



MINUTES OF 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was held on Tuesday 26th June 2007 at 7.30pm at Gerrards Cross Community Centre.

Committee members present:

Mike Robinson (Chairman/Secretary), John Farrington (Treasurer), Fiona Foy (Mixed Results Secretary), Russell Page (Ladies and Men's Results Secretary)

Clubs represented were:

All Saints, Bohemians, Cedar, Chalfont Eagles, Chalfont St Peter, Chalfont Monday, Chiltern Feathers, Dragons, HCA, Naphill, Racquets, Scots Hill, Wycombe Originals.

Apologies:

None Received

Minutes of 2006 AGM

The minutes of the 2006 AGM were accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.

Matters Arising

Norman Ball of HCA volunteered to assist with IT matters.
The 3 match option was used in 2 divisions

Chairman's Report

The Chairman said that 2006-7 season had gone well.
Norman has set up the leagues using League Republic.
The Quiz Night had been a great success in the new format.
The handbooks were produced quickly and the meeting agreed they are very useful.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that there was a deficit for the year of £309.66 year compared to a £229.26 surplus the previous year.

The major differences were

- 1) Tournament costs mainly because the finalists were not charged this year.
- 2) The contribution to the community coach based at Wycombe Badminton Centre.
- 3) IT costs
- 4) A gift to the retiring Chairman
- 5) The quiz night surplus was double that of the 2006

The league subscriptions will be increased to £13 per team

Results Secretaries' Report

Ladies:

Russell said the Division 1 had produced good results and few rearranged matches
In division 2 a quarter of matches were conceded, 3 by one club.
Division winners were Wycombe Originals and Naphill.

Mens:

In division 1 there were two conceded matches and five instances of clubs fielding 2 pairs.

In division 2 only one match was conceded and four involved 2 pairs.

In division 3 two matches were conceded by one club, there were two instances of 2 pairs and one of a single pair.

The winners of the divisions were Evreham, Dragons A and Dragons B

Results cards were still being completed poorly

Russell reminded clubs that mid season registrations must go to both secretaries

Mixed:

Fiona Foy reported that the mixed divisions had run well and there had been many close matches this year.

Winners of the divisions were New Denham, Isis B, Chalfont Monday and Beaconsfield

Both KO again produced some close results. New Denham won the division 1-2 competition and Chalfont Monday the division 3-4.

The Rally Scoring System

The original scoring system is still permissible under Appendix 3 of the Laws. Ian Moody (chairman Bucks CBA) said that Badminton England decided not to propose the removal of Appendix 3 after strong representation from some leagues. The rally scoring system is used in all BE matches and has been adopted by the other leagues in Bucks.

The meeting voted unanimously to adopt the rally scoring system for 2007-8

Affiliation to Badminton England

Most clubs are already affiliated because they also play in the High Wycombe league.

Cost to clubs is £12 per head. Bucks CBA receives £3.10 of this. The league would pay £45 which is refunded if all league clubs affiliate and register their players for the season.

Player registration can be done on-line.

BE is looking at ways to encourage non-club players to join.

Benefits are insurance, quarterly magazine, rewards scheme, Yelox shuttle purchase scheme, representation via Bucks CBA.

Some clubs have already set fees for 2007/8.

The meeting voted unanimously to affiliate to Badminton England starting in 2008/9 but will review the decision if there is a major change to the affiliation cost

Community Coach.

The meeting decided to donate £250 towards the cost of the coach.

Clubs were reminded that they would be entitled to an hour of coaching in addition to any entitlement that comes from BE or Wycombe league membership

Election of Officers

Mike Robinson proposed that Kate Naish be appointed as a additional committee member.

The meeting accepted this and re-elected the other members en bloc.

Any Other Business

Chalfont Eagles thanked the league for accepting their young team and for the encouragement they have received.

Chalfont Eagles asked about recouping costs when the opponents cancel or concede. The meeting was reminded that the conceding side must pay for the courts although Chalfont St Peter said they only ask for the match fee. The chairman also asked to be informed if any club did not pay when requested as they could be excluded from the following season.

Chalfont Monday questioned whether home players should play in club nights whilst the match is continuing. Other also felt it was unfair as the home team could stay warmed up. Dragons said they had permitted it after team members objected to losing a club night. The chairman asked clubs to inform him if this became a problem in the coming season.