

ESSEX COUNTY BADMINTON ASSOCIATION ('ECBA')

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting ('AGM') held at 8pm on Wednesday 12th June 2013 at Shenfield Parish Hall

1. Attendance

Vice Presidents: Mrs Y Harris, Mr J Havers

Officers & Committee: Eric Richardson (Chairman), Eric Brown (President),
John Gardner (Hon Treasurer), Allison Pearson,
Clive Palmer, Helen Richardson, Darryl Hardcastle,
Carol Stammers

Other ECBA Members ('Members') representing: BADMINTON England, Baddicts BC, Chelmsford Casuals, Danbury BC, Dragons BC, Epping BC, Fitzwimarc BC, Fivelakes BC, Hunters BC, Kudos BC, Redbridge BC, Riverside BC, Southend & District BA, Southend & District JBA, Stanway BC, The Badminton Academy, Thurrock BC & Westcliff BC.

Eric Richardson took the Chair.

The Chairman opened the AGM of the ECBA, welcomed all those present and introduced members of the Senior Committee to the Meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Amanda Austin, Shirley Jackson, Roy Lord, Colin McBain, Sheila McCoig, Ed Summers.

3. President's Remarks

Eric Brown gave his President's Remarks saying his reports get shorter as he gets older.

The County has had mixed success this season overall. In the Senior County Championships, our 1st Team gained promotion to the Premier Division, but the 2nd Team were demoted, due largely to fixture problems and associated difficulties with team selection. The 3rd Team also gained promotion to Division 4. Many thanks to team managers Andy Frye, Lynne Swan and Lee Scott for running the teams.

The Masters O45s team did particularly well in winning the national finals of the County Championships and the O40s reached the play off stage.

The Junior Teams were not so successful in the Shires League competition. The U17s were placed 12th, the U15s placed 15th and the U13s placed 13th.

As a County we ran many tournaments, which have generated significant income, much of which has been invested into junior badminton. This season we've mainly used the sports centres

at Redbridge and William Edwards School, both of which have received significant funding from Badminton England.

Eric thanked the Members of the Committee for their work in supporting the club network and making representations to Badminton England. Special thanks to Eric Richardson, John Gardner Darryl Hardcastle and Helen Richardson.

Eric said he is working to get Badminton England to engage with Counties more and is asking for more volunteers to come forward to help in events.

4. Minutes of the AGM held on 13th June 2012

The Minutes of the AGM held on 13th June 2012 were reviewed with two matters arising.

1. Page 2, Agenda Item 5, Note-Bene. This should have included an initial statement 'The Girl's trophy was presented to Catherine Bailey.'

2. Page 4, Agenda Item 7, Presentation of Accounts. In response to the question, 'have the revised accounts been published' - John Gardner confirmed they had.

Following a proposal from Allison Pearson seconded by Paul Barber, the minutes were approved through a show of hands as a true record.

5. Presentations

The following awards and trophies were presented by Eric Brown:

County Colours

Senior: First team: Tanapat Pisitpong (apologies)
Second team: Kamrun Robinson (apologies)
Third team: Catherine Bailey, Sam Hampton (apologies), Thomas Phillips, Viknesh Rajendran (apologies), Tristan Taylor, Reece Wiggins, Abbie Wallis.

Masters: O40s (apologies from all) - Karina Bye, Andy Lager, Justine Miller, Ady Munro.
O45s - Paul Belcher (apologies), O60s - Geoff Guttridge.

Note-Bene

The Boy's trophy was presented to Reece Wiggins and the Girls trophy to Abbie Wallis.

County League Trophies

Mens 1: Five Lakers
Mens 2: Redbridge
Mens 3: Danbury
Mixed 1: Leighway
Mixed Combo: Leighway
Ladies: Leighway

6. Presentation of Reports

a) *Junior Report*

The Junior Report produced by Helen Richardson was reviewed – click on the icon.



Essex Junior Squad
Report 2013.pdf

This season in the U17 County Challenge, Essex achieved 12th place out of 37. Many thanks to the coaching team of Andrew Brunning and Emma Skingsley supported by Steve Bish and Phil Turrell.

Eric Richardson explained the background to the newly introduced Player Incentive Scheme in some detail.

b) *Senior Report*

County Reports together with final league standings were prepared by Andy Frye (1st Team Manager), Lynne Swan (2nd Team Manager) and Lee Scott (3rd Team Manager). Click on the icon.



Essex CC Team
Reports 2013.pdf

In summary the 1st team (Division 1) finished top and are promoted into the Premier Division next season. The 2nd team (Division 2 East) finished last and are demoted to Division 3 South next season. The 3rd team (Division 5 East) finished top and are promoted to Division 4 South next season.

Many thanks to Andy Frye, Lynne Swan and Lee Scott for managing their respective teams this season.

c) *Masters Report*

Roy Lord (Master's Coordinator) was away and unable to submit his team reports prior to the AGM, due to technical difficulties. There were strong performances in the O40s, O45s & O50s age groups, all winning their Regional Rounds. Congratulations to the O45s who went on to win the Nationals, beating Lancashire 9-3 in the Final. Also to the O50s who came second in the Nationals, tying 6-6 with Yorkshire in the Final but losing on points. The full reports were made available after the meeting and can be viewed here - click on icon.



Essex Masters
Reports 2013.pdf

Many thanks to Roy Lord for his work as Masters Coordinator.

d) *County League Report*

John Gardner (County League Secretary) said this has been a busy season. The Ladies Doubles are still in a different format, but it has been quite successful. John invited questions from the floor.

