



Minutes of the 71st Annual General Meeting

Location: Kesgrave Conference and Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave.

Date: Tuesday 4th September 2018 at 7:30pm.

1. Apologies for Absence

- a. Adam Rae
- b. No reps from Hamlets Battledores, East Bergholt and Cardinals

2. Minutes of last AGM

- a. Agreed – to be signed
- b. Proposed by Alan Jones (Abbeygate), 2nd by Tony Chester (Kesgrave)

3. Matters Arising

- a. None

4. Secretary's report

- Once again, the committee met on six occasions throughout the year for the purposes of running and administering the league. In addition to these the committee also frequently exchange emails for more urgent and pressing matters. On each occasion we met at one of the committee members homes so very many thanks to committee members and their partners for the refreshments.
- The season concluded with 36 Mixed teams (4 less than this time last year, 8 less than the year before), 46 Mens Teams (1 more than the previous year) and 18 Ladies Teams, (1 less than last year). That equates to a net loss of 4 teams leaving us with just 100 finishing the 2017-18 season. I'm afraid the downward spiral continues – Next season we start with a total of 99 teams being enters (there's one less in the mixed stackings). No doubt you will be asking the whys and wherefores of the decline – and there is no doubt there are a number of factors. As a league we will do everything we can to encourage new clubs and teams to enter. This is also recognised by SBA and as part of the drive to help and support clubs, Mike Tee (Chairman of SBA) has set up two Club Forum meetings where all clubs are encouraged to attend to discuss. The first of these is on Wednesday 19th September at the Bury Leisure Centre from 7pm – 9pm and the second is on Wednesday 26th September 7pm – 9pm in Ipswich at the University of Suffolk. Further details will be issues ASAP. I urge you to get along to one of these meetings and express your views and opinions, not only will SBA members be there but also the BE Relationship Manager for this area.
- This season sees Abbeygate take the triple Crown from Corinthians winning all three divisions – in the case of the Mens title by just 1.5 rubbers over Thorpeness!
- In Total 10 different clubs won the 15 Divisions.
- Looking at the Scorecard statistics, with a total of 573 Scorecards submitted, only 106 where in physical cards leaving 467 by email – that's over 80% by email.

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- i. There were only two incorrect scorecards – one more than last year but still a good result.
 - ii. Six matches were conceded, which is 5 more than the previous year but still around the season average.
 - iii. 14 matches played with a pair missing – which is the same as last year
- During the season the committee run the regular events
 - i. The U15 and U18 Junior Championships were held in January at Whitton Sports Centre and were well supported. Thanks to Derek Savory for his tireless work in running these two events.
 - ii. The Playford Trophy was run throughout the season and culminated in the final at Kesgrave High School between Belstead and Ransomes versus Meadlands. With Belstead and Ransomes winning – Thanks to Amanda Newcombe for running this.
 - iii. Finally, the League Championships took place in April with one of the best turn outs for many years so not only thanks to Jo Lambert for running this but also to everyone for supporting the event.
 - iv. Results from all the league events are of course on the website.
 - Can I remind you if you haven't already to let me have a copy of your club's fixtures list, not only so that I can check it but also, so I can load all the home fixtures onto the league website calendar. I'm still waiting for Meridians, Stowmarket and Thorpeness.
 - As part of the documentation sent out for the AGM I have also re-introduced the contact details sheet, please can you see that a copy of this is completed and handed back to me tonight, so I can ensure we comply with the new data protection regulations.
 - Finally, please do collect the scorecards for your teams from me before you leave tonight – this year I will not be posting them out to the club if you have forgotten to pick them up!
 - That concludes my report if you have any questions or comments please ask now or speak to me after the meeting.

5. Treasurer's report

Adam was unable to attend the AGM in person, so the report below was read out by Glenn.

- a. Overview
 - i. We made an overall loss of £256 in the last financial year.
- b. Income
 - i. Our income for last financial year was £1506. This is approximately £450 less than the previous year which was boosted by ticket sales for the anniversary dinner dance. Entry into our tournaments was significantly better last year than in recent years and our income from tournaments increased by more than £200.
- c. Expense
 - i. Our expenditure for last financial year was similar to the previous year at £1762. We spent significantly more on tournament costs, due mainly to increased hall costs and additional costs for shuttles as we did not have any left in stock. These additional costs were offset by the fact that we did not have any dinner dance costs.

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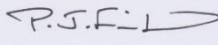
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d. The Future

- i. A few years ago, the league has approximately £4000 in the bank. Now that balance is £3000. Whilst the overall losses for most years are relatively small they do have a cumulative effect. It is obvious that we cannot continue as we are now because in about 10 years' time we would be insolvent and unable to function based on current circumstances. The league fees will be discussed in another item of business later in the meeting but I would urge you to support the committee proposals for small increases in these fees so that we can improve our longer-term financial position.

