

CHESTER & DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Chester & District Badminton League held on **Tuesday 21st May 2019** in Upton-by-Chester Pavilion.

Attendees:

Ian Regan (IR)	Chairman/Rossett	David Sissons	Norley
Jan Bridge (JB)	Secretary/CCO	Avril Sloane	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	Jake Jones	Hawarden
Andy Hill (AH)	Rep to County/Ellesmere Port	Rob Jones	Hawarden
Emma Hilton (EH)	Inter-league/Christleton	Ann Hipkiss	Connah's Quay
Geoff Cookson (GC)	Inter-league/Christleton	Paul Deakin	Buckley
Fliss Morrissey	Ellesmere Port	Howard Malyon	Tarporley
Karen Heron	DLCO	Steve Brown	West Cheshire
Mike Denham	CCO	Anthony Hughes	Watergate
Jackie Perry	Norley		

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Action by:

Apologies were received from: George Williams (President/Cap-Vaux), Lyn Brown (Match Sec/ West Cheshire), Brian Johnson (Halton), Doreen Francey, Andy Gibbons (Stella Maris), Stuart Mears (EROS), Steve Eltham (Buckley), Tim Cope (Millbrook), Victoria Roberts (Rossett), Jo Sanderson (Rossett), Christian Taylor (Rossett) and Alan Matthais (Rossett).

2. PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 19th March 2019, 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 2018 AGM.

3. REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Colin Fowler presented and explained the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th April 2019.

In short, last year we had 530 members and a deficit of £40 though this still left the net current assets at a healthy £3739.

In future CF will include the finances from the Annual Presentation Evening in the accounts for that same season even if the date of the presentation night falls after the 30th April. Otherwise we end up with two lots of these sums in one year's accounts and none in the next.

CF

Presentation Night

The presentation evening had been enjoyed by everyone who attended. Well done to all the winners and runners-up and particular congratulations to Jane Roberts who was this year's worthy winner of the Colin Copping Trophy. Please see the attached write-up.

The Sports Club are now using an outside caterer and the buffet was a bit lacking in variety. There is also still the problem of having to use plastic chairs and, whereas before the hall was free if you booked for 100 or more, now the Sports Club are going to charge room hire whatever the numbers. So the possibility of an alternative venue was discussed and the Rugby club mentioned though no decision was made.

CCBA matters

Andy Hill reported that Badminton England (BE) are supporting junior clubs and are planning some disability workshops. BE have also organised a Level 2 coaching course for Cheshire (information has been circulated to clubs) and are offering a 50% bursary.

CCBA want to raise their fees: adults from £4 to £4.25 and juniors from £1.20 to £1.30 (despite having £26,000 in the bank). This will be decided at the CCBA AGM on Wednesday 12th June 2019.

Inter-League Competitions

Geoff Cookson reported that CCBA had made some changes re: the Baxter Tournament and there are on-going discussions in respect of the other competitions including the Junior tournaments

GC

Tournament Secretary's Report

Louise Nesbitt reported that 4 teams took part in the Parker Trophy which was won by West Cheshire and 5 teams contended the Capper Cup which was won by Hawarden.

The format worked well though 9 teams were the maximum that could be accommodated in a single day. If there is sufficient interest the two competitions could be held on separate days though LN would need to know teams well in advance in order to book the venue.

Clubs

Informal Men's League

It was agreed that there would be a single men's league in the 2019/20 season and, if the numbers entering were too great to accommodate all the fixtures, each team would be required to play either a home or an away fixture. At least teams would be involved in a variety of matches.

4. PROPOSED CHANGES TO RULES & REGULATIONS

There were no proposed changes to the Rules. There may be changes to the men's league regulations once the number of teams entering has been established.

5. LEAGUE OFFICIALS, TEAM MANAGERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ian Regan is no longer going to be playing his badminton in the Chester area so has stepped down as our Chairman. Huge thanks to Ian for his leadership and support over the last 3 years.

Louise Nesbitt volunteered for, and was elected as, the new Chairperson.
Rob Jones volunteered for, and was elected as, Vice Chairperson

The following people agreed to stay in post:

President – George Williams
Secretary (& web content) – Jan Bridge
Match Secretary – Lyn Brown
Treasurer – Colin Fowler
Tournament Secretary – Louise Nesbitt
County Rep 1 – Mark Perry
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

There was again no volunteer for the position of Presentation Night Organiser

6. CLUB APPLICATIONS / RESIGNATIONS

Because of losing some players, Watergate will be unable to field a B team.

Ellesmere Port are uncertain whether they will be able to field a C team but will confirm by the deadline for applications/resignations which is 1st June 2019.

The league has received applications to put in a second team from both EROS and Hawarden.

At the last AGM it was agreed that the league structure would have to be changed this season to ensure there are an equitable number of teams in each division (i.e. more teams in division 4).

The match secretary will produce a proposal for the 2019/20 league structure which will be circulated to clubs and voted on at the **Fixture Meeting on Tuesday 9th July**. This will be held in the Clubhouse of the Cheshire County Sports Club.

League

A.O.B

First Aid Training and Defibrillator Availability

We were pleased to hear that Alan Matthais (Rossett) was doing well in hospital despite suffering a cardiac arrest whilst playing in the friendly Doubles4Dementia tournament at Mold Leisure Centre.

The success of his recovery was due to the quick action of the leisure centre staff / players in the tournament who were trained in first aid (specifically CPR) and the availability of a defibrillator.

It was felt to be an appropriate time for clubs to consider first aid training for players and to check for defibrillator availability.

Clubs

Andy Hill said he works for the British Heart Foundation and is able to deliver CPR training (40 min course) if a venue can be organised.

ATTACHMENT

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 2019 – Jane Roberts (Connah's Quay)

Supporting narrative in support of Jane's nomination
(from more than one person)

Jane has been a member of Connah's Quay B.C. for more than 40 years and during that time has undertaken the positions of club secretary, match secretary, assistant treasurer and club captain. She has been coaching youngsters at the club for over 35 years and has been nominated as coach of the year within the Flintshire League.

Jane has been totally committed to her club and to encouraging youngsters to play the game of badminton. Jane's unquestionable commitment to badminton over the years has brought many talented youngsters (and is still doing) into the league. Jane has also acted as the chauffeur for junior members for several years ensuring that the youngsters could participate in the junior tournaments within a 30 mile radius.