What happens to the photos taken at the AGM?

John said they were stored on the BT Cloud website, so a link could be established to the Essex website for people to view them. If people require copies they should contact him. We may need to review the website and perhaps move to a new platform.

How many clubs have junior sections?

Darryl Hardcastle said she was unaware of any adult clubs have dedicated junior sections, but there are 20 junior only clubs. A full list is available on the Essex website. Eric Brown said Badminton England are looking to introduce a National Junior Club League, which will be funded through the Talent Programme.

Many thanks to John Gardner and his committee for managing the County League.

7. Presentation of Accounts

John Gardner (Treasurer) reminded the meeting that owing to a small discrepancy last year, we were unable to formally adopt last year's accounts. This was rectified after the AGM and the revised figures published, but they still need to be formally adopted.

Following proposal by Paul Barber and seconded by Gary Webb, the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2012 were approved and adopted.

John then went onto present the Income & Expenditure Accounts for year ending 31st March 2013. This year's accounts appear to indicate a profit of approx £6.5K, compared with £2.5K last year. The reasons for this include a small increase in membership subscriptions, a significant increase in Tournament income and donations from the Chelmsford & District Junior Badminton and the Essex Badminton Coaches Association, both of which have now been wound up. However the accounts also include £4.4K in liabilities compared with £600 last year, which include items such as ICT expenses, Hall Hire for events in April & May and payments to the Junior Player Incentive scheme. This is due to the fact our Accounts are a snapshot in time taken at the end of March, when our accounting period finishes.

John Gardner said he was happy to supply a detailed breakdown of the accounts to anyone requiring further information. Following a request for information from Simon Gilhooly, John agreed to email him details.

Pennie Hackett asked if we could change the date of the accounting period until say the end of May. The current arrangement makes life far too complicated and leads to problems.

John said this question has been raised in the past, but the problem with moving the date back, is that the accounts wouldn't be ready in time for the AGM. From a practical point of view, a change in the accounting period would require a change to the Constitution which would require a formal proposal to be submitted to an AGM.

A question was also raised about improving the format of the accounts. John said what changes would you like to see?

A proposal to adopt the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2013 was made by John Havers, seconded by Paul Barber and approved by the meeting.

The Chairman thanked John for his work in managing the accounts.

8. Election and Re-Election of Officers

The following Officers all agreed to continue in their respective roles. They were proposed by the Committee, seconded by Members and elected or re-elected on a show of hands:

President:	Eric Brown
Chairman	Eric Richardson
Vice-Chairman	Darryl Hardcastle
Secretary	Vacant. We are still seeking a volunteer to take on this role.
Treasurer	John Gardner
Auditor	Alan Gosling
Vice Presidents	Mrs J Brewster, Mrs J Chamberlain, V Chamberlain, Mrs H Cowan, Mrs Y Harris, J Havers, Mrs S Jackson, Mr R Lee, Mrs S McCoig, E Summers and Mrs S Tyrell.

The Chairman thanks all Officers of the Association and all other Committee members and Volunteers for all their hard work during the year.

9. Any other Business.

1. BADMINTON England - New Regional Organisation.

Matthew Warren (BE Partnership Manager) gave a presentation on the structure and roles of the Regional Field Force in the new London & East Region. He included an explanation of Badminton England's funding sources and the drive to increase participation in order to meet targets. Initiatives implemented include Smash Up, No Strings and Battle Badminton.

Simon Gilhooly commented that there appears to be nothing in the programme to help clubs or club development. Eric Brown agreed, but said Matthew is only reporting on Badminton England's intentions.

2. BADMINTON England - New Membership Structure.

Darryl Hardcastle gave a presentation on the new Membership Structure and charges, which will be formally introduced from 1st November 2013 although details have already been circulated to clubs in advance. Changes include the facility for certain categories of membership to affiliate directly online to Badminton England and / or through affiliated clubs. One of the most significant changes, applies to junior membership, with the abolition of the JJC (Junior Member of a Junior Club) category. This enabled Junior Clubs to affiliate all members to Badminton England for a single fee of £53 plus a £12 Essex fee, regardless of the number of members. All juniors will now

have to affiliate as individuals, either directly online or through an affiliated club. They will now pay a £3 fee to Badminton England, plus an Essex fee of £0.50 if they join through an affiliated club.

The Badminton England element of Club England Senior Membership will increase from £11 to £12, although the Essex fee remains at £5. A summary of the main categories is shown in the following table.

Membership Category	Method of Affiliation	BE fee	Essex fee	Total fee
Club England Senior	Through an affiliated club	£12.00	£5.00	£17.00
Club England Junior	Direct to BE - Online	£3.00	N/A	£3.00
	Through an affiliated club	£3.00	£0.50	£3.50
Club England Social	Direct to BE - Online	£5.00	N/A	£5.00
Club England Active	Direct to BE - Online	£20.00	N/A	£20.00

3. William Edwards Badminton Hall update - Allison Pearson.

Allison gave a presentation on further improvements to be made at the William Edwards School Sports Hall. She said the School are totally committed to improving the facility and are planning the following changes, most of which should be completed this calendar year. The installation of a heating system, an additional skin to mask the plant room equipment, the provision of additional seating in the viewing area and an area of fixed seating in the hall. They are also planning to provide a new access road to the hall and will be undertaking landscaping.

10. Date of next AGM.

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 11th June 2014 at Shenfield Parish Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.