

CHESTER & DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Chester & District Badminton League held on **Tuesday 22nd^h May 2018** in the Clubhouse of the Cheshire County Sports Club.

Attendees:

Ian Regan (IR)	Chairman/Rossett	Jackie Perry	Norley
Jan Bridge (JB)	Secretary/CCO	Mel Mountney	Norley
Lyn Brown (LB)	Match Sec/West Cheshire	Brian Johnson	Halton
Colin Fowler (CF)	Treasurer/Rossett	Dave Roberts	Hawarden
Louise Nesbitt (LN)	Tournament Sec/Christleton	Dave Blenkley	Hawarden
Mark Perry (MP)	Rep to County/Norley	Alan Matthias	Rossett
Andy Hill (AH)	Rep to County/Ellesmere Port	Jo Sanderson	Rossett
Emma Hilton (EH)	Inter-league/Christleton	Christian Taylor	Rossett
Geoff Cookson (GC)	Inter-league/Christleton	Jane Roberts	Connah's Quay
Leanne Brown	Badminton England	Ann Hipkiss	Connah's Quay
Floss Morrissey	Ellesmere Port	Howard Malyon	Tarporley
Julie Jones	DLCO	Steven Eltham	Buckley
Karen Heron	DLCO	Steve Brown	West Cheshire
Mike Denham	CCO		

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Action by:

Apologies were received from: George Williams (President/Cap-Vaux), Steve Lacey & Tim Mee (Delamere), Jamie Jenkins (Watergate) and Doreen Francey.

2. PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the last meeting, held on 6th March 2018, had been made available on the website. They were agreed as a true record and there were no matters arising. There were also no matters arising from the 2017 AGM.

3. BADMINTON ENGLAND

We were pleased to welcome Leanne Brown, the Badminton England relationship manager for the area, who explained a few projects/programmes that she is working on within Cheshire.

If anyone has any questions, would like to discuss any Club/League issues or would like to talk about any ways she can support ideas for development please contact Leanne (leannebrown@badmintonengland.co.uk).

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4. REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Colin Fowler, Treasurer, presented and explained the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th April 2018.

In short, last year we had 516 members and a net surplus of £745.
The net current assets are £3779.

Match Secretary's Report

Lyn Brown, Match Secretary, reported on a very positive year and highlighted the following:-

- The introduction of the new scoring system has been embraced and there have been very positive comments from players in the main
- The introduction of electronic banking has been warmly welcomed and has helped with speed and efficiency of payments – many thanks to Colin Fowler
- The recent presentation evening was felt to be a huge success – Chairman Ian Regan will say more on that later
- The league website is looking good and working well – players appreciate how up to date it is kept, how easy it is to navigate and how informative it is – many thanks to Jan Bridge
- Score sheets are still an issue in terms of being submitted late, incomplete, incorrect and in some cases illegible. Can captains please take the time to complete these fully and ensure the information is correct.

*Club
Captains*

Lyn thanked all team captains for their hard work over the season and pointed out that should there be any changes to team captains for next season, please can there be a sufficient handover so that new captains know what is expected of them. Any queries, contact Lyn or Jan.

Finally, Lyn thanked her fellow committee members for their hard work and support over the season.

Tournament Secretary's Report

Louise Nesbitt, Tournament Secretary, reported that teams taking part in the new look Parker Trophy competition really enjoyed the day but there were insufficient teams to run the Capper Trophy.

It was agreed that there was no appetite for trophy competitions throughout the season so we should give a Sunday event one more go. LN to organise a date before the Fixture Meeting.

LN

CCBA matters

Andy Hill reported that a large part of the last CCBA meeting was taken up by GDPR. Other matters - there will be no increase in fees and the County are investing £2,500 in a new website.

AH asked that if clubs had any specific issues to raise they should contact AH or MP.

