

Coventry Badminton Association

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Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 17th June 2015

AGM MINUTES

Meeting commenced at: 19.34

1. Apologies
Martin Wheatley, Graham Chilvers
2. Minutes of 2014 AGM
 - 2.1. Proposed: Terry Duckmanton (Warwick Bears)
 - 2.2. Seconded: Paul Baker (Stockingford)
3. Chairman's Report

Chairman's Report to the AGM

Welcome and thank you for joining us at the 67th AGM of the Coventry Badminton League.

Once again we have had a successful season with a good spread of clubs winning trophies, in fact 10 clubs won trophies this season the same as the last 2 years, including 5 clubs who won 2 trophies each. Well done to all clubs who won a trophy this year and commiserations to those who missed out....maybe next season will be your year. I appreciate that when a club does not win a trophy their appetite for taking part in the end of season celebration is low however we would very much like the event to become a chance for the entire league to socialise with each other as whilst we encourage a competitive spirit, many of us are involved in the sport more for the social aspect!

An area of concern I do have relates to the spike in penalties across the leagues this season which will be covered in the secretary's report.

In the spirit of an Oscar winner, I have many people to thank.

Firstly, I would like to thank our outgoing Chairman for his support of the League over the last 10 years (6 of which he has been our chairman) – I know Graham is a friend of many of you and his day-to-day involvement in our sport, our clubs and the CBA itself will be missed by us all. Graham's love for the sport has been apparent through his years as both club and league Chairman/committee member.

I would also like to thank all of the other committee members for their efforts and support over the last 12 months particularly as we have been a 'man down' for most of the season. It takes a lot of time and effort to run the league and without people like them voluntarily giving up their time, the league would not be able to function as well as it does.

So my thanks go to Louise, Nick, Martin, Chris and Seaforth.

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I would like to place on record my thanks to John Ross for once again donating raffle prizes for the Presentation Evening and continuing to audit the accounts. John has been a staunch supporter of the CBA in a number of ways even after he retired from the Committee so thank you John.

I would also like to thank our other raffle donors - Chris Jones from Central Sports who have been providing us with prizes for a number of years now and I thank them for their continued support, and also Louise, Graham and Julie.

As ever, we remain keen to hear any feedback you have on the operation of the league and our end of season celebration and would love to welcome new members onto the committee particularly from clubs that are not currently represented.

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

CBA Chairman's Trophy 2014-2015

The past 12 months have seen many successes at both county and national level for current and former players from our very own league – making it very difficult to select the winner of this year's Chairman's Trophy.

To name a few:

- Grace Taylor became the national U17 mixed doubles champion
- Sam Parsons became the national Mens Singles Champion at just 19 years old
- Steve Butler was appointed as National Singles coach at Badminton England

This year's trophy has however been awarded to someone who is well known across the league. Someone who took up the sport at 43 and in the 22 years that followed developed an enormous passion for the sport. So much so that they were prepared to give up their spare time to ensure that the league is run for the benefit of all members whilst still maintaining an enormous passion for the sport – both on and off the court – playing for 2 clubs for the last 10 years (meaning 4-5 nights of playing every week), playing for the county Masters, acting as an official at both club and league level and regularly volunteering at the All England championships.

It is a real shame and a true loss to the sport and our league that ill health has led to Graham's premature exit from the sport – I know he's missing his time on court especially! He does however continue to keep a close eye on proceedings and looking out for results (and keeps me on my toes with making sure that the website is correct!)

I'm sure you will all agree that Graham is a very worthy winner of this year's Chairman's Trophy.

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4. Secretaries Report

Firstly, I'd like to thank you for attending the AGM and representing your clubs, I hope you have all had a great season. Congratulations to all the division winning teams this year, well done I hope you're enjoying your well-deserved trophies!

I'd like to say a massive thank you to Rachael this season, as you know with Graham being taken ill last year she has taken over the mantle of the Chairman and also adding the Men's match secretary to her Mixed and Ladies role as well. The rest of the committee have been a great help as always, so thank you to Martin, Seaforth, Chris and Nick.

