

Coventry Badminton Association

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2017-2018 Season

Annual General Meeting: Thursday 7th June 2018

Meeting commenced: 19.38

1. Club & Committee Apologies

Apologies: Chris Osbourne (CBA Committee), KR Alliance

Clubs not in attendance: Alveston, Coventry University, Knowle

It is disappointing not to see all clubs represented at the AGM and the Committee are considering implementing a penalty for non-attendance.

2. Minutes of 2016-2017 AGM

Proposed: Tom Burdett (Stratford/Monsoon)

Seconded: Vic James (Aerotech Labs)

3. Chairman's Report

Welcome and thank you for joining us at our Platinum AGM...this is the 70th year the Coventry Badminton League...something I only realised whilst writing this report and perhaps something we should have made more of! Time to start thinking about our Diamond Jubilee ahead of the 2022-2023 season ☺

As usual, I'd like to start by congratulating all those who teams won titles this year – several of whom were new teams to the league – I wish you continued success and hope we can encourage more teams into the league going forward – please have a think about whether you are able to enter any new teams for this season. Despite the honours being shared between fewer clubs this year (and a couple of clubs winning multiple trophies) I was delighted so see a significant increase in the number of people attending the end of season celebrations/presentation night this year – we reached (albeit just) a three figure attendance for the first time in several years. Thanks in particular to St Philips and Monsoon for their support in sending large contingents, and to Balsall Common, Hunters and Aerotech Labs who were both represented despite not having any silverware to collect this season. We were also able to award all trophies on the night as every winning club was represented.

As your committee we are already thinking about how to make the event even bigger and better next year – we want to keep things fresh so we maintain the interest and welcome any feedback about what works well and what doesn't and any suggestions for further improvement. A massive thank you to Steve who has taken over the running of the event for the last couple of seasons and who has played an instrumental role in turning the event around. We do need the continued support of you our members though both in terms of attendance but also in terms of organising within your own clubs. We'll come onto specific asks under agenda item 5.

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Penalties across the leagues remain an area of concern for me and these will be covered in more detail in the secretary's report – after a slight reduction last year, penalties spiked this year at 59 (up 60% including a massive 19 conceded matches. I would like to remind offending clubs that it is their responsibility to monitor player registrations and nomination requirements and that fines need to be paid ASAP and failure to pay prior to the first match of the new season will incur further penalty.

I'm pleased to report that after comments made during my report last year regarding complaints of conduct, I'm not aware of any such incidents occurring this season and hope this will continue going forward.

I would like to thank all of the committee – Louise, Nicola, Steve, Paul, Seaforth, Helen, Chris and Tom – for their contribution and support over the last 12 months. It takes a lot of time and effort to run the league and without people like them giving up their valuable free time, the league would not be able to function as well as it does and I am pleased to report that if you want us, we are all willing to continue supporting the league in our committee roles for another season. However, as always, we would welcome and encourage representation from other clubs onto the committee.

I hope that you all have good summer and recharge your batteries ready to do it all again next season.

4. Secretary's Report

I hope you have all had a fun and successful season, it was nice to see a good spread of trophies this year!

As you know the committee has continued to work hard again this past year to ensure the league runs successfully and well and I would like to express my appreciation for everyone's hard work again this year, including the new committee members who were happy to join us and take responsibility for running the league.

We have had a large increase in penalties and fines this season, I think all teams have struggled at times this season unfortunately. There have been a massive number of clubs not putting out teams or playing ineligible players or even players not playing enough games to meet their nominations.

The following rule infringements have applied this season:

2017-2018 season		Ladies	Mixed	Mens
1	Non registered player			5
2	Nominated player playing below nomination		1	7
3	Player playing more than permitted number of matches			3
4a	Conceded match - did not turn out a team	6	9	4
4b	Conceded match - incomplete team turned out			

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4c	Incomplete team		6	7
5	Late score card		1	
6	Nominated player not playing required number of matches		5	5
7	Club playing matches before, fees, nominations or fixtures received			
		6	22	31
Total		59		

Last season we had the following totals:

2016-2017 season	Ladies	Mixed	Mens
Total Penalties (37)	6	7	24

Can I remind you all that the submission date is set for a reason. It's set so it gives us the time to verify the match dates submitted by each team, load them into the website and check the player names as well. This last season there has been so many mistakes found on dates, and so many late submissions that have had to be chased from you.

Teams should ensure their match sec is available for the first two weeks of September to allow them to do the matches within the deadline, the last few years we have had a lot of late fixtures from clubs due to others being away.

I hope you all look forward to the new season, and I hope to see you all on court very soon!

