

Coventry Badminton Association

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2015_2016 Season

Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 28th June 2016

1. AGM AGENDA for Season 2015-2016

Meeting commenced at: 7.38 pm

2. Club/Committee Apologies

Chris Osbourne (Alveston), Bob Gale (Avon), Anthony McTamney (BCBC), Jim Jack (Warwick Bears), Phil (QDJ),

3. Minutes of 2015 AGM

- 3.1. Proposed: Seaforth Dale, AT7
- 3.2. Seconded: John Ross, AT7

4. Chairman's Report

- 4.1. Chairman's Report to the AGM, Including the Chilvers Cup Report

Welcome and thank you for joining us at the 68th AGM of the Coventry Badminton League.

Once again we have had a successful season and whilst there were slightly fewer clubs winning trophies this year there was still a good spread with 8 victorious clubs. This year's most successful clubs were Monsoon (with 4 trophies) and Warwick Bears (with 3 trophies). 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! It was particularly disappointing this year to have 2 of our winning clubs not taking part in the event at all. As always, the committee are open to feedback and suggestions to make the event more popular. I for one thought the new venue this year was a huge success and added a little more glamour to the event – a huge thanks to Louise for all her hard work in securing the venue and ensuring the night was a success.

Penalties across the leagues remain an area of concern for me and these will be covered in more detail in the secretary's report. I would like to remind all clubs that when there is a need to re-arrange a match due to a loss of venue, this needs to be notified to the relevant league secretary and the CBA secretary as soon as you become aware and the new date advised to the relevant league secretary as soon as possible.

We have been advised that the sports hall at Hartshill School (venue for Adders 3 & 4 and Stockingford) over the summer holiday including a new floor and the venue will not be taking

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bookings until the end of September and therefore neither club will be able to accommodate home fixtures until well into October. Could you please advise your match secretaries and we ask that you are flexible in helping both clubs to manage their home fixtures after this date.

Additionally, I would like to remind all clubs that the league is not insured if any of our member clubs are not registered with Badminton England and that this needs to be completed as soon as possible once the BE registration process opens again in October. All members registered to play matches with the league need to be included on your BE registration and have their fees up to date.

This year also saw the replacement of the CET cup with the Chilver's Cup in honour of our former chairman. 7 teams of 4 competed for the cup playing lots of badminton...in a somewhat fitting finale, Graham's 2 former clubs competed in the final with Balsall Common emerging as victors after beating Ernesford Grange. Thank you to Julie for providing a beautiful trophy for the event, all those who entered and Seaforth who ran the event for us. I hope we will receive ongoing support for the event in future years.

I would like to thank all of the committee for their efforts 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.

So my thanks go to Louise, Nick, Chris, Seaforth, Jim and Anthony. We have some changes on the committee this year as several members are standing down. Nick leaves his role as Treasurer after several seasons – thank you for all your support Nick. Jim and Anthony also step down from their committee roles. We therefore need some new members for the committee and I encourage you to all think about whether you could support in even a minor role to ensure we can continue to run our league efficiently for another year. I would also like to see more of our clubs represented on the committee. We'll come to the election of officers later in the agenda and hope to see lots of volunteers!

I have some further thankyou's I would like to place on record. Firstly, my thanks to John Ross for his ongoing support of the league and once again donating raffle prizes for the Presentation Evening and continuing to audit the accounts. 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.

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

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4.2. The Chilvers Cup Tournament report

Once again it was a great honour and pleasure to be part of the renamed (and rightly so) Chilvers Cup. This year played at the AT7 Centre.

First I would like to thank Graham for getting me involved with this tournament, second, Rachael and Louise for their support who without it could've ended up playing in the car park..!

Thirdly, Pete for his stringing services and the precious water supplies and last but by no means least you the players for giving up your Sunday for such a great cause but moreover, demonstrated a wonderful display of high quality badminton culminating in the final being contested by the two clubs Graham played for, (Sparta-Ernesford Grange & Balsall Common) ending in a win for Balsall Common. Graham would've definitely approved of this.

All the games I was able to watch were played in good spirits, high intensity and lots of friendly banter.

It's a pity there could only be one winner. Well done to all who participated. I am looking forward to seeing more of you next year.

Seaforth Dale

4.3. CBA Chairman's Trophy 2015-2016

This year's Chairman's Trophy goes to someone who has been involved in the sport for almost 40 years with huge commitment and loyalty to the same club through all their playing years.

This person has not only enjoyed playing the sport, but has also helped to ensure the successful running of both club and the CBA league as well as bringing future players into the sport through their junior club which has seen over 500 juniors come through their club since it opened - from total beginners to county players and children with learning difficulties. They also spent a few years coaching county juniors.

As well as holding key roles on the CBA committee, this person has also been on their club committee for over 15 years and seems to have been running their club almost single handedly for the past 5-6 years.

Despite, in their own words, being the oldest and most knackered lady in the club, she remains committed to playing whenever possible.

For her commitment to badminton, her club, the league and junior development, please join me in congratulating Kim Mort on being awarded this year's Chairman's Trophy.

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5. Secretary's 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 shiny trophies!

I'd like to say a massive thank you again to Rachael this season, as you know she had a baby earlier this year and still managed to keep on top of all the score cards for Men's, Mixed and Ladies as well, which I'm sure we all appreciate is not the easiest of tasks, let alone with a new born!

The rest of the committee have most appreciated as always with the running of the league, so thank you to Seaforth, Nick, Chris, Jim and Anthony.

The following rule infringements have applied this season:

2015-2016 season		Ladies	Mixed	Men's
1	Non registered player	4	8	1
2	Nominated player playing below nomination	1	1	2
3	Player playing more than permitted number of matches	0	1	2
4a	Conceded match - did not turn out a team	3	0	4
4b	Conceded match - incomplete team turned out	0	0	0
4c	Incomplete team	2	3	3
5	Late score card	1	3	1
6	Nominated player not playing required number of matches	0	1	0
Total		11	17	13
		41 penalties		

Last season we had the following totals:

2015-2016 season	Ladies	Mixed	Men's
Total Penalties (48)	12	20	16

So overall we have had a few less penalties this season, but we still had 7 matches that were conceded with no team at all available and 8 with only part of a team put out by either the home or away side.

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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 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.

6. End of Season Celebration and Presentation Evening

The 2016 Presentation evening was held at the new venue of the Village Hotel in Coventry, in the Vibe Suite downstairs with Rachael and myself running the presentation bit again.

I had some good feedback on the room and the venue and I hope everyone who came along to represent their clubs had a great time. We actually had more attendees than previous years with 82 tickets booked this year, which was fantastic, so I shall book the Village Hotel again next year, as I hope the change of venue helped with the numbers booked!

Next year we will again send out some "save the date" emails for the celebration evening early for everyone to pop in their calendars.

Can I offer a big thank you to John Ross, Central Sports and Rachael who along with others 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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7. Juniors Report

This time last year, Warwickshire (and Coventry in particular) was celebrating the success of local player Sam Parsons winning the English Nationals Mens Singles title. Unfortunately he was unable to compete this year to defend his crown, however we are still in celebratory mood as Fontaine Chapman beat Chloe Birch in the 2016 final to take the Ladies Singles title. A fantastic achievement for Fontaine herself, and for the city.

Both Sam and Fontaine came through Warwickshire's youth system and before that, both were early members of the Racqueteers junior club set up by Pete Chapman and the late Mick Butler - a club which will be celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

Earlier this year, I stepped down as Chair of Racqueteers, having taken over its running when Pete Chapman stepped down nine years ago. My increasing commitments with my own Alveston Juniors club and with Warwickshire meant that I wasn't able to afford it the necessary time to maintain its high standards. I'm sure the club would welcome anyone currently playing in the CBA who would like to get involved in running junior badminton, whether it be as an assistant coach or on the administration side, to help fill my vacancy. Equally, I'm sure, Jubilee Juniors, Knowle Juniors, Rugby Youth or Hartshill Hayes Juniors would welcome volunteers keen to be involved with producing the league players (and maybe national Singles Champions!) of the future. Please do consider helping out at a junior club – their contact details are on the front page of the CBA website.

In this year's local junior team tournament, Rugby Youth took the honours in both the younger (U13) and older (U17) competitions. Jubilee narrowly edged out Alveston for runners up spot in the U13 and beat Racqueteers to also take the U17 Silver.

Finally, I too, would like to add a few words concerning the loss this season of Graham Chilvers. Many of you will have known him as a league player, some would also have known him as a player for the county veterans. He was also keen to help the junior players - a regular visitor to Racqueteers on a Saturday morning, delivering carrier bags with tubes of used club shuttles so that the young players could carry out their coaching drills with feathers. He will be missed at all levels in the local badminton world

Chris Osborne

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8. Warwickshire Badminton report

At the county's AGM held earlier this month, it was announced that the BE fees for players will be £16 for the forthcoming season, up from £15. WBA would like to stress that this increase is outside of the control of the county and although not condoning it, have no option but to pass this on to its players. The Warwickshire supplement will once again be held at £4, thus meaning that local players will have to pay a total of £20 for the season, 20% of which will be returned to us to develop the sport in the county. It was agreed once again not to add a supplement to the BE junior fee which continues at £5.

It's worth reminding CBA members of two areas where WBA spend this money to enhance local badminton skills –

- (a) Subject to the size of the club in terms of adult membership, affiliated clubs are entitled to request free group coaching sessions annually for the benefit of club members. These are delivered by Level 2 qualified coaches on the county register. For session applications or further details of this scheme, please contact the WBA Coaching Co-ordinator Tim Ward
- (b) Whilst individual applications are discussed on their merits, the county tends to look favourably upon requests for grants towards players who wish to take coaching courses, particularly those who would be using their badge to help at a local junior club, or with the county junior squad. Your attention is drawn to details of a Level 1 course being held at Tile Hill Wood this autumn, details of which are on the CBA website. Should you wish to be considered for a grant of up to 50% of the cost of such a course, please contact the WBA Secretary Rob Goode

Can I also bring to your attention the county's open session at Langley School on Sunday 10th July. This will take place from noon to 3pm and is open to anyone of a sufficient standard that wishes to be considered to play for a Warwickshire side this coming season. We currently run three teams in national divisions and whilst we don't expect every player to be at the level of Fontaine Chapman or Sam Parsons, there are plenty of places up for grabs for club players at Premier division level. Details were recently emailed out by CBA Secretary Louise Taylor.

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9. Treasurers Report Treasurer's report

Including proposed league fees for 2016-2017 Season:

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<u>Income and Expenditure Account - Season 2015-2016</u>		
<u>Income</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Affiliation Fees	760	651
Building Society Interest	10	11
(Loss) / Profit on Dinner Dance	(42)	12
Fines (received less paid out)	270	210
	998	884
<u>Expenditure</u>		
General Admin Expenses	177	215
Website	120	150
Secretary Honorarium	50	50
League Trophies and Engraving	223	135
Affiliation Fees (no need to pay in future)		(90)
Juniors	90	90
Loss on Tournaments	187	167
MacMillian Cancer Support		100
	847	817
Surplus (Deficit) - Income over Expenditure	151	67
Balance Brought Forward	7,397	7,548
Total Funds	7,548	7,615
<u>Represented By</u>		
Cash at Coventry Building Society	5,215	5226
Cash at Bank	2,927	3079
Cash in Hand	-	-
	8,142	8305
Plus Debtors	1,419	202
Less Creditors	(2,013)	(892)
	7,548	7,615
<u>Notes</u>		
The Association owns various cups and trophies		

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<u>28.06.2016: At the time of the AGM the accounts are yet to be audited. This will be done before the 20th July 2016.</u>

10. Election of Officers for 2016-2017 season

Chairperson: Rachael Jenkinson (EG)

Proposed: Kim Mort; Jubilee

Seconded: Stuart Gibb, AT7

Secretary: Louise Taylor (BC)

Proposed: Mark Hope; St Philips

Seconded: Steve Merry; Adders

Treasurer: Nicola O'Brian (AT7)

Proposed: Stuart Gibb; AT7

Seconded: Rob Fowler; St Philips

Auditor: John Ross (AT7)

Proposed: Seaforth Dale; AT7

Seconded: Louise Taylor; BC

Committee for up to seven people:

Helen Fulkner (S&S) / Seaforth Dale (AT7) / Paul Baker (Stockingford) / Tom Burdett (Stratford)/ Chris Osbourne (Alveston)

Proposed: Terry Duckmanton; WB

Seconded: Sue Brooks; EG

Additionally, we were approached after the AGM by Steve Turner of Hunters BC who also agreed to stand on the committee and we accepted this offer. Thanks to all those who continue to stand and those who volunteered to join this year.

11. Proposed Rule Changes for 2016-2017 season

11.1. **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: 3	Against: 21	Abst: 4
Outcome: NOT PASSED		

*NB, As this is the third year this proposal has been put forward with a very similar outcome in terms of voting, it is clear that our member clubs do not support this at this time and we ask

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that careful consideration is given and perhaps adhoc canvassing of other clubs takes place before this proposal is submitted again..

12. Additions and Withdrawals for 2016-2017 Season, deadline 30th August 2016

- 12.1. Solihull & Shirley Mixed team – **Approved by vote***
- 12.2. Avon Mens team - **Approved**
- 12.3. Stratford 2 Mens teams & aMixed team - **Approved by Vote***
- 12.4. QDJ Ladies & Mixed team – **Approved**
- 12.5. AT7 adding a Mens team - **Approved**

*Votes were taken in relation to Solihull and Shirley BC and Stratford BC as their venues fall outside the league catchment area.

13. Any Other Business

- Please update your club venue and contact details before the 30th August 2016 this year.
- The website forms are updated for the new season and available for you to download rather than me send multiple emails with attachments out to everyone.
- Link for website score entering to be sent to league for investigation by Robert Fowler (St Philips).

Meeting closed at 8.18pm.