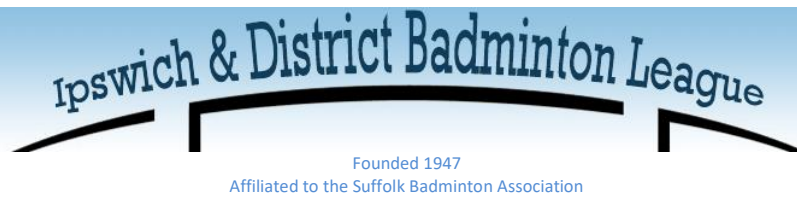
e. Copy of Accounts below

Ipswich & District Badminton League		
Income and expenditure for 2017-18		
	2017-18	2016-17
Income		
Team subscriptions	300	333
Tournament entries	1194	955
Dinner dance	0	658
Club fines	12	6
Total income	1506	1952
Expenditure		
League costs	55	55
Dinner dance	0	518
Tournaments		
Hall hire	937	708
Shuttles	576	161
Engraving	123	235
Total tournament expense	1636	1104
Web hosting	52	25
Write off of old stamps	19	
Total expense	1762	1702
Balance sheet for 2017-18		
Current assets		
Stamps	0	19
Shuttles	0	97
Web hosting prepayment	50	76
Cash at bank and in hand		
Natwest account	2978	3092
Total assets	3028	3284
Capital and reserves		
Net assets	3284	3034
Cash surplus(deficit) for the year	-256	250
Total funds	3028	3284
Adam Rae (Hon Treasurer)		
Paul Finbow (Hon Auditor)		23/8/18

Proposed Brendan Goffin (Corinthians)

Seconded Harriet Osborn (Meridians)

Agreed Unanimously



6. Chairman's remarks

Once again, I'm starting my remarks this evening by thanking the Committee members for their contribution to the administration of the League and for organising the tournaments which we held this year – all of them have contributed and have worked hard on behalf of local badminton. Thank you also to the players and officials for your support - please continue to encourage your fellow members to enter the end of season IDBL Championships and Vets / Masters tournaments, and also our Under 15 and Under 18 events, where you are lucky enough to have players in those age groups, as well as in the junior clubs. We have been pleased that in recent years the entry from League players in the Championships event has been encouraging – I know that we do not always have as many County players entering as we, or perhaps particularly a former secretary would like, but the League is for everyone, not just the few – sorry I should have said not just the elite players, I'm not trying to make a political point. I would also encourage your members to enter the Suffolk Senior Closed tournament later in September – we know that there are plenty of players out there of a good enough standard to enter, and the Junior Closed events for all the age groups are also taking place this month. Thank you also to our friends at Thorpeness who were prepared to run an end of season party again - unfortunately it didn't happen this year, but it could happen in 2019, and Paul Finbow – thank you for examining the accounts.

During the year we lost Gordon Blackburn and Pam Last, both characters in their own way - as mentioned by Glenn, the Committee was represented at both funerals.

After a series of interim and short-term appointments (thank you to Richard Hunt in particular for holding the fort) - we now have Julie Pike as our BE relationship manager. From our initial contact at the Suffolk level, Julie appears to have no illusions about Badminton England (dare I mention the Club registration process – or is it just me?) and she seems keen to find ways to help clubs and support local badminton generally. You may have picked up her recent email about places available on the Suffolk Level 1 Coaching Course.

In conclusion, I wish you an enjoyable season and an increase in your membership numbers – please help us to help you by putting your concerns and suggestions to us so that we can try and progress them where we are in a position to do so.

7. Club Proposals

- a. Stowmarket BC propose change to the points awarded for winning and drawing matches.
 - 1) Currently 2 points are awarded for a win and 1 for a draw, nothing for a loss.
 - 2) The proposal would see
 - a. Win - 3pts.
 - b. Win by 6-3, or better - bonus point win 3pts + 1pt bonus = 4pts.
 - c. Draw - 2pts.
 - d. Losing bonus point - for teams losing by one point (5-4) - 1pt.
 - e. Losing with a difference of more than 1pt - 0pts.
 - 3) Discussion
 - a. Amanda Presented proposal
 - b. Leiston/Stradbroke Seconded proposal
 - c. Meadlands saw that this would potentially double penalised teams struggling to get a strong team out and increased an imbalance of scoring as very few teams put out the same team for all matches