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Inter-League Competitions

Geoff Cookson reported that:

The Len Knight trophy for masters – Chester lost in the final against Wirral

The Baxter Trophy for moderates – Chester lost in the final to Wirral but only by one point!

Emma Hilton reported that:

Chester & District League juniors won both the U15 David O'Leary and U19 Thornley Inter-League competitions again this year.

Many congratulations and thanks to all involved.

Presentation Night

See attached report

5. MISCELLANEOUS

Fixtures Booklets

Club secretaries will again be asked to canvas their members and say how many booklets are required for their club.

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Approved feather shuttles

There were no additions or deletions so the list of approved shuttles is Ashaway Red, RSL, Yonex, Yehlex, Swift, New Magnum & Victor.

Game Scheduling

There have been frustrations associated with opposition team members playing for teams in 2 leagues on the same night. Clubs to ask their team captains to communicate clearly with the opposition teams to try to avoid any game scheduling difficulties.

Team Captains

Clubs to also ensure club captains adhere to agreed game order/start times particularly where there is only a single court for matches.

6. PROPOSED CHANGES TO RULES & REGULATIONS

Rules 7.3 & 8.1

At the last AGM a new Rule 8.1 was proposed and agreed. However when the Fixtures Booklet was being updated it was realised that rule 7.3 already covered this. Therefore to avoid having two rules addressing the same point the following amendments were agreed.

Delete Rule 8.1

Rule 7.3 to read ***Captains shall simultaneously exchange score sheets on which the team members names have been entered before the beginning of a match and no alterations shall be permitted during the course of the match.***

Rule 4.1

The treasurer, CF, explained why and proposed that 'Audited Accounts' should be changed to 'Annual Accounts'. This was agreed.

Men's League Regulations

LN put forward a proposal that 'any man who is registered for the 1st or 2nd Division should not be allowed to play in the men's league'

However, following discussion, this proposal was withdrawn.

7. LEAGUE OFFICIALS, TEAM MANAGERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

In the absence of other volunteers the following people agreed to stay in post:

President – George Williams

Chairman – Ian Regan

Vice Chairman & County Rep 1 – Mark Perry

Secretary & Web Manager – Jan Bridge

Match Secretary – Lyn Brown

Treasurer – Colin Fowler

Tournament Secretary – Louise Nesbitt

County Rep 2 – Andy Hill

Team Managers for Inter-League Tournaments – Emma Hilton & Geoff Cookson
Recipient of Men’s League Score Sheets – George Williams

Tournament Committee: Louise Nesbitt, George Williams, Lyn Brown, Brian Johnson, Mark Perry
Disputes Committee: Chair or Vice Chair, Lyn Brown, Richard Elston
Website Committee: Jan Bridge, Mike Allen, Dave Sissons

We do, however, need a **Presentation Night Organiser**, a post which is not too onerous. Clubs to canvas their members for a volunteer.

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8. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

All personal data collected by Clubs and the League has now to be handled in accordance with the new General Data Protection Regulation which comes into force on 25th May 2018.

There are GDPR FAQ’s on the Badminton England website with templates to follow.

All clubs to ensure they follow this guidance and adhere to the GDPR rules.

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9. CLUB APPLICATIONS / RESIGNATIONS

There has been a request from a new club, EROS, to join the league. Connah’s Quay will still be fielding 2 teams but as some of the Connah’s Quay A team will be playing for EROS, they have asked the match secretary to consider moving the CQ A team down to Div 2 if possible.

The deadline for applications/resignations is 1st June 2018. After this date the match sec, LB, will prepare options for proposed division structures which will be circulated and voted on at the Fixture Meeting.

LB

Christleton will not be fielding a 2nd men’s team but Tarporley may have a men’s team and Buckley may have a 2nd men’s team.

10. COLIN COPPING TROPHY

IR presented the Colin Copping Trophy to this year’s worthy winner Brian Johnson – see attached write up.

A.O.B

The **Fixture Meeting will be held on 11th July 2018** in the Clubhouse of the Cheshire County Sports Club at 7:30pm. All clubs must attend.

