



MINUTES OF 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was held on Monday 18th July 2016 at HCA.

Clubs represented:

Raqueteers: Maeve H., George R.
Chiltern Feathers: Roger L., Karen C., Peter J.
Wooburn Hill: Rob M.
Cedar: Steve B., Stef B.
Chalfont Monday: Paul M., Michele F.
Naphill: Steve N., Kevin G.
Battledore: Susie H.
Dragons: Julie M., Kendra G.
Bohemians: Russell P.
HCA: Norman B.
Dr. Challoner's: Gareth C.
Cygnets: Chris S.

Also:

Bucks CBA: Mark Lawrence.

The Committee was represented by:

Peter J. (Chair), Norman B. (Treasurer & Web manager), Russell P., Gareth C. & Rob M. (Results Secretaries). Gareth C taking the AGM Minutes.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Karen H. (Raqueteers), Penny J. (All Saints), Ian H. (South Bucks), and Heather R. (unassigned - committee)

2. Minutes of AGM 2015

Minutes of the 2015 AGM had been circulated prior to the meeting, and were approved by all attendees with no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report

Peter became Chair just over 1 year ago and reported that it had been a reasonably smooth season, although some issues with Mens teams struggling to raise enough players.

Best attended Quiz night for many years - new venue and quiz master. Winning team were from HCA.

Inaugural John Farrington Cup won by Chiltern Feathers a, presented by John's daughter Nickie.

Cygnets will be re-joining the league next season.

Thanks given to committee members for their work over the season. Rob M. is standing down, and we welcome Karen Harding. and Stef Bower to the team.

Particular thanks to Norman B. for his excellent work revamping the [CADBA website](#)

4. Treasurer's Report

The [accounts summary](#) was shared with attendees - these have been independently audited by John Nunn, the qualified accountant who looks after the HCA accounts. CADBA has had a typical balance of around £2400, which has this year risen to around £3000. This is due to a) a better attended quiz night b) Lloyds Bank one-off payment for poor service c) moving meetings and Quiz Night to HCA, thus removing hall hire.

Proposed reduction of team entry from £15 to £10 - this way benefit is reduction is spread fairly. CADBA does not charge a club affiliation fee.

5. Result's Secretaries reports

a) Medley

First season of two divisions. Pleased that divisions seemed well balanced.

Some teams still wanted to play out-of-order. Result's Card over-complicated and often filled-in incorrectly - redesigned as a result.

Three 1st division matches were unplayed, resolutions found amicably between clubs, with no effect on top/bottom.

1st division winners were South Bucks, 2nd division winners were Chalfont Monday

b) Mixed

Two divisions of 5 teams. All matches played.

1st division winners were Dragons A, 2nd division winners were Beaconsfield.

c) Cup

Thanks to assistance with handicapping - both from committee members and the participating captains. All matches played.

Winners: Chiltern Feathers, Runners-Up: Dragons A

A short discussion followed about the handicapping process.

d) Mens

1st division winners were Raquetteers, 2nd division winners were Dragons A.

Cedar pulled out of div 1 mid-season, unplayed fixtures were treated as conceded.

One match in div 2 was conceded. A few instances of teams turning up with only 2 and one a couple of occasions only 1 pair.

A discussion arose about how to deal with a situation of a team turning up with only 1 pair. This proves to be a complicated issue which the Committee had not prepared for prior to the discussion. The Committee will reflect upon this matter, send out some proposals via email, in readiness for the Fixtures Meeting

e) Ladies

Heather was absent unwell. One Ladies division of 8 teams, won by Wycombe Originals

6. Possibility of a Mens 4-player league

Some clubs have struggled to complete mens fixtures last year – one team dropped out, and sometimes teams of only two pairs (or one pair) were put out.

A Mens 4 league would provide flexibility between Mens 6 and Mens 4 league.

There was some discussion about the financial implications, and also potential knock-on effects on other leagues.

Clubs voted in favour of the option of entering teams into a Mens 4 league by 7 to 5. A minimum of 5 teams will be required for this league to run. Please note this can only be determined finally after all the clubs have submitted their league entry forms.

7. Appointment of Committee for forthcoming season

Chairperson: Peter J.
Treasurer: Norman B.
Web manager: Norman B.
Mixed and Cup Secretary: Russell P.
Ladies: Heather R.
Medley: Stef B.
Mens: Karen H.
Mens 4 (if applicable): Gareth C.

8. Handbook

Proposal for an 'online' handbook for captains with details of club contacts and fixture lists to print was presented by Committee. Scorecards will still be printed by CADBA and distributed at Fixtures Meeting.

Clubs stated that it was very useful to have information to hand on match nights. Therefore a consolidated 'club details and contacts' document will be prepared as a pdf to be emailed to the individual clubs. The Committee will remind all clubs to print this document and give to their captains at the start of the season. There was a request that shared/cancellation costs for both teams of 4 and 6 players should be added to club information.

9. Update from Bucks CBA from Mark L

New membership structure being introduced by BE to make affiliation fairer to different types of members, with differentiation between social, club, and competition players. Reduction in individual membership fee - will become £10 pounds for club players. New club fees: based on membership size. 1-->10 players = £50, 11-->15 players = £75, 16+ players = £100. BE membership only needs to be paid through one club - if a player is in two clubs they can choose which club pays. A copy of the document Mark was summarised will be circulated.

10. Any Other Business

- a) Registration of teams due by Monday 15th August** - a straw poll of clubs initial intentions was taken and indicated good levels of intent to join
- b) Fixtures Meeting to be held at HCA at 8pm on Monday 5th September**
- c) Guidelines on refreshments** - agreed that clubs should clarify refreshments policy via their club information summary. Clubs commented on the excellent provision made by Raquetteers and All Saints.
- d) Shared match fees** - an explanation of the rationale for shared match fees was given at the request of Raquetteers
- e) Cup semi-finals** - a short discussion was held about possibly using neutral venues for Cup Semi finals. Problems were identified - this will not happen in the coming season.
- f) Lateness for matches** - clubs were reminded to turn up on time for matches and to be proactive about starting once players are there

Meeting concluded 9:24pm