The following rule infringements have applied this season:

2014-2015 season		Ladies	Mixed	Men's
1	Non registered player	3	3	3
2	Nominated player playing below nomination	0	4	3
3	Player playing more than permitted number of matches	0	2	5
4a	Conceded match - did not turn out a team	8	8	1
4b	Conceded match - incomplete team turned out	1	2	2
4c	Incomplete team	0	0	0
5	Late score card	0	1	2
6	Nominated player not playing required number of matches			
		12	20	16
Total		48 Penalties		

Last season we had the following totals:

2013-2014 season	Ladies	Men's	Mixed
Total Penalties	11	10	13

As you can see the penalties have INCREASED by nearly double for the Mixed teams with far more conceded matches over the Ladies and Mixed teams this season. Overall this was a busy year for conceded matches with 17 penalties issued during the season which was very high unfortunately.

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For all clubs who have been issued with fines please note that we need you to have paid your fines ASAP please and you need to have them paid along with your team fees before any matches are played, as per rule 2.

I would like to say on behalf of the entire committee a massive thank you to Graham, due to health reasons as you know Graham has stepped down from his roles on the Committee, his help and knowledge gained over the many years he has been a part of the committee and league will be very much missed. (Although he's still answering questions thank goodness!! Haha)

I hope that we as your committee have helped make your season run smoothly again this year and everyone is looking forward to the new season starting.

5. End of Season Celebration and Presentation Evening

The 2015 Presentation evening was held at the Standard Triumph Club in the smaller room this year with the new double team of Rachael and myself running the presentation bit this year. Hopefully all those who came thought it was a good evening and enjoyed the fun!

Once again, the number of attendees fell and this year only saw 70 people attend – but I felt that in the smaller room it “felt” busier and people that I spoke too seemed to be having fun and enjoying themselves. This is probably in part to the date booked being the start of half term and also the same night as another badminton presentation evening (which was not known at the time it was booked last year). Next year we will send out some “save the date” emails for the celebration evening early for everyone to pop in their calendars.

I shall be asking clubs again this year for any suggestions or feedback on a possible alternative venue maybe....? - It would be a shame to lose the event but I would suggest that 70 attendees is very borderline on being viable moving forward.

Can I offer my thanks to Rachael who helped me organise the run the evening, a big thank you to those who donated raffle prizes and to everyone who bought a raffle ticket on the night, I hope the winners enjoyed their prizes!

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6. Juniors Report

Last season's CBA Juniors report wasn't the most cheerful with local junior clubs and the county juniors having trouble with their venues. Thankfully those troubles have now been overcome.

Racquetters are now settled in their new home venue at Centre AT7 and interestingly their membership profile has changed as a result. Playing in the North of the city has attracted a higher number of players from the Indian community, some of whom have real potential and have successfully trialled as junior county squad members.

Rugby Youth, Alveston Juniors and Jubilee Juniors continue to be well attended whilst Hartshill are growing steadily.

The county itself has now moved its Sunday training sessions to Whitley, following the imminent closure of the Fairfax Street leisure centre. This has meant the loss of some players who were unable to accommodate a change of training day, but this will only be a short term problem

Some of our former juniors continue to fly the flag for the city. Rhys Walker is currently 4th in the national singles rankings whilst Sam Parsons is 5th. For those who didn't know, Sam also won the English national title earlier this year. I still vividly remember a coaching session when both Sam and Rhys were in the Warwickshire U13 squad and even at that age were teaching me skills!

In the ladies' singles, Fontaine Chapman is currently ranked 1st and she was pipped for the national title herself by the slenderest of margins, going down 24-22 and 21-19 in the final

7. Warwickshire Badminton report

Warwickshire Badminton has an excellent website: www.warwickshirebadminton.co.uk

The Warwickshire Badminton Association (WBA) held its 2014/15 AGM in Stratford last week and the following points are of interest to CBA members:

Badminton England fees

The county is disappointed to learn that annual BE membership has once again risen way beyond the level of inflation and the 2015-16 fee will be £16, up 14% from this season's £14. With this in mind, Warwickshire has held its own surcharge at the current level of £4. Players will therefore be paying a combined total of £20 for the forthcoming season.

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Once again, to help encourage new players, the county voted not to impose any surcharge on junior players although the BE fee for 2015/16 is not currently known

Coaching Co-ordinator

After two seasons without a designated Coaching Co-ordinator, an appointment is believed to be imminent and details will be announced once the person concerned accepts the post formally, having agreed in principle to the county's suggestion. Clubs are reminded that registration with the county entitles them to two free sessions of coaching during the season.