5. End of Season Celebration and Presentation Evening

Report from Steve Turner, CBA Committee

The CBA Presentation Evening was held again this year at the Village Hotel, Coventry on the 11th May.

We had a turnout of around 100 people which is an increase of around 40 from last year. So thank you to all the people who supported the event. A special thanks to Mark Hope at St Philips who got their numbers to me first and well in advance of me announcing the deadline, and Ed Chung at Monsoon who are continuing with their record of the biggest table, 23 guests in total this year!

The feedback from the event has been great and I think having Pete Martin on the decks is a great addition. Although I think the quiz was much more difficult than last years...

The ticket price went up slightly this year to £20 which covered the venue and food, which everyone seemed happy with. Pete was paid for by the raffle with a little money left over that will be put into the pot for next years' event.

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Looking to next year, I feel that with two years doing the same thing at the same place we should do something different. We are open to suggestions from all the clubs on venues, themes, activities, etc. Please feel free to let me or another member of the committee know your thoughts.

Some things to take on board are that it has been difficult to track the ticket numbers and money coming into the league account this year. So next year we will be asking for a representative from each club to collect numbers and money to send as one batch to the committee. This will hopefully cut down the confusion and extra admin on our side.

I would also ask that people follow St Philips' lead and get rough numbers into me earlier rather than later next year. Most venues require confirmed numbers at least a month prior to the event which meant the few weeks before the 11th May were an admin nightmare this year. We need to try and make this a little less painful next year please.

So in summary, I would like to thank Rachael, Lou and Nicola for the support with organising and chasing the money, all the club reps who promoted the event within their clubs and helped to achieve the 100 guests this year, and finally to all those who donated raffle prizes, without which we would not be able to keep the ticket price down.

The last few years have shown that the Coventry Badminton Association does have an active social side and long may this continue!

- 5.1. Clubs are asked that going forward, they need to nominate a single point of contact for the presentation evening who will be responsible for confirming ticket numbers, menu choices, dietary requirements and collecting all money on behalf of their members and paying this in a single payment to the league.
- 5.2. This will simplify the reconciliation and reduce the amount of effort in chasing the payments for the committee. This year we received a total of 31 payments (24 from just 3 clubs) for the 100 tickets sold for the event.

6. Juniors' Report

Report from Chris Osbourne

It was difficult not to write the County report without it sounding like the Juniors! The county has some excellent youngsters coming through, particularly on the ladies side.

As a result of two first choice ladies on maternity leave, coupled with injury, the (adults) Warwickshire 1sts this season regularly featured three Birmingham based players who are still with the WSBA (Warwickshire Schools Badminton Association). Kiara Henry, Asmita Choudrai and Victoria Liang certainly held their own and were a key factor in helping the team to top spot in the division.

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The 2nds and 3rds too, were well served by young WSBA players from our own Coventry league such as Phoebe and Nathan Moore, Caitlin Harper, Callum Daniels and Millie Evans. There's certainly a golden generation coming through the ranks and it was amazing / amusing to see these young players come off court and resume their homework in between games!

There was international recognition for former Alveston Junior Joseph Scott who played for England at U15 level this season

In the annual Junior Team Tournament, held this year in Stratford, Rugby Youth won the U14 competition ahead of Jubilee Juniors. They also won the U18 event with Alveston Juniors runners up.

Away from the top players, the junior scene locally is generally buoyant. The big four clubs in the CBA area -Jubilee Juniors and Racqueteers in Coventry, Rugby Youth and Alveston Juniors in Leamington and Stratford between them cater for around 200 young players aged between 6 -18 on a weekly basis

Finally, a sobering thought for those of you who think they play a lot of badminton. Admittedly she's based in Birmingham so not strictly "one of ours" but I was talking to Asmita Choudrai during a county match recently. Her schedule consists of three evenings a week being coached in Milton Keynes, one evening a week at West Midlands Performance Centre, one evening a week working on fitness and conditioning and weekends playing matches and tournaments around Europe – oh yes and as she's only 14 she has her schoolwork to do as well.

7. Warwickshire Badminton report

Report from Chris Osbourne, Warwickshire County Liaison Officer

This season saw the County 1sts and 2nds in the same division. The first team had been relegated from the Premier Division where they met their colleagues who had been promoted up to Division 1 (North).

For the second team, it was a tough win-less season and, unfortunately, a quick return to Division 2. Their cause wasn't helped by the requirement to give up their top players whenever the 1sts were short!

The first team, under the management of former CBA player Max Grant, went into the final weekend's matches with a top three finish a realistic prospect. Convincing wins over Nottinghamshire and Staffordshire, helped by results elsewhere meant that we actually finished top of the division. This put Warwickshire into the play offs for promotion however, unlike Coventry City, we were unable to get the results we wanted to finish the job. The May bank holiday weekend saw our hopes dashed by

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crushing defeats from Gail Emms' Hertfordshire and Leinster (yes, apparently they're part of Badminton England!)

