

BRACKNELL & DISTRICT BADMINTON ASSOCIATION AGM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the BDBA held at Bracknell Sports Centre on 6th August 2012 at 20:00

Present: James Leach (Chairman)
Keith Parry (Treasurer)
James Press (League Match Secretary, League Secretary)

Representatives were present from the following clubs

Three of Clubs, Reading & Country, Racketeers, Maidenhead Racketeers, Syngenta, Silver Fox, Flying Rackets, Mavnell

Apologies for Absence

Tournament Secretary, Prospect, Crowthorne, Carlile, Windsor Phoenix

Minutes of the 2011 AGM

These were approved. Proposed Syngenta, seconded Racketeers.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the Minutes

Chairman's Report

The chairman thanked the Treasurer and Match Secretary for the effort they have both put into running the league, meaning that he has had a very easy year as Chairman. The season has been relatively successful, and the Bracknell league has stayed buoyant. Early indications are that the structure of the league will remain similar for next season, with most clubs re-entering the same teams.

The chairman congratulated the divisional winners: Prospect (ladies and mens 2), Reading & Country (mens 1 and mixed 1) and Mavnell (mixed 2). Reading & Country also commented on the close finishes at the top of both the Mixed and Mens first divisions, with the titles being decided by one point, and on count-back respectively.

League Secretary's Report

The league secretary thanked all of the club representatives for effectively managing their registrations. As a result there were no registration problems that needed to be resolved, and the secretary role was very easy this year.

Treasurer's Report

The accounts were presented to the attendees and approved. Proposed Three of Clubs, seconded Mavnell.

The league made a profit this year, thanks in the most part to the profitable tournament. The treasurer suggested that we could consider lowering the tournament entry fee in subsequent years.

Match Secretary's Report

The match secretary encouraged all member clubs to be more proactive in informing the league directly when matches are rearranged. He also highlighted the importance of the league having a record of why matches were not played, since this can have a bearing on which team is held to have conceded in the case where they cannot be rearranged.

The date for the fixtures meeting was announced as the 20th August, to be held at 20:00 at Bracknell Leisure Centre. This will be communicated officially shortly.

Following on from some discussions in the previous AGM, the league will introduce new scorecard submission systems for the coming season, whereby every member club will have login details to the website, and will be able to enter and approve scorecards directly. Access details and instructions will be communicated to club representatives before the start of the season. In addition to this change, match cards will also be sent to clubs with no postage stamps on them, with the expectation that most clubs will either enter scores on the website directly, or email a photo of the completed scorecard to the league match secretary.

Tournament Secretary's Report

The annual tournament made a profit for the first time this year, because of better management of court time. The league booked one hour less court time than usual, which proved to be sufficient thanks to some efficient organisation of competitors and some flexibility from the sports centre at the end.

Election of Officers

No nominations were received for any posts. The existing committee members agreed to stand for re-election. It was accepted that the committee be re-elected. Proposed Three of Clubs, Seconded Racketeers.

Chairman:	James Leach
Treasurer:	Keith Parry
Secretary:	James Press
Match Secretary:	James Press
Tournament Secretary:	Karen Press

Any Other Business

The date of the fixtures meeting was confirmed as 20th August, and the League Match Secretary encouraged all clubs to attend since when attendance is low there are often some clubs who find that nobody they need to arrange matches with is present. It should also help to prevent misunderstandings when agreeing dates compared with organising fixtures over the phone.

Racketeers requested that the rules pertaining to two teams from the same club being present in the same division be reiterated, since they were not familiar with them. The League Match Secretary agreed to communicate a summary of these rules to all clubs.

Racketeers were interested in finding out whether anyone present had any experience with organising friendly matches with clubs potentially from other leagues, as they would like to increase the number of competitive matches that their teams play. The consensus was that this is something that is generally done on a club-by-club basis rather than the League having any involvement; Syngenta said that they have done this in the past.

The meeting was concluded at 20:35