Action: Chris Osbourne to share details of the new coaching co-ordinator when confirmed

County players wanted

The county are always looking for new players to represent Warwickshire's three teams in county matches, particularly ladies who it seems are less likely to put themselves forward for selection. If you're an accomplished league player with aspirations, please do consider making yourself known to the county selectors. To find out how you measure up against existing squad members, enter the Restricted tournament in Solihull on the weekend of 26/27th September. You may surprise yourself! In addition, the county runs teams at various "Masters" levels from Over- 40 through to Over-60

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8. Treasurers Report Treasurer's report

Including proposed league fees for 2015-2016 Season: NO CHANGE

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Income and Expenditure Account - Season 2014/2015		
	2015	2014
Income		
Affiliation Fees	760	762
Building Society Interest	10	10
(Loss) / Profit on Dinner Dance	(42)	102
Fines (received less paid out)	270	60
	998	934
Expenditure		
General Admin Expenses	177	140
Website	120	40
Secretary Honorarium	50	50
League Trophies and Engraving	223	170
Juniors	90	90
Loss on Tournaments	187	50
	847	540
Surplus (Deficit) - Income over Expenditure	151	394
Balance Brought Forward	7,397	7,003
Total Funds	7,548	7,397
Represented By		
Cash at Coventry Building Society	5,215	5,205
Cash at Bank	2,927	3,072
Cash in Hand		-
	8,142	8,277
Plus Debtors	1,419	1,726
Less Creditors	(2,013)	(2,606)
	7,548	7,397
Notes		
The Association owns various cups and trophies		
<u>Auditors report to the Members of the Coventry Badminton Association</u>		
I certify that the above account has been correctly prepared from the books and records produced to me and it is in accordance therewith.		
John Ross		

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9. Election of Officers for 2015-2016

Chairperson: Rachael Jenkinson (EGBC)

Proposed: Libby Campbell (EGBC)

Seconded: Seaforth Dale (AT7)

Secretary: Louise Taylor (BCBC)

Proposed: Stuart Gibb (AT7)

Seconded: Steve Brendan (Whitestone)

Treasurer: Nick Pettman

Proposed: Louise Taylor (BCBC)

Seconded: Kim Mort (Jubilee)

Auditor: John Ross (AT7)

Proposed: Stuart Gibb (AT7)

Seconded: Oliver Moore (EGBC)

Committee for up to seven people:

Seaforth Dale (AT7), Anthony McAtamney (BCBC), Jim Jack (Warwick Bears), Chris Osbourne (OW)

Proposed: Ian Fowler (St Philips)

Seconded: Steve Brendan (Whitestone)

10. Proposed Rule Changes for 2015-2016 season

10.1. **Proposal 1:** Proposed by Balsall Common Badminton Club

Proposal to increase the rubbers played in the Ladies Matches from 6 to 8, therefore a reverse split would be played to ensure that the matches last longer than 1.5hrs in some cases.

For: 8	Against: 16	Abst: 2
Outcome: Motion not carried		

10.2. **Proposal 2:** Proposed by CBA Committee

Following recent debate around the potential for age restrictions to be introduced to the league, the Committee have discussed and taken guidance including feedback from Badminton England. To avoid the risk of age discrimination claims, we have decided to adopt an approach similar to that of Badminton England where entry to senior competitions is restricted to the player grade to ensure an appropriate standard of participation. As such, we have made an amendment to the rule covering eligibility of players as follows:

Additions shown with underlined text and deletions shown with ~~strikethrough text~~

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Rule 6: Eligibility of Players

Players representing a club's team in the league must be bona fide members of that club, nominations shall be made in writing by at or before the fixture meeting, and each player shall be registered by his or her club before playing in any match. Clubs are reminded that they need to act responsibly when selecting players to ensure that they are of an appropriate standard to compete at the level of match the team is playing. The Committee reserve the right to award matches against offending teams.

For: 25	Against: 1	Abst: 0
Outcome: Carried		
ACTION: Rules to be updated and loaded to Website for start of new season		

11. Additions and Withdrawals for 2015-2016 Season, deadline 24th August 2015

- 11.1. Old Warwickians will not be entering a team this coming 2015-2016 Season.
- 11.2. Stratford will not be entering a team this coming 2015-2016 Season.
- 11.3. Whitestone = -1 mixed team
- 11.4. Avon = -1 mixed
- 11.5. Knowle = -1 mixed, -1 ladies
- 11.6. Jubilee = -1 mixed, -1 ladies, -1 mens
- 11.7. Hunters = +1 mens
- 11.8. Ste Philips = +1 mixed
- 11.9. Central = -1 mens

12. Any Other Business

Meeting closed at 20.10