Players are reminded that the county runs five Masters teams – starting at Over-40 up to Over-65. These are doubles matches and give the more experienced a chance to compete against similar aged players from other counties. You do not have to have been a top player in your youth – so don't be put off from coming along. The county is generally struggling for numbers so we'd welcome a few more putting themselves forward. Look out for an email from Louise for details of the next trial session – usually held in Warwick

On an individual front, Coventry's own Sam Parsons had some success winning singles tournaments in Europe. The city's other former national champion, Fontaine Chapman announced her retirement earlier this year. As with the Rugby Union ruling, as both players earned money playing for clubs on the continent, neither were eligible for selection for Warwickshire

The county's new website is well under way and will hopefully offer a fresh new image. Its intention is to be both welcoming to newcomers and informative to those already playing. This should go live this summer. It will have links into the LDBA and CBA and will hopefully serve as a signpost to clubs looking to recruit new members

At last night's Warwickshire AGM, the committee and officials were largely unchanged from last season with the main change being Max Grant stepping down as 1st team manager. This position remains unfilled at present, so if anyone within CBA is interested in the role....

We understand that BE are keeping the standard adult membership at £10 for next season, although for those who pay the higher competition rate, this will rise from £20 to £22. With this in mind WBA have agreed to hold the county supplement at £4 again.

8. Treasurer's report

8.1. Overview of league accounts for the season (see Appendix for copy of accounts)

8.2. Proposed league fees for 2018-2019 season

It is proposed that the league fees will remain unchanged for the coming season:

- £7.00 per Ladies team
- £7.50 per Mens team
- £7.50 per Mixed team

Proposed: Bruce Armstrong (Windy Arbour)

Seconded: Seaforth Dale (AT7)

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9. Election of Officers for 2018-2019 season

Chairperson: Rachael Jenkinson (Central Sports)

Proposed: Seaforth Dale (AT7)

Seconded: Tom Burdett (Stratford/Monsoon)

As no new proposals were received, clubs were asked to elect the remainder of the committee as a whole:

Secretary: Louise Taylor (Balsall Common)

Treasurer: Nicola Smith (AT7)

Auditor: John Ross

Committee for up to seven people: Seaforth Dale (AT7), Tom Burdett (Stratford/Monsoon), Helen Fulker (Central Sporst/Solihull & Shirley), Chris Osbourne, Steve Turner (Hunters), Paul Baker (Nuneaton)

Proposed: Mark Hope (St Philips)

Seconded: Mark Hatton (Adders)

10. Proposed Rule Changes and additions for 2018-2019 season

10.1. Note: Deleted text is shown as ~~strikethrough~~ and additional text is shown as underlined

10.2. Proposed amendment (by the Committee) to Playing Rule 1.

It is proposed that the wording of **Playing Rule 1** is amended as follows:

1. MEMBERSHIP

All clubs playing in the League shall be assumed to continue with the same number of teams for the following season unless the Honorary Secretary is notified in writing of any additions or withdrawals on or before ~~31~~ 25 August.

Rationale: This will allow the Committee time to review the league structure and make any necessary amendments prior to issuing the leagues on 1st September whilst still ensuring clubs have time to confirm player commitment as the transfer deadline will have passed.

For: Unanimous	Against: 0	Abst: 0
Outcome: PASSED		

10.3. Addition of Rule G to the Constitution.

G. Clubs will be invoiced for the cost of repair or replacement for any damaged or lost League and Tournament trophies.

No objections raised

11. Rule clarifications for 2018-2019 season

11.1. Note: Deleted text is shown as ~~strikethrough~~ and additional text is shown as underlined

11.2. A clarification is to be made to the final sentence of **Playing Rule 2** as follows:

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2. SEASON

All teams must pay their league fees promptly and prior to any matches being played, failure to do so will result in a 1 point penalty for all Mixed and Men's matches and a 2 point penalty for all Ladies matches played until fees (and any outstanding fines from the previous season) have been received by the Treasurer.

Rationale: To ensure that all monies are received in a timely matter.

No objections raised

- 11.3. A clarification is to be made to **Playing Rule 12** as follows:

12. POSTPONEMENTS

In the event of a valid postponement, both teams shall within 28 days re-arrange the fixture within the limits of the official season. Failure to do so will result in the match being declared void and no points or rubbers being awarded.

Rationale: To encourage both teams to actively seek to re-arrange in a timely manner.

