

# MID GLOUCESTERSHIRE BADMINTON LEAGUE

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007 At BAWA (Room 1), Southmead Road, Bristol, 7.30 p.m.

**Present:** Alan Kitley (Chair), Adrian Cantwell (Treasurer), Piers Hutton (Secretary), Steve Bird, Ruth Hutton

**Club Representatives:**

Academy	Beaufort Park/Beaufort	Berkeley
Bishop Road	Chew Park	Frampton Cotterell
Imperial	Kingswood	RWP
Pill	Pucklechurch	Raysfield
Severnvale	St Lukes	Tetbury
Yate	St Ursulas	Avon Jets

### Introduction

The chair welcomed guests and the league clubs. He referred to the passing away of Marj Jowett during the past year, who had done a great amount for badminton. The chair read out a two paragraph statement from the County regarding the funding increase for the BDO, and advertising the forthcoming Restricted Tournament.

### 1. Apologies

None

### 2. Minutes of Last AGM – 13th September 2006

Acceptance proposed by St. Lukes, seconded by Pucklechurