

BDBA A.G.M Wednesday 7 June 2023

Meeting opened by the President Carole Booth at 7:30pm and all attendees welcomed by the President, Carole Booth.

Present

Michael Banks
Ant Cross
Nicky Percy
Trevor Bell
Mike Percy
Kat Platt
Paul Whitehouse
Fred Barnes
Carole Booth
Stu Wickstead
Stuart Smerdon
Lee Meakin
Karen Kenyon Squirrel
Nikki Wilford
Lee Meakin
Jon Jackson
Steve Blackburn

Apologies

Sarah Jackson
Bernadette Tomlinson
Gordon Jackson
Penny Page
Jenny Stothard

Minutes

Minutes of the 2022 meeting were read and agreed.
Proposed – Mike Percy
Seconded – Michael Banks

No matters arising.

Correspondence

No correspondence received.

Officer Reports

Treasurer – Michael Banks

A balance sheet was handed round and is attached (Attachment 1).

Michael explained the detail in the balance sheet and proposed that team and player registration fees remain unchanged - £15 per mixed team, £10 per levels team and £7 per person registration – as there is a healthy balance in the account.

Michael confirmed that Miller Roskell will continue to offer a level of sponsorship for the next season.

Match Secretary – Ant Cross

Ant read the Match Secretary Report and a copy is attached (Attachment 2).

Chair – Mike Percy

Mike thanked everyone who is involved in the running of the clubs and those involved on the BDBA committee, noting that it can be difficult to keep the clubs going and can be a thankless task at times. Following the Covid disruption, we are starting to look ahead to future years with the intention of increasing the pool of players. We are starting to have a good pool of younger/junior players which will help us stabilize and hopefully, start to grow the league.

Proposals

The only proposal received is to make the administrative changes to the Constitution, Standing Orders and Competition Rules which have been previously distributed. Copy attached at Attachment 3.

Proposal passed unanimously.

Election of Officers for 2022/2023

President

Carole Booth – Year 2 of 3

Chair

Mike Percy

Proposed – Michael Banks

Seconded – Carole Booth

Vice Chair

Trevor Bell

Proposed – Mike Percy

Seconded – Nikki Wilford

League Secretary

Nicky Percy

Proposed – Nikki Wilford

Seconded – Carole Booth

Match Secretary

Ant Cross

Proposed – Steve Blackburn

Seconded – Paul Whitehouse

Treasurer

Michael Banks

Proposed – Carole Booth

Seconded – Stu Wickstead

Press Secretary

Nikki Wilford (with help from Lee Meakin)

Proposed – Carole Booth

Seconded – Paul Whitehouse

Tournament Secretary

Nikki Wilford (with help from Amit Mistry)

Proposed – Nicky Percy

Seconded – Steve Blackburn

Social Secretary

Nicky Percy

Proposed – Kat Platt

Seconded – Carole Booth

Council Members

Kat Platt

Paul Whitehouse

Jon Jackson

Steve Blackburn

Fred Barnes (Honorary Member)

Proposed – Lee Meakin

Seconded – Mike Percy

Junior Coaching Secretary

Trevor Bell

Proposed – Kat Platt

Seconded – Steve Blackburn

Adult Coaching Secretary

Phil Fyles

Proposed – Ant Cross

Seconded – Mike Percy

Safeguarding Officer

Lee Meakin

Proposed Trevor Bell

Seconded – Kat Platt

AGM business concluded.

Any Other Business

The following items were discussed after the conclusion of the AGM.

- Plans for an extra league/division. Further to previous discussions regarding changing the mixed league to 3 divisions rather than the current 2, (not deemed to be feasible at the present time), a request was made that we all try to encourage ex-players to return to the league, with the intention that we can implement this change within the next 2/3 years if we have more teams in the league.
- Junior Coaching/Players. Trevor advised that the junior coaching is going really well and that they have had to close the sessions twice to new players and have a waiting list for places. Nikki Wilford is very keen to promote badminton locally to more younger players and the committee will be looking at activities to support this.
- Blackpool Junior Coaching is celebrating its 30th anniversary and has a tournament planned for 15th July with involvement from Badminton England. It was suggested that perhaps the President and Chairperson attend this event, just to provide a presence from the BDBA.
- Injuries during a match/substitution. A previous discussion was revisited, regarding substitutions during a match for injuries. Various scenarios were suggested whereby a substitute may be used; however, the consensus was that it could be very difficult to implement and may be open to abuse. However, if a specific proposal is made in the future, this can be assessed/discussed by clubs, with a corresponding vote at the AGM.
- Tournaments. Nikki Wilford, as the new tournament secretary, will be looking at running two tournaments during the year – November and May. The tournaments may be subsidized by the league, given we have a healthy bank balance. Further details to follow when finalised.
- Season start date. Carole raised a suggestion that the league starts slightly later as some teams struggle to get players for the early matches. Post meeting note – Carole clarified that she was referring to the restart date after the Christmas break, as sometimes the matches are very early in January. Ant will look at this when planning the fixtures.
- Payment of team and player registration fees. These fees are generally completed in a timely manner by the majority of clubs (either at the beginning of the season or upon registration of a new player). As a general reminder, should players not be fully registered, in accordance with the terms in the Standing Orders, clubs may be deducted points for using unregistered players and these players may not be covered under the annual insurance policy.
- Cost of hall hire. Stu Wickstead commented that Kirkham Grammar School is raising the costs of the court hire. Other clubs provided an indication of the costs they currently pay.
- A full committee meeting will be held in August to discuss the new season and some of the items raised.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm.

Attachment 1

BDBA Accounts Year Ending March 2023

**BDBA
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
ACCOUNTS**

<u>Income</u>	<u>YE 31 MARCH 2023</u>	<u>YE 31 MARCH 2022</u>
Registration fees	1,393.00	1,400.00
Club subscriptions	315.00	285.00
Presentation evening	520.00	-
Shuttle sales	185.00	-
Cup	480.00	-
Sponsorship	150.00	-
	<u>3,043.00</u>	<u>1,685.00</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Insurance	1,036.00	1,036.00
Trophies	250.00	-
Bank charges	63.20	16.20
Website fees	60.00	-
Presentation night	330.50	-
Sundry expenses	33.00	-
Cup costs	792.50	-
	<u>2,565.20</u>	<u>1,052.20</u>
Surplus/deficit for the year	<u><u>477.80</u></u>	<u><u>632.80</u></u>
<u>Balance sheet</u>		
Cash in hand and at bank	6,490.27	5,268.97
Shuttle stock	-	462.50
Debtors/prepayments	60.00	336.00
Creditors/accruals	- 5.00	-
Net assets	<u>6,545.27</u>	<u>6,067.47</u>
<u>Capital account</u>		
Balance b/fwd	6,067.47	5,434.67
2023 surplus/deficit	477.80	632.80
	<u>6,545.27</u>	<u>6,067.47</u>

Michael Banks
Treasurer

Kevin Roskell
Independent examiner

Attachment 2

Match Secretary's Report

These are still difficult times for badminton clubs in the aftermath of the Covid years. We now also have had to deal with rising costs for shuttles, rent and equipment. Despite these difficulties, the Mixed league managed to maintain 2 leagues with similar numbers to last season and, it was great to see the Levels league increase to 9 teams.

It was sad to see Pilling withdraw from the league but, hopefully they will return soon maybe in the levels league. No team this year had maximum points and, no team finished the season with zero points.

The Division 1 title was held by Hesketh Fleetwood A (formerly Fleetwood A) since 1996/1997 season consecutively for 26 years. In the final match between the two top teams, Poulton managed to snatch the title by the narrowest of margins. HFA needed a draw and, Poulton required a win to be champions. The result was 13-11 win for Poulton after an injury meant HFA had to concede 7 games. Poulton's younger team included a European over 35 medallist, a former junior international and the most consistent Division 1 player (according to Brians statistics) for the last 3 years. Special mention should be made to the HFA team especially Andy Wiseman who has played regularly in all the 26 years. Also, Caroline Andrew who only missed 2 seasons whilst having children.

Congratulations to Lightning A who achieved 3rd place, their highest position to date and, HFB who after achieving promotion last season, managed to remain in Division 1 on games. Relegated are Kingfisher B narrowly on games and, Stanley A who found their first season in Division 1 very tough, but I know they enjoyed the experience.

Lightning Club have enjoyed a good successful season and, Lightning B were clear winners of Division 2 only losing one match. Joining them next season in Division 1 will be Kirkham Charter A who were runners up. Kirkham's young female player of the year played a major role in their success this season which is very pleasing to see. The teams occupying third place to sixth place were all very similar with, Lids finishing in third place with their young male player of the year playing a big part of their success this season. Although Stanley C occupied the bottom position, they did field teams with very young players which is good to see and, hopefully these players will continue to play and improve.

Unfortunately, in the Levels league, there were a quite a few conceded matches which may have contributed to final league positions. Lightning A with the most consistent team regained the title from last year's winners HFA who finished in second place. I am hopeful that more teams will enter the Levels league next season so we could possibly have two divisions.

It was pleasing to see many very close results in the Gazette Cup. Stanley A scuppered Poulton's chance for the "double" when they won the cup for the first time by 16 points. In fact, Stanley won their semifinal by 5 points and Poulton won their semifinal by 11 points. Another pleasing note on the Gazette Cup was that all matches were played this season, unlike last season when 3 out of the 6 matches were conceded!

Although both teams were missing regular players, Lids managed to retain the Bridgewood Trophy by beating Project 12 who will have to try again to win a first cup trophy.

My thanks to all the players, especially the captains/ match secretaries for sending me the results promptly. A special thanks to Brian Oakes for the weekly reports and, for doing the end of season statistics. Sadly, Brian will not be continuing in this role next season. I do hope someone will be proposed for this role.

At the time of writing, I note there is a proposal to change the Mixed leagues to 3 divisions. In my view, there are pros and cons to this. The pros are that the standard in each division will not be as great between top and bottom and the majority of matches will be close. For the cons, it would mean that some teams who have gained promotion this season, will not be promoted and, it will mean playing all other teams and players 3 times. If this proposal is to be part of the AGM, then, all clubs should discuss with their members how they want to vote. The League rules should reflect what the clubs want.

And finally, we need to attract more players into clubs, into the teams. Please don't let your rackets attract dust! As a pensioner, I can tell you that my appetite for the game has not diminished. If you know players who would like to start playing again or, new players then encourage them. Coaching/ training is available throughout the BDBA area: Warton Junior Club, junior coaching at Palatine, junior coaching at Stanley Park Sports centre and senior coaching at Thornton YMCA. The BDBA website has more details.

Good Luck to all for the 2023/ 2024 season.

Attachment 3

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution, Standing Orders and Competition Rules

Proposed Changes to BDBA Constitution, Standing Orders and Competition Rules

Section	Title	Current Wording	Proposed Wording
1.5.2	CONSTITUTION Council Membership of Council	<p>The Council shall consist of the Officers, Immediate Past <u>President</u> and Ordinary Council Members. The BDBA Officer positions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President, • Chairman, • Vice Chairman, • Secretary, • Treasurer, • Match Secretary, • Tournament Secretary, • Coaching Secretary, • Town Team Secretary, • Social Secretary, • Press & Publicity Secretary. • Asset Secretary 	<p>Remove from the list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Team Secretary, • Asset Secretary <p>Add to the list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding Officer <p>Rationale: The positions of Town Team and Asset Secretary are no longer applicable. Safeguarding Officer has been appointed and is an important member of Council.</p>
2.1.2	STANDING ORDERS Membership Registration of Full Members	<p>Each season, Member Clubs shall register their member players and pay the appropriate registration fees as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Badminton England: using the current Badminton England on-line membership registration system and payment arrangements, by the date required by <u>Badminton England</u>; • BDBA and Lancashire Associations: using the forms and the payment arrangements provided by the Secretary, within 14 days of the start of the League 	<p>Each season, Member Clubs shall register their member players and pay the appropriate registration fees directly to BDBA, using the forms and the payment arrangements provided by the Secretary, within 14 days of the start of the League Season or, for new players in-season, within 14 days of a new player becoming a member of the Club.</p> <p>The BDBA fee should be paid by each playing member.</p>

		<p>Season or, for new players in-season, within 14 days of a new player becoming a member of the Club.</p> <p>Notes: A player who has a Badminton England registration for the current season, eg, as a coach or volunteer or with another club, does not need to be registered a second time, but should be adopted by the club on the Badminton England membership registration system.</p> <p>The Lancashire Association fee should be paid for each player at each club at which they play as a member.</p> <p>The BDBA fee should be paid by each playing member.</p>	<p>Rationale: We are no longer affiliated to Badminton England nor Lancashire County Badminton Association and no fees are therefore payable. Fees paid to BDBA only.</p>
2.3.4	STANDING ORDERS Council Quorum	A quorum at all Council Meetings shall consist of 7 Members.	<p>A quorum at all Council Meetings shall consist of 5 Members.</p> <p>Rationale: Given decrease in number of Council members and lower attendance at ordinary Council meetings, it is difficult to get 7 council members together at one time. If this is not lowered, it may be difficult to ever form a quorum and therefore to conduct ordinary meetings.</p>
2.5	STANDING ORDERS General Meetings	The AGM shall be held not later than the middle of May.	<p>The AGM shall be held not later than the middle of June.</p> <p>Rationale: As season does not now end until almost end of April and presentation evening taking place <u>mid May</u>, extension provides a little more time to prepare for the meeting post the end of the season.</p>

2.5.2	STANDING ORDERS General Meetings Proposals	Proposals to amend the Constitution, Standing Orders, League and Trophy Competition Rules and Tournament Rules shall be submitted to the Secretary not later than 28th February.	Proposals to amend the Constitution, Standing Orders, League and Trophy Competition Rules and Tournament Rules shall be submitted to the Secretary not later than 28 days before the date of the AGM. Rationale: To tie in with revision to 2.5 above.
4.1	HANDICAP KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION RULES Competitions Description	<p>The competitions shall be called The Gazette Trophy, The Bridgewood Trophy and The Ribby Hall Trophy and shall be held annually, as decided by the Council according to the number of teams entered.</p> <p>The competitions shall be handicapped and decided on the knock-out principle.</p> <p>Teams shall be included in the Gazette, Bridgewood and Ribby Hall Trophy Competitions as decided by the Council.</p> <p>Each club playing in the League may enter the same number of teams in the trophy competitions as they have entered into the league competitions.</p> <p>If a club does not wish to enter a team in the trophy competitions, they must inform the Match Secretary not later than 1st December each season.</p> <p>The Council shall make the draw and all matches shall be played on the court(s) of the first named club on the dates specified by the Council.</p> <p>The matches shall be played on the normal match night of the home drawn team. In the event of the home team being unable to accommodate the match, or offer an alternative venue on the specified dates, the match shall be reversed.</p> <p>No deviation shall be allowed from these conditions except by consent of the Match Secretary.</p>	<p>The competitions shall be called The Gazette Trophy and The Bridgewood Trophy and shall be held annually, as decided by the Council according to the number of teams entered.</p> <p>The competitions shall be handicapped and decided on the knock-out principle.</p> <p>Teams shall be included in the Gazette, and Bridgewood Trophy Competitions as decided by the Council.</p> <p>Each club playing in the League may enter the same number of teams in the trophy competitions as they have entered into the league competitions.</p> <p>If a club does not wish to enter a team in the trophy competitions, they must inform the Match Secretary not later than the date set each season by the Council.</p> <p>The Council shall make the draw and all matches shall be played on the court(s) of the first named club on the dates specified by the Council.</p> <p>The matches shall be played on the normal match night of the home drawn team. In the event of the home team being unable to accommodate the match, or offer an alternative venue on the specified dates, the match shall be reversed.</p> <p>No deviation shall be allowed from these conditions except by consent of the Match Secretary.</p>

		The Council shall arrange the dates and venue of the semi-finals and finals. In the semi-finals and finals the home team shall be the first team as shown on the official trophy draw	The Council shall arrange the dates and venue of the finals and shall cover the costs of the hall hire. In the finals the home team shall be the first team as shown on the official trophy draw Rationale: There is no longer a Ribby Hall Trophy competition. To reflect that Council only arranges the finals only.
4.3	HANDICAP KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION RULES Shuttlecocks	All teams in the Gazette Trophy shall play with feather shuttlecocks only in all trophy matches. Cork based shuttles (i.e. feather shuttles or cork based synthetic shuttles) may be used in all other trophy matches, as chosen by the home team. In matches prior to the semi-finals, the home team shall provide the shuttles and the away team shall contribute £24 towards the match cost. In the semi-finals BDBA shall make available the shuttles for each match and the cost of shuttles used shall be shared equally between the opposing teams.	All teams in the Gazette and Bridgewood Trophies shall play with feather shuttlecocks only in all trophy matches. In matches prior to the finals, the home team shall provide the shuttles and the away team shall contribute an amount as decided by Council towards the match cost. In the finals the shuttlecocks shall be provided by BDBA. Rationale: To bring in line with 3.4 where all Division 1 & 2 teams are required to play with feather shuttlecocks only. To reflect that Council will provide shuttlecocks for the finals only.
5.1	TOURNAMENT RULES Competition Description	Competitions Description Each playing season, BDBA runs three players' competitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BDBA Gents Doubles Handicap, • BDBA Ladies Doubles Handicap, and • Crusaders Mixed Doubles Handicap 	Competitions Description Each playing season, BDBA may run three players' competitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BDBA Gents Doubles Handicap, • BDBA Ladies Doubles Handicap, and • Crusaders Mixed Doubles Handicap Rationale: To reflect that these competitions are not currently run every year.