hard work so far this season.

**Lyn Brown**

Match Secretary – Chester & District Badminton League