



## ESSEX COUNTY BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

Minutes of AGM held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June in Merrymede House, Brentwood

### **1. Attendance**

Simon Gilhooly (SG - Chairperson), Darryl Hardcastle (DH - Vice Chair), Helen Richardson (HR - Treasurer), Michelle Calder (Secretary), Alan Adkins (AA - Membership), Eric Richardson (ER - Tournament Coordinator), Jenny Chu (JC - Junior Coordinator), Roy Lord (RL - Vets Coordinator), Carol Stammers, Carl Barnard, Mike Worship, John Scott, Colin Porter, Philip Tuffee, Courtney Downey, Lawrence Smith, Michael Cole.

### **2. Apologies**

Eric Brown (President), Mark King, Amanda Austin (Eagles), Denise French (Monkwick St. Peter), Martin Lawrence (Redbridge), Trevor Rogers (Stanway), Ian Smith (Epping), Sheila McCoy (Vice President), Mike Frost (Danbury).

### **3. Opening Remarks**

Introduction by SG – he explained there will be no presentation of trophies at meeting, like last year. He thanked the committee for their continued support and the clubs which make up the membership.

In EB's absence SG stated he had sent his apologies and thanked him for his contribution to the work of the County. Eric has indicated this will be his last year as President and will be stepping back his role of organising tournaments. He is happy to continue as referee for the immediate future, but this highlights the need for more volunteers when running tournaments.

The Badminton England annual report is now available online. The proposed change to the scoring system failed but the proposed service changes to remain in the experimental stage for now.

Membership fee to be re-introduced at £2.50 and vets will now need to pay.

BE are undertaking a review of all competitions including tournaments and county championships.



#### **4. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting**

These were accepted; proposed by Phil Tuffee and seconded by Eric Richardson

#### **5. Presentation of Reports**

##### **a) Management Committee (SG)**

The County had 3 senior teams, 4 junior teams, 6 Masters teams, sent a team to the ICT and the 17-21 County Challenge during this season. Development of Juniors was very high priority. He recognised that the sport should be played and encouraged at an early age and was pleased that both Redbridge and Havering were working with primary schools in the area. The County commitment to juniors continue with a collaboration with Community Badminton. Groups were launched at Easter coaching juniors aged between 5 -13 in areas of the County where there were not many clubs for juniors to attend.

It is hoped that we can extend this programme in the near future.

##### **b) Membership**

SG thanked Alan Adkins for his hard work with the changing membership regulations and GDPR as we are well ahead of other Counties on implementing the procedure.

AA confirmed membership had increased and he thanked club secretaries for their cooperation.

##### **c) Junior Sub-committee (JC)**

All our junior teams made it to the county finals with the U12 and U18 getting automatic entry to the Shires Finals.

##### **d) Senior Selection Subcommittee – SG**

Currently 3 senior teams being selected via a selection team, which worked well last season. Some junior teams made their senior team debuts stepping up to the mark as many teams lost regular players.

##### **e) Veterans Report – RL**

Roy Lord confirmed he was stepping down from the role of Vets Coordinator and a replacement is required quickly to benefit from a hand over.

##### **f) Tournament Subcommittee – ER**

The current season had been hard and urgently needs help running tournaments.



Tournament Programme organised for 18/19 season had been scaled back due to lack of help running tournaments. Confirmed training for anyone who would like to run a tournament in the future.

**g) Essex League**

SG thanked Paul Barber for running the results website again. Confirmed and welcomed a Women's Doubles competition for the first time in a few years.

**6. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Statement of Accounts – HR**

Accounts were submitted to the meeting. She stated that although we made a profit last year this is likely to disappear in future if fewer tournaments are run.

Fees for next year to be reduced slightly for seniors (£5.00) and no fee for juniors.

**7. Election of Officers**

All current officers were re-elected for a further term. Proposed SG, seconded JC

**8. Any other Business**

There was a short discussion on the way forward with Forza tournaments. It was recognised that this was an excellent entry level for junior players but maybe a new "sponsor" needed to be found.

New BADMINTON England development officers, Julie Pike (Suffolk, Norfolk & Essex) and Chris Evan for London (including our Metro Boroughs) will start on 4th June. A meeting with Southend Junior Association to be organised at the earliest opportunity.

Mike Worship thanked the committee on behalf of the membership and with no further business the meeting was brought to a close.

**9. Date of Next Year's Meeting**

Wednesday 5th June 2019

The meeting closed at 9:45pm.