

## SUSSEX COUNTY BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at St Mary's Social Club, Lewes on Wednesday 17 June 2009, commencing at 8.00pm.

Present: Derek Webb (Chairman) and 19 members.

1. Welcome and Introduction by the Chairman: Derek Webb opened the Meeting and welcomed all those attending for coming to support Sussex Badminton. He thanked his elected colleagues on the Management Committee and the Managers on the Management Group for all their hard work over the past year.

2. Apologies for Absence: Alan Smith, Alan Stedman, (Vice Presidents), Tom Duggan (SE Regional Manager), Sue Bailey, Jackie Burditt, Matt Warwick and the following Clubs: -Felbridge and Imberwood.

3. Approval of Minutes of the 2008 AGM: The Minutes were distributed at the Meeting, having previously been displayed on the website and were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. The Annual Report: This was circulated to those present, attached as *Appendix A*. Derek thanked the contributors and went through the contents, noting that *Affiliation* will take place using a new IT system next season. BE are to contact all club secretaries before the start of the season to confirm that the data held is correct. *Competitions- 3 Series:* a letter will be sent to League secretaries for feedback. *Development-*a property in the Brighton area is being looked at with a view to converting it to a Badminton Centre, the roof would have to be raised for it to become a Performance Centre. *Juniors-* Derek introduced Zeyar Win, the new Junior Committee Chair, to the meeting. Nick has joined the Junior Committee in his role as Performance Director. A successful, well attended presentation evening was held with Adrian Christy. *Veterans-*Vanessa spoke of a 'play day' for those who had expressed an interest in playing County veteran badminton. *Newsletters-* we have lost the ability to distribute them within Badminton magazine, so perhaps we should consider a web based newsletter. The report was formally adopted.

Tom Duggan, the Regional Manager's report was read by Derek and is attached as *Appendix B*. Five Regional Officers for the SE area are to be appointed, with cross county duties, replacing Badminton Development Officers.

5. The Treasurer's Report: Phil Huggett circulated the accounts, which are with the auditor, and gave his report attached as *Appendix C*.

A profit of £1.064.41 has been made on the season. Even though the Sussex Elite made a loss of just under £500, Malcolm stressed that the kudos to Sussex of holding the Elite, made it imperative that we stage it again next May.

The accounts for 2008– 2009 were accepted, subject to auditing.

6. To re-appoint the President for a 3 year term of office.

Malcolm Pratt was reappointed for a further 3 years and was delighted to accept –he congratulated the Association on the effort put in by all, especially the Committee.

7. Election of the Management Group:

The meeting agreed that the Management Group be re-elected en bloc, proposed by Brian Simpson and seconded by Malcolm Pratt:-

Chairman	Derek Webb
Deputy Chairman	Mark Allen
Secretary	Linda Pettigrew
Treasurer	Philip Huggett
Chairman of the Development Group	Colin Blackmore

Derek is standing for a 10<sup>th</sup> year and asked the meeting to think of finding a successor as he will only stand for one more year.

8. To re-appoint the Hon. Auditor: David Cosham was unanimously re-elected.

9. To appoint an additional Vice President – Monica Smith.

Malcolm spoke of Monica's 50 years of devotion to County badminton, firstly winning the Eastbourne junior tournament in 1956, senior events in 1957 and 58, playing for the County between 1966 and 71, and helping to run the Eastbourne Junior tournament since 1973.

Linda will write to Monica telling her of the appointment.

9a) Sussex Badminton Award: this was presented to Peggy Wood, of the West Weald League, in recognition of her services to badminton, who, at the age of 92 years, has just retired from her position as league secretary. Michael Murray accepted the award on her behalf.

10. BADMINTON England AGM Agenda: Derek reported that the BE membership fees are to remain the same as last year.

11. Affiliation Fees 2009/2010: after a vote on whether to keep Sussex's fees the same as last year proposed by John Bishop, seconded by Michael Murray, it was agreed to go with the original proposal to increase the county fee by 10p from £4.10 to £4.20 making a total of £13.50 inclusive of the BE fee, per senior member. Sussex does not charge an affiliation fee for junior members.

12. Badminton Development Officer Update:

John Hyland reported on his work over the past year:

Schools –working with 9 School Sports Partnerships, training teachers in key stages 1, 2 and 3 with BISI and key stages 3 and 4 to take part in the Center Parcs competitions.

"No Strings" badminton, began at Littlehampton and hoping to introduce to Crawley/Horsham and Hastings – John is on the National Steering Group.

Coaches- funding by the Albion in the Community -10 new level 2 coaches, with another course in September in Littlehampton. Continuous Professional Development to update coaches- a day course on 18 July will be both practical and theoretical and a good networking chance for coaches to meet each other.

Clubs- only clubs going for Club Mark status will get John's time.

Bonanzas- more needed for social players.

Questions – Brian Simpson asked how to persuade club members that it is worth going for Club Mark status – John replied that you get better funding and the structure of the club will help it go forward.

13. Open Forum:

Brian Simpson asked if there was to be any fund raising for the proposed Badminton Centre, but Nick Chambers replied that some capital was needed and income to be generated from other user groups, such as gymnastics.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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