

**Chalfont & District Badminton Association
Annual General Meeting**

Monday 16th July 2018, Hazlemere Community Association

Present:

P Jackling (CADBA Committee & Chiltern Feathers), R Page (CADBA Committee, Bohemians & HCA), K Harding (CADBA Committee & Raquetteers), S Bower (CADBA Committee, Cedar & HCA), N Ball (CADBA Committee & HCA), H Roblin (CADBA Committee), C Dartnell (CADBA), P Jones (All Saints), M Smith (Beaconsfield), V Messenger (Dragons), G Ratcliffe & M Hanley (Raquetteers), C Hodgson & C Fryer (Wooburn Hill), T Tierney (Cygnetts), B Siarey (Cedar), N Hanham (Chalfont Monday), E Gilson (Battledore), J Mallory (Kings BC), and guests Adrian Christy (Badminton England), Alex Roe (Badminton England) and Mark Lawrence (Bucks CBA)

Apologies: G Cadman (CADBA Committee & Dr Challoner's)

- **Minutes from AGM 2017**

Accepted with one matter arising; an action point on Chalfont Monday re: borrowed players to be covered later.

- **Chairman's Report - P Jackling**

The Chairman welcomed all committee members and club representatives to the meeting, and introduced the three guests. He reminded the attendees that each club had one vote.

Thanks to Jill Jackling for taking minutes.

Carol Dartnell has kindly agreed to join committee and keep/update club contact details.

He welcomed Adrian Christy and Alex Roe, Badminton CEO and Regional Relationships Manager respectively, more on that later.

Another successful season of competitive badminton, with more leagues and more member clubs than previously, including two divisions in the men's 4 league (which was only started in the previous year). Reports from results secretaries, and an update of the 3rd year of the John Farrington Trophy (a knock-out handicap competition), which was won in 2018 by All Saints, to be covered later.

Another very well attended Annual Presentation Quiz night, although there was a last-minute problem in needing to replace the quiz master; thanks to Russell for sorting. The winners were Cedar, by one point. And the heads and tails won by Penny Foulds from Chiltern Feathers.

A couple of minor problems during the season:

- Results sheets – a reminder that it is the responsibility of the HOME team to provide the results sheets at the match, but the responsibility of the WINNING team to send the results cards in. Delays cause lots of problems, including setting cup handicaps.
- Members not advising CADBA of their up to date contact details. Please contact Carol.

Financially CADBA had a solid year, even after reducing the team entry fee to £1 following the decision at the AGM last year.

He thanked all the committee for their continuing support and untiring dedication to keeping CADBA running smoothly. Everyone except Norman Ball has expressed a willingness to

continue near year, but volunteers are always welcome. Norman has agreed to help hand-over to someone new after his 12 years on committee, and he was presented with a special thank you and a gift.

- **Treasurer's Report - N Ball**

Accounts had been circulated in advance but were unaudited (as auditor is away). There was £3,058 in the bank compared to last year's £3,401; the result of trying to reduce the accumulated surplus and helped by only charging £1 per team entry, although this was not collected, and charging £6 per team to enter the quiz (compared to £5 per person previously). Someone queried what the accrual £300 was for; this was explained as being for sets of medals. The accounts will be audited, free of charge, in the next 3-4 weeks. The Chairman said the proposal was to leave the team entry fee at £1 pending costs if no Treasurer/IT volunteers come forward.

Secretaries Reports

Medley – Stef Bower

Division - Medley1

Champions: Beaconsfield Runners-up: South Bucks

Division – Medley 2

Champions: Bohemians B Runners-up: Raquetteers

Ladies – Heather Roblin

Champions: Beaconsfield Runners-up: Battledore

Mens-6 - Karen Harding

Division1

Champions: Raquetteers Runners-up: Bohemians

Division 2

Champions: Cedar Runners-up: Chiltern Feathers B

Mixed - Russell Page

Many rearrangements due to the snow

Division 1

Champions: Cygnets Runners-up: Raquetteers

Division 2

Champions: Beaconsfield Runners-up: Bohemians

Mens-4 – Peter Jackling gave report on behalf of Gareth Cadman

Division 1

Champions: Battledore B Runners-up: Wycombe Originals

Division 2

Champions: Beaconsfield Mens 4 Runners-up: Lockers Park

The John Farrington Cup - Russell Page

16 teams entered, all first round games held in space of two weeks. Lots of chasing to get teams to sort handicaps, which were then done in a rushed manner. Many players hadn't played in league games before so it was difficult to set handicaps. Reminder that teams should be submitted 7 days before the fixture. S Bower asked if there was not a rule that a player had to have played for a team before playing in the cup, and R Page confirmed this. The Chairman said team captains had to take responsibility and advise how they think a player will play.

