

Date: Thursday 2nd September 2021

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Microsoft Teams

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1. Club & Committee Apologies

Adders (Proxy vote received via email 5.3)

Hunters (Advised not joining the CBA league this year due to lack of players but hope to re-join in future season)

KR Alliance (Proxy vote received via email 5.2 and 6.2)

Leamington (Proxy vote received via email 5.2 and 6.2)

Seaforth Dale (Committee)

2. Roll call of those present and clubs represented to ensure voting rights are correctly calculated

Aerotech – Kurt Bonfield & Ross Harrison-Keefe

Alveston – Mike Rutter

AT7 – Nicola Smith & Stuart Gibb

Avon – Mark Lawton

Balsall Common – Steve Best

Central Sports – Clive Gravett

David Lloyd – John Doherty

Knowle – Pauline Hogan

Monsoon – Neil Lawrence & Ed Cheung

Nuneaton – James Rice

Jubilee – Mo Amjal

QDJ - Phil Pelton

St Philips – Ryan Smith

Solihull & Shirley – Paul Harris & Piers Aicken

Stratford – Tom Burdett

Warwick Bears – Terry Duckmanton

Warwick Uni – Archie Layfield

Whitestone – Martyn Horner

Windy Arbour – Bruce Armstrong

3. Protocol for meeting

- 3.1. Please remain on mute unless you are speaking. Please announce your name and club you are representing when speaking. For voting, please ensure you raise your hand clearly on video until count has been completed (if you are unable to use video, please state your vote verbally)

4. Club by club update regarding venue availability, club night resumption, membership impact and potential number of teams that could be entered if the league were to resume for this season (no commitment at this stage)

- **Adders:** Not playing currently, don't know if still have a venue.
- **Aerotech:** Back 2 nights per week, Tue/Thu. Healthy club nights and some new visitors, likely to field fewer mixed and ladies teams.
- **Alveston:** Back playing, sports centre are closed for refit currently which will reduce badminton courts from 8 to 4 which could impact venue availability.
- **AT7:** All back to club night, impact to ladies x 1 and mixed x1. Got some new members also.
- **Avon:** Back playing, Tue, lost some members, gained some new. 1 x mens team.
- **Balsall Common:** Normal twice weekly club nights to resume from next week at normal venue, we have played July/August at different venue. Membership roughly the same, lost a few but gained some new visitors who are keen to join.
 - 2 x Mixed, 2 x Mens, 1 x Ladies
- **Central Sports:** Club nights running over summer, good turnout. Possibly lost some members but gained a couple. Due back at Bridge in the next two weeks hopefully but still TBC. 2 x ladies, 3 x mixed, 1 x mens.
- **David Lloyd:** Club nights running normally. Lots of changes in membership. Standard dropped on overall players they now have. 1 x ladies, 2 x mens, 2 x mixed.
- **Jubilee:** Back to normal club nights, 2 x mens, 2 mixed and 2 ladies.
- **Knowle:** Not back yet. Arden flooded and no current venue. Potentially not this season at all, looking towards 22/23 season.
- **KR Alliance:** back for club, 1 x mens
- **Leamington:** 2 out of 3 club nights resumed. Current limit on numbers and no visitors yet either.
 - 1 x Ladies, 1 x Mixed team, no men's team
- **Monsoon:** back playing club nights, same numbers, 3 x mens, 2 x mixed, 1 x ladies
- **Nuneaton:** Mondays for club night, just returning to usual venue. Lost around 30% members but started picking up some new members now. 2 x mens 1 x mixed 1 x ladies
- **QDJ:** still playing at temp venue, due back within next 4 weeks. Not got all players back yet, they have a new lot of members. 1 x mens team – others TBC
- **Solihull & Shirley:** Lost 40% of players, including juniors. Running beginners' group which is flourishing. 1 x mens, 1 x mixed, 1 x ladies.
- **St Philips:** lost 50% of members, but back playing. 2 x mens, no mixed and no ladies.
- **Stratford:** lots of new players and members, put extra team in possibly.
- **Warwick Bears:** lost club venue, so looking to find venue, or different night – needs more investigation, match nights all ok and sorted. kept 8/10 men and only 1 lady. 1 x mens, no mixed team.
- **Warwick Uni:** New club. 2 x mixed teams to enter. 1 higher standard, 1 lower standard.
- **Whitestone:** Playing at temp venue, due back to normal venue in next few weeks. Not got all members back so far. 1 x mens.
- **Windy Arbour:** starting in 2 weeks, still 1 x ladies

5. Discussion around League Competition options for 2021/22 season

The Committee have identified a number of alternative options for the coming season and are keen to seek your views on these with a view to holding a vote to agree the way forward.

- 5.1. Commence League as normal with delayed start – October or **November**? (with transfer window closing 1 month prior to the agreed start date)
- 5.2. Commence League in January with teams only playing each other once either home or away to be decided by the Committee (with transfer window closing 1 month prior to agreed start date)
- 5.3. Alternative competition format e.g. knock out cup, ad hoc tournaments to allow those wanting to compete to get back into it with League returning in 2022/23 season
- 5.4. No League arranged competition this season, clubs to arrange friendlies as they wish – League returning in 2022/23 season
- 5.5. 2021/22 season is used to complete the leagues from the 2019/20 season only
- 5.6. Any other suggestions raised by membership?

Votes cast in favour of each option (one per club)

5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6
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Option 5.1 carried

Action: Committee to confirm the proposed start date likely to be in late October along with the other important dates such as team entry deadline, fixture setting deadline, league publication date, transfer deadline etc.

6. In the event the preference is for option 5.1, further discussion to agree the starting position for the season

As a result of the 2019/20 season being suspended around 2 months before the end of the season, we need to agree the starting point for the League for the 2021/22 season. The Committee have identified a number of potential options and are keen to seek your views on these (and any other suggestions) with a view to taking a vote to agree the preferred approach.

- 6.1. 2019/20 season is void and 2021/22 season starts with the same divisions as we started the 2019/20 season
- 6.2. 2019/20 season finishing positions from the point the league was suspended are used to determine promotions/relegations to create the divisions to start 2021/22 season
- 6.3. 2019/20 season finishing positions from the point the league was suspended are adjusted to take account of number of matches played prior to determining promotions/relegations

6.4. Critical matches outstanding with a direct impact on determining promotion/relegation are completed ahead of the League restarting

6.5. Any other suggestions raised by membership?

- Stratford Abstain, use all info to re-do all leagues
- QDJ: use all info to re-do all leagues
- Nuneaton Protected ranking for this season e.g. if you have to withdraw a team due to the unusual circumstances this year, you have an option of entering that team at the same level next season (Knowle liked this suggestion as likely to be in this situation themselves)
- David-Lloyd want to move their teams around into different divisions, start at 6.2 and then move divisions around.

Votes cast in favour of each option (one per club)

6.1	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5
4	11	3		

Option 6.2 carried and the league standings at the point the league was suspended will be used as the starting point for configuring the leagues for the 2021/22 season (then taking into account the changes in standards for clubs, likely outcome of promotion/relegations not yet confirmed, team withdrawals/additions etc)

Action: In order for the Committee to determine the most appropriate league structure for the 2021/22 season, all clubs are asked to give an honest appraisal of the teams' relative strength compared to the 2019/20 teams along with any request for alternative positions when submitting their team entries.

7. In the event the preference is for option 5.2, further discussion to agree the format of competition preferred for the season

Not discussed as option 5.1 carried

8. Election of Officers for new season

Please note that 3 members of the existing Committee (Paul, Helen and Steve) have stood down due to changes in circumstances and we will therefore need some new volunteers to join the Committee

Chairperson: Rachael Jenkinson

Proposed: Steve Best

Seconded: Neil Lawrence

Secretary: Louise Taylor

Proposed: Neil Lawrence

Seconded: Ross Harrison-Keefe

Treasurer: Nicola Smith

Proposed: Mark Lawton

Seconded: Steve Best

Auditor: Terry Duckmanton

Proposed: Rachael Jenkinson

Seconded: Louise Taylor

Committee for up to seven people: Neil Lawrence, Seaforth Dale, Chris Osbourne, Steve Best, Ryan Smith.

Proposed: Stuart Gibb

Seconded: Mo Ajmal

9. Any Other Business

David Lloyd: Can the Committee please think about the use of penalties for teams in the coming season where we are still likely to be impacted by Covid. In particular whether there should be any penalty for an incomplete team. A discussion was held with acknowledgement that this could be considered as extenuating circumstances but that we need to avoid any abuse of flexibility in the Rules. A suggestion was made by Rachael that the penalty could be limited to forfeiting any rubbers unable to be completed due to the incomplete team without incurring the additional point deduction / fine usually applied.

Steve, thanks to Rachael and Louise for arranging this EGM and running the session today.

21.08 Meeting Closed.

10. Addendum

Following the meeting, the Committee have agreed the following key dates for the season:

Season dates:	1st November 2021 – 13 th May 2022
Team entry deadline:	8 th October
Transfer deadline:	8 th October (for eligibility at start of season)
Draft leagues published:	14 th October
Leagues published:	15 th October
Fixture setting:	15 th – 31 st October
Player registration deadline:	31 st October