

# CHESTER & DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Chester & District Badminton League held on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018** in Upton-by-Chester Pavilion.

Attendees:

Ian Regan (IR)	Chairman	Anthony Hughes	Watergate
Jan Bridge (JB)	Secretary	Brian Johnson	Halton
Lyn Brown (LB)	Match Sec./West Cheshire	Paul Deakin	Buckley
Colin Fowler (CF)	Treasurer	Steve Eltham	Buckley
Mark Perry (MP)	Rep to County/Norley	Mike Denham	CCO
Geoff Cookson (GC)	Inter-league/Christleton	Christian Taylor	Rossett
Jackie Perry	Norley	Dave Blenkley	Hawarden
Lyn Nicholson	Norley	Flis Morrissey	Ellesmere Port
Stuart Mears	EROS		

*Action by:*

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from: George Williams (President/Cap-Vaux), Howard Malyon (Tarporley), Andy Gibbons (Stella Maris), Ann Hipkiss (Connah's Quay), Tim Cope (Millbrook) and Steve Lacey (Delamere).

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

The minutes of the AGM held on 22 May 2018 and of the Fixture Meeting held on 11 July 2018 had been made available on the website. They were agreed as a true record and there were no matters arising.

## 3. REPORTS

### 3.1 Treasurer

Electronic payments are working well with on-line payments being well referenced by payees.

### 3.2 Match Secretary

Report attached. (It is heartening that total numbers of players are rising).

**Could clubs and team captains please action all the points in Lyn's report.**

*Clubs*

### 3.3 CCBA Matters

Leanne Brown from Badminton England is available to provide advice and assistance in developing your club – contact [leannebrown@badmintonengland.co.uk](mailto:leannebrown@badmintonengland.co.uk). There is also funding available for coaches. *Clubs*

*JB*

JB to invite Leanne to our next meeting.

CCBA have a new website. JB has circulated an email from Kay Vickers asking for club contact information for the site. *Clubs*

The Inter-league tournaments will take place as follows:

- Len Knight – **Sunday 2 Dec 2018** – age groups O40s, O48s and O56s
- Baxter Trophy – **Sunday 13 Jan 2019** – competition for moderates

There was some discussion as to whether holding the Baxter Trophy in January is viable as some players may be attending the Inter-County Championships (ICC).

GC & MP to organise teams

*GC/MP*

## **4. MEN'S LEAGUE**

At the Fixture Meeting 10 clubs elected to field men's teams so the Men's League was split into 2 divisions. Unfortunately Millbrook and Connah's Quay subsequently withdrew leaving only 4 teams per division one of which included the 2 Buckley teams.

It was agreed that it was too late to recombine the divisions but that clubs would arrange friendly matches to increase the number of games played by the men's teams. *Clubs*

## **5. CLUB FEEDBACK**

CCO & Christleton are struggling with injured players particularly ladies. Halton and West Cheshire are also short of ladies but otherwise clubs have had a reasonable start to the season.

All please note that **Watergate** have changed their match start time from 7:30 to **8pm** *Clubs*

## 6. WEBSITE

Scores are being entered promptly onto the website thus generating up-to-date league tables. Keep up the good work!

*Clubs*

## 7. BE ON-LINE TOOL

JB reported that Badminton England are themselves developing an on-line tool for entering scores and generating league tables. It is to be trialled this year for roll-out next year.

JB raised with them the complication of having Welsh clubs in our league. They said that would be no problem – the Welsh clubs could be added providing they pay the Club Fee (which this year was £110 for club with 16+ members)!!

On that basis it was agreed that we should stick with our own system for the time being.

## 8. A.O.B

It was agreed to use the Upton Pavilion again for meetings (cost £24 compared to £55 at the Cheshire County Sports Club)

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## ATTACHMENT

### MATCH SECRETARY REPORT – 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2018

#### Registrations

Thank you for being prompt with registrations and payments... There are a couple of outstanding payments due for additional registrations since the start of the season. And I'm sure this will be ongoing.

At this stage, the league currently has 21 clubs, 33 mixed teams across the 4 leagues, 8 men's league teams, and (at the last count) 478 players registered to date.

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.

There have been a few changes to captains who have not had a sufficient handover and been made aware of the expectations of them in terms of completing the score sheet, sending both

home and away score sheets to the Match Secretary and posting the home score onto the website.

### Match Score Sheets

Reminder to ensure you're using the new score sheet which was introduced last season following the change of format on the scoring system. It can be downloaded from the website.

Also a reminder please to complete all the required fields i.e. Division, match date, team sending in score sheet, player nominations etc. It might sound trivial but with so many score sheets coming in it just helps for me not to have to complete your score sheet.

Reserves – please complete the box at the bottom left indicating who the substitute is subbing for and how many consecutive matches that player has missed.

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.

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...

Men's 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. Everyone appreciates this being as up to date and current as possible.

### 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 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.

Badminton England on-line registrations – please complete – the deadline has now passed.

Lyn Brown  
Match Secretary