

BRACKNELL & DISTRICT BADMINTON ASSOCIATION AGM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the BDBA held at Bracknell Sports Centre on 10th September 2013 at 21:00

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

Representatives were present from the following clubs

Three of Clubs, Crowthorne, Reading & Country, Racketeers, Syngenta, Silver Fox, Flying Rackets, East Berks

Apologies for Absence

Committee: Chairman, Tournament Secretary
Member Clubs: Windsor Phoenix, Virgin Active, Maidenhead Racketeers

Minutes of the 2012 AGM

These were approved. Proposed Silver Fox, seconded Three of Clubs.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the Minutes

Treasurer's Report

The accounts were presented to the attendees and approved. Proposed Reading & Country, seconded Flying Rackets.

The leagues finances are currently in very good health. The league made a substantial profit this year, thanks in part to a well-run tournament that turned a small profit. The treasurer suggested that the league committee might consider changing the registration fees, as the league's running costs had lowered in recent years

Match Secretary's Report

The change that was made at the beginning of the last season, allowing teams to enter scores directly rather than posting the card to the match secretary, has been a great success. All match results are entered, generally very promptly, and there were no incidents of disputes over the results. Moving into the new season, we intend to expand this system to allow clubs to enter and modify their fixture lists as well. It was suggested that club representatives could be automatically emailed when changes were made or when match results needed to be approved; this is a good idea, and will be implemented if possible

Tournament Secretary's Report

The tournament Secretary could not be present at the AGM, but sent the following statement to be read out in her absence:

"Another successful tournament this year. We seem to have settled the format now, with the 4 player level and mixed combination seeming popular. We managed to run nicely to time this year, and the 3 hour slot over the weekend seems to work quite well. Wellington College have been quite accommodating with the price, and the venue seems to go down well with most players.

It is therefore with some regret that I have chosen to step down as the tournament secretary. I have enjoyed doing this over the years, and being that it involves the organisation of one event per year it is not too onerous. However, in recent years my work and family commitments have increased, and I think now is the right time for me to pass on the baton, both to bring in new thoughts on further improving the event, and before I get too busy to give it the focus it deserves.

I hope someone will take this on - I have found it a rewarding role, and thank everyone for their support over the last few years."

Proposals

It was proposed that the league should remove the requirement for the home team to enter results, and the away team confirm them. After some discussion, it was agreed that it would indeed make sense for either team to enter the score, as the winning team would likely be more incentivised to submit the score more quickly. This was on the condition that the opposing team would still have an opportunity to confirm the scorecard, or contest it if they believed it to be incorrect.

The proposal was accepted by a majority vote.

Election of Officers

The Tournament Secretary has asked to step down from the role, and applications were also requested for the League Secretary role. There were no volunteers for either post. James Press will continue to fulfil the League Secretary role, and the Tournament Secretary role will remain vacant. The League committee will separately attempt to find someone to assist with tournament organisation for this season.

The Chairman, Treasurer and Match Secretary all agreed to continue in their roles, and there were no competing nominations.

Therefore the league committee will be:

Chairman:	James Leach
Treasurer:	Keith Parry
Secretary:	James Press
Match Secretary:	James Press
Tournament Secretary:	<i>(vacant)</i>

Any Other Business

There was a question from Crowthorne regarding whether tournament team entries had to be from one single club. It was clarified that team entries have historically been allowed to consist of players

from different clubs or leagues, but that this may be subject to change in the future if we decide to experiment with the format. Regardless, it was agreed that Bracknell League member clubs should take priority if the tournament was over-subscribed.

The meeting was concluded at 9:21pm