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Rather than giving individual medals to winning team members something more useful (such as a towel) was suggested. IR to investigate.

IR

ATTACHMENTS

PRESENTATION EVENING - Friday 27th April

This year's Presentation Evening was held, as in previous years, in the Function Room at the Cheshire County Sports Club. Marion Tullett had done such a good job in the past it was always going to be a hard act to follow but it all came together well with 116 tickets sold and paid for in advance(!), fantastic raffle prizes and a great time was had by all.

I would like to thank:

- All the club contacts who did such an amazing job in getting the support of their club members and their money in advance, many clubs had attendance figures in the high teens
- Lyn, Jan and Colin for working so hard behind the scenes to help pull this all together
- To Colin for thinking of and sourcing:
 - o Afternoon teas for two for each of Lyn and Jan by way of a thank-you for all the hard work they've done for the league this year
 - o the following raffle prizes:
 - Overnight stay for 2 guests in a King Guest Room at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel & Spa Chester to include Full English Breakfast, and Dinner for 2 in the new Garden Room & Terrace
 - <http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/united-kingdom/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-and-spa-chester-MANDTDI/event/index.html>
 - 2 x Family tickets (2 adults & 2 children (optional))for the river trips on the river Dee from Chester
 - <https://www.chesterboat.co.uk/>,
 - Lunch for two (Mon – Fri) at La Brasserie Restaurant at the Chester Grosvenor
 - <https://www.chestergrosvenor.com/dining/chester-brasserie>
- To Louise Nesbitt (Christleton BC) for
 - o Four tickets to a summer Storyhouse show
 - <https://www.storyhouse.com/>
- To Lyn for
 - o the George Allen Hairdressing voucher

The evening is not designed to be a profit making enterprise but it is worth noting:

- the room fee was waived as we had over 100 people, saving us £110
- the raffle netted us £382
- the overall surplus on the evening was £789 which allowed us to cover the costs in full (£158.40) of the shirts for the junior inter league tournaments.

After the Presentation evening I wrote to the General Manager of the sports club to say:

- (i) the committee were disappointed at the lack of tables and chairs provided initially and then the additional plastic ones when brought in made the room look second rate
- (ii) we were happy with the staff, food and DJ.

The GM looked into the matter, apologised for the lack of suitable furniture and as a gesture of goodwill said the sports club will cover the cost of the DJ at our next booking.

We are still looking for an Events Organiser whose main duty will be to co-ordinate the selling of tickets for next year's Presentation Evening. It's a fun thing to do and so if you know anyone that would like to take this on, please ask them to contact a committee member.

Ian Regan, Chairman, 22nd May 2018

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COLIN COPPING TROPHY

The aim... “To honour the memory of, and contribution made by, Colin Copping to the league, the Colin Copping Trophy is awarded annually to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the league, its clubs and their activities”

Winner 2018 - Brian Johnson – Halton BC

Brian joined the BICC at the age of 15 at the start of the 1967 / 1968 season. The club changed its name to Britannia B C when the BICC factory closed and then changed its name to Halton B C at the start of the 2017 / 2018 season. He has played competitively in the Chester League for this club for approximately 45 years.

He was one of the members responsible for starting a junior section at Britannia in the mid 1990's which started with approx. 10 juniors and quickly expanded to over 25 juniors. Several of these juniors went on to represent Cheshire at senior county level and one junior also represented England at under 16 level.

Brian has been the main contact for the club for approximately the last 15 years filling the roles of Club Secretary, Match Secretary and Treasurer. He was the Chester League representative on the Cheshire County management committee in the 1990's prior to becoming the Chester League Vice Chairman and then undertook the role of Chester League Chairman for a few years.

He represented the Chester League for several years in the Len Knight Trophy and due to his close links with junior badminton in the late 1990's he was involved in the selection of the Chester League teams that competed in the junior inter league tournaments.