

## CHESTER AND DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019

### Attendees

Louise Nesbitt	Chair/Christleton
Colin Fowler	Treasurer/Rossett
Mark Perry	Secretary/Norley
Andy Hill	Rep for County/Ellesmere Port
Jan Bridge	Web management/CCO
Rob Jones	Hawarden
Brian Johnson	Halton
Mike Denham	CCO
Craig Young	DLCO
Steve Aylott	Christleton
Geoff Cookson	Christleton
Howard Malyon	Tarporley
Steve Lacey	Delamere
Ann Hipkiss	Connah's Quay
Jackie Perry	Norley

1. Apologies Lyn and Steve Brown West Cheshire, Emma Hilton Christleton
2. Previous Minutes. Read and approved.
3. Reports.

- a. Treasurers report

Colin Fowler reported that the league continued to be in a healthy financial position and most recently all of the clubs had been paying for their team and player registrations, for which any cheques that had been sent into Lyn have now been passed over for banking. The Club representatives were thanked for their assistance with both registration and payment.

- b. Match Secretary, notes attached at the end.
- c. CCBA matters.

Leanne Brown from BE was in attendance and she informed us that 3 clubs from our League have started Junior clubs with funding help from BE. Several schools in our area had also received Racket Packs and that there working with School Games Organisers (SGO) at both Primary and Secondary schools to provide an exit route into our clubs where applicable. Leanne also informed us that there have been some recent changes to BE safeguarding policy and that clubs should take a look to see if these changes affect them directly.

Yehlex shuttles can still be purchased via the County though the price per tube has increased by £1.

Masters practice sessions will be held at Ellesmere Port Sports Village from Oct-Dec

Junior development is to undergo a rebuild over 5yrs from the bottom up. This is in light of dwindling junior numbers coming through and the historical legacy from the failings of Schools & Youth and the Performance Centres losing appeal.

At this stage there's no great financial transactions to discuss with the various accounts as stated below:-

- i. Current Account Balance £1070
- ii. Debit Account Balance £6000
- iii. Fixed Term Account Balance £18000

The Match Secretary position is vacant if anybody feels the urge!

There's a new Masters selection policy in-situ and some of the Senior tournaments have been shelved through lack of numbers etc.

All the Leagues reported the sad and familiar tale(s) of clubs either folding or losing teams.

The County website needs to be updated.

Next CCBA meeting scheduled for November 27th 2019. Anyone, with any matters they wish me to raise at the meeting then please email me.

- 4. League Structure for next season. Discussion held on the issues affecting team withdrawals this season. Suggestions briefly discussed for full overhaul of league structure. If nothing else changes, will need to either
  - a. Even out the teams by only guaranteeing promotion for the top team and relegation for the bottom. Then adjusting accordingly to even out current leagues.
  - b. Reduce to three leagues only. Based on final position producing three even leagues.

**ACTION. If anyone wants to suggest a more radical proposal for next season they are to forward proposals in brief to the committee for inclusion/discussion at next meeting and then voting at the AGM.**

5. Mens League. No issues to date.
6. CPR Training. Andy Hill has offered to carry out any league training needs.  
**ACTION. Clubs to assess their need and contact Andy Direct for planning in.**
7. Presentation Evening. The League is still looking for a coordinator for this event. The pricing was discussed and there was a suggestion to increase it to £14/£15 to improve food offer.  
**ACTION. Volunteer needed to assist the committee in putting on this evening. Suggestions on location and cost considered as part of more active participation.**
8. League trophies. It was agreed at the AGM to finish the practise of giving out medals to teams each season. However a runners up plate would be awarded to those teams coming second in the mixed and Men's League.  
**ACTION. George Williams agreed to source 4 plates from the current trophy supplier.**
9. Capper and Parker trophies. Looking towards a date in March for these events. Need advance notice on club participation. The event will be taking place at Christleton due to court availability  
**ACTION. Clubs to inform Louise Nesbitt of their participation prior to the New Year.**
10. Len Knight and Baxter competitions. Len Knight date 1 Dec age groups Over 40, 48, 56.  
Baxter date 12 Jan.  
**ACTION. Clubs and members to suggest participations for these events. Names of volunteers directly to Geoff Cookson. We are looking for strong support from the top divisions to topple the perennial winners, Wirral.**
11. Club Feedback. Norley has started a junior club on a Saturday morning at Frodsham Leisure centre. Details can be found at the centre or by contacting the club.
12. AOB. Craig Young requested an average points column be added to the league table. This has been added.

## **MATCH SECRETARY REPORT – 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

### Registrations

Thank you for being prompt with registrations and payments. At this stage, the league currently has 19 clubs, 30 mixed teams across the 4 leagues, 10 men's league teams, and (at the last count) 457 players registered to date (this tends to increase throughout the season with the registration of additional players).

In relation to any new registrations throughout the season, players do need to be registered with Badminton England as well as with the Chester League.

Please ensure new captains have a sufficient handover and have 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 to George Williams in the case of the Men's League) and the home team posting the score onto the website.

### Match Score Sheets

Reminder that the scoresheet 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 – 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

Please contact me in the first instance regarding requests for re-arrangements. Badminton England on-line registrations – please complete by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019. For those players representing Cheshire or entering competitions, make sure you upgrade your membership to “compete”

**Lyn Brown - Match Secretary**