Champions: All Saints Runners-up: Chiltern Feathers A

- **Quiz Night**

The Chairman asked if any changes to the format needed to be made, or whether it was worth continuing with the event. S Bower said this depended on the quiz master. One member brought children with him but there were no questions pitched at their level, and no badminton questions. It was agreed the topics are fine, but there should be a better range of ease and difficulty, and have some badminton questions.

- **Committee 2018/19 - Election of officers**

The chairman reiterated as Norman was standing down a new Treasurer and Website/IT Manager was needed. He called for volunteers, but none were forthcoming. He stressed that CADBA had a definite need for a Treasurer and it would put club fees up if we had to pay for one. Norman has agreed to help the new person. The Website/IT role consisted of updating the website, sending emails, and using League Republic (to publicise tables and results); it takes roughly 3 days to set up the site at the start of each new season. Similarly, if no volunteers come forward CADBA may have to buy in services and charge member clubs more. Norman charges CADBA £80 per year for server storage space. One member asked Adrian Christy from Badminton England what other clubs do, and he advised they were close to launching a league management tool which clubs could use. If clubs and members are affiliated it will generate fixtures automatically, but can be overridden if needed. There would be no need to chase score cards because the system will automatically send out a reminder email to submit the results. He asked if we wanted to be part of the user trial; the Chairman explained the timing was not quite right as Norman was standing down, but Alex Roe (also of BE) will supply Norman with contact details of the developer. CABDA are also looking at what HWADBA do, using Matt Woodage, at a cost.

Agreed: Committee (excluding N Ball) re-elected en masse.

- **League structure for forthcoming season**

Provisional discussion of entries for next season. The Chairman summed up that there seemed to be some changes due to lack of players and lack of hall time. He asked what clubs paid generally, per hour, for hall hire and it was roughly £10 or £12 per hour, apart from Wycombe Badminton Centre who have a set fee for set hours £63 (8pm-11pm) with no flexibility. There was a general discussion about the ability to centrally purchase shuttles so as to gain a better bulk-buy price. BE do not do this but work with Direct Sport who offer member discounts. County have a deal with Babolat. BE to provide CADBA with details.

Key dates: Team entries to be submitted by Monday 13th August. Fixtures Meeting Monday 3rd September, 7:30pm at HCA

- **Adrian Christy from Badminton England**

Adrian thanked CADBA and all the clubs for their support. He discussed the services which club members get for their membership fees, particularly since the loss of funding since the Rio games. The Chairman asked whether club players felt 'connected' to BE, and Adrian explained the efforts being made to connect with members and players, and increasing digital methods of communicating with players. Mark asked if there was any way County could be more involved with leagues. A general discussion about the lack of young people joining clubs, but who were playing social badminton, and some clubs having restrictions of standard and joining qualifications. Alex advised that 'No Strings' sessions were being set up, and it is hoped that clubs can be present to gain new members. Also, 'Essentials' which are short training courses are being held at leisure centres. General discussion about how to get new members.

Any Other Business

Question raised by Chalfont Monday and Wooburn Green about the possibility of 'borrowed' players. No rule against this, as long as same division or lower (not higher), approved by both captains and the CADBA results secretary. Wycombe have done this as they only have 6 lady players. It was agreed that the results secretary should be notified if this is to happen (and they can also monitor if this is a regular occurrence).

Alex Roe from BE advised a project he is working on in Wycombe area to get junior to senior players, with a couple of No Strings sessions in leisure centres in Wycombe area (Wycombe Leisure Centre and Court Garden Centre in Marlow). Also junior Racket Packs in primary schools – AR to send information to the Chairman for onward circulation.

Raquetteers asked if they can change the order of play if they have a 2 court hall. This was agreed as long as the results are clear if you have changed the order.

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Meeting closed 9:35pm.