No objections raised

- 11.4. A clarification is to be made to Constitution Rule B as follows:

B. Any club, of which the object or one of the objects is badminton, having its hall situated within a radius of 15 miles from Coventry City Centre and being affiliated to ~~the Warwickshire Badminton Association or its appropriate County Association~~ Badminton England (BE) shall be entitle to become or remain a member of the Section. Any club that does not enter a League competition shall be excluded. By affiliated to BE, we mean that a club must pay for a minimum of the current 'Club Level' BE membership each season OR provide a copy of their own public liability insurance certificate which is of a level that is accepted by BE.

Rationale: To ensure that the league remains covered by BE insurance we need ALL clubs to have a minimum of 'Club Level' membership OR to have an appropriate alternative insurance policy in place which is accepted by BE.

No objections raised

12.Additions and Withdrawals for 2018-2019 Season, deadline 25th August 2018 (new deadline agreed per 10.2 above). *Italics denotes TBC but advised during AGM*

- 12.1. Additions: St Philips (Ladies 2), St Philips (Mixed 3), *David Lloyd (Mixed 2), QDJ (Mixed 2)*
12.2. Withdrawals: KR Alliance (Mens 2), *Whitestone (Ladies & Mixed), Nuneaton (Mens 4), AT7 (Mixed 3)*

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13. Any Other Business

- 13.1. Chilvers' Cup to be held on 7th October 2018 at Coventry Leisure Centre, Fairfax Street, Coventry, 12-5pm – teams of 4 (2 men / 2 ladies) – further details to be circulated shortly – please encourage members to participate.
- 13.2. Jon Froggett Friendship Challenge 2018 will take place on Sunday 2nd September 2018. 12-7pm at the AT7 Centre. Full details available on the CBA website or from Ed @ Monsoon.
- 13.3. GDPR impact and considerations. Teams to sign details confirmation paperwork and also to re-do their team information sheet signing and ticking to confirm details can go onto the website, without this no club contact details can go onto the website no matches to be arranged by them/with them. Various GDPR and privacy policy items are now on the website, if you want further details then please ask the CBA Secretary. Press contact will also be removed from the website.

No objections raised

As a result, an additional Rule will be added to the Constitution as follows:

H. All data held by the CBA will be processed and treated in accordance with the GDPR which came into effect on 25th May 2018. Full details on this can be found on the CBA website on the Privacy Policy page.

- 13.4. Website re-design to be discussed and agreed with committee. Initial high level estimate provided by Silver Innovation for £750 +VAT (current website manager and responsible for re-design of Solihull District Badminton website)

This was agreed by all clubs.

- 13.5. Mo Ajmal (Jubilee) raised an AOB relating to the claiming of matches due to late arrival. He appealed for clubs to use their discretion and allow as much badminton to be played as possible, with rubbers only being claimed in the event of time running out. It remains the non-defaulting club's decision and rubbers should be claimed from rubber 9 backwards, as per Playing Rule 8.

Meeting closed: 20:31

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Season 2017/2018

	2017	2018	Notes
Income			
Affiliation Fees	688	681	1 Teams: 41 Mens, 31 Mixed, 20 Ladies
Building Society interest	13	17	
Bank interest	-	-	
Profit/(Loss) on Dinner Dance	(144)	(57)	2 100 attendees at the dinner dance
Fines (received less paid out)	160	570	3 All fines less conceded match claims
Total Income	717	1,211	
Expenditure			
General admin expenses	210	216	
Website	150	150	
Secretary honorarium	50	50	
League Trophies and engraving	134	125	
Loss/(Profit) on Tournaments	158	-	4 No Chilvers Cup in 17/18 financial year
Affiliation Fees	-	-	
Juniors	90	90	5 3 clubs: Alveston, Raquetteers and Jubilee Juniors. Alveston and Raquetteers 2017 payments will be paid with 2018
Charitable Donations	-	-	
Total Expenditure	792	631	
Profit/(loss)	(75)	581	

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31st May 2018 (Season 2017/2018)

Current Assets

Cash at Coventry Building Society	5,239	5,256
Cash at Bank	2,681	3,067
Cash in Hand	-	-
Debtors	107	100
Total Current Assets	8,027	8,423

Current Liabilities

Creditors	474	290
Total Current Assets	474	290

Net Current Assets	7,553	8,133
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Surplus (Deficit) - Income over expenditure

Balance Brought Forward	7,628	7,553
in year	(75)	581
Balance Carried Forward	7,553	8,133

CASH STATEMENT

Season 2017/2018

Opening Balance Current Account and BS Account	8,305	7,920
Profit/(loss)	(75)	581
Plus decrease in debtors	109	7
Less decrease in creditors	(419)	(184)
Net Change	(385)	403
Closing Balance	7,920	8,324