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- d. Darryl Morgan (Woodbridge) has also calculated that it would be possible for a team to win all twelve games in a division and only finish second to a team that won ten
 - e. Abbeygate expressed concern that the bonus point could be the issue.
- 4) Voting
- a. In Favour 2
 - b. Against 20
 - c. Proposal not carried.
 - d. Steve Smith (YMCA) commented if the committee could look at the game score then becoming the points awarded.
 - i. Linda agreed the committee look into options
- b. Abbeygate BC propose changes to rule 8h: -
- i. Alan Jones presented proposal, seconded by Stowmarket
 - ii. The following bullet points capture the main points of the subsequent discussions: -
 1. Sandra Hurlock (Gleivering) complained about putting up prices and how this impacts members.
 2. Jim Cavanagh (Woodbridge) expressed concerned over costs for smaller clubs
 3. Steve Bennis (Felixstowe) again complaining about cost
 4. Stuart Girling (Thorpeness) –again cost implications £3 per match for plastics £30 per match for feathers.
 5. Framlingham – tested and the costs would go up.
 6. Waterfront – allowed each team to decide.
 7. Injuries when playing with plastics compares poorly with playing with feathers
 8. Speed of shuttles is a different issue, but plastics are often slower.
 9. Price of feather shuttles increasing faster than RPI.
 10. Steve (Felixstowe) highlighted that clubs will have already set budgets for this season already
- 5) Propose all divisions to play with feather shuttles in IDBL matches from 2019/20 onwards.
- a. In favour 5
 - b. Against 16
 - c. Meadlands Abstain
 - d. Proposal not carried.
- 6) Propose for 2018/19 all matches in Division 1 and 2 are played using feather shuttlecocks.
- a. In Favour 7
 - b. Against -13
 - c. Meadlands Abstain
- 7) Propose for each year thereafter, feather shuttlecocks are adopted by each division i.e. 2019/20 Division 3, 2020/21 Division 4
- a. No Vote taken as this is dependent on two proposals above.

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8. Presentation of Trophies for 17/18 Season

Division	Winners
Mx Div 1	Abbeygate
Mx Div 2	Stowmarket
Mx Div 3	Meridians
Mx Div 4	Kesgrave
Mx Div 5	Framlingham
Mens Div 1	Abbeygate
Mens Div 2	Stowmarket
Mens Div 3	Corinthians
Mens Div 4	Belstead & Ransomes
Mens Div 5	Glevering
Mens Div 6	Stowmarket
Mens Div 7	Ipswich Tigers
Ladies Div 1	Abbeygate
Ladies Div 2A	Belstead & Ransomes
Ladies Div 2B	Meadlands
Playford Trophy Winners	Belstead & Ransomes
Playford Trophy Runners Up	Meadlands
Club of the Year	Stowmarket
Championships	
Mixed Doubles	Claudette Reis/Dan Moss
Mens Doubles	Abdul Khaled/Billy Wong
Ladies Doubles	Mandy Davies/Isabel Lucas
Mens Singles	Dan Moss
Ladies Singles	Isabel Lucas
Veterans	
Mens Singles	Sandy Taylor
Mens Doubles	Michael Laker/Mike Tee
Mixed Doubles	Gill Harris/Mike Tee

9. Election of Officers and Committee for 2018/19

- a. Chairman – Linda
 - i. Agreed Unanimously
- b. Secretary – Glenn
 - i. Agreed Unanimously
- c. Treasurer – Adam Rae

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- i. Agreed Unanimously
- d. Committee Members – Jo, Tony, Richard, Derek, Amanda; Harriet.
 - i. Agreed Unanimously

10. Subscriptions for 2017/18

- a. The Committee propose that Team affiliation fees rise from £3.00 to £5.00 per team
 - i. Seconder, Corinthians
 - ii. 28 for
 - iii. 2 against
 - iv. Proposal Carried

- b. The Committee propose that entry to the Playford Trophy rises from £5.00 to £6.00
 - i. Seconder – Abbeygate
 - ii. 21 for
 - iii. 0 against
 - iv. Proposal Carried

11. Applications for membership

- a. With the merger of Hamlets and Battledores the first application for membership is from the combined merged club of Hamlets Battledores.
- b. Secondly YMCA have re-entered a third Mens team
 - i. All agreed unanimously

12. League Formations

- a. These have been distributed in early August, but some back ground on why we have made the decisions that led to the structures.
 - i. The Mens and Mixed Divisions are largely unchanged with Mixed having 5 divisions of 7 teams, Mens having four divisions of 7, and three of 6 teams.
 - ii. Following feedback received from several clubs on the Ladies stackings this season we have reverted to three divisions (1 -3). To future proof the stackings we have also made the decision to make all three divisions equal with six teams. To make this happen the bottom team from Division One was demoted but Belstead & Ransomes (Who won the Play-off for Division 2) have not been promoted. The teams in Division 2A and 2B where then placed in Division 2 or 3 based on the points scored last season.
 - iii. The committee recognise this is a huge disappointment for Belstead & Ransomes but overall feel it is the best interest of the league in the longer term to maintain three equal divisions with as many teams as possible still playing.

13. Any Other Business

- a. Linda (Chair) commented Nice to see Stephen Smith present at meeting
- b. Glenn shared details of the forthcoming Club Forums.

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- c. Amanda Balaam (Meadlands) – Highlighted that a Suffolk player was involved in national finals (Katie Scott (Corinthians) and Norfolk player).
- d. Glenn reminded the meeting that although Adam is not able to be here tonight please can you see Jo after the meeting with your forms and payment for the league subscriptions.
- e. Glenn reminded all club reps not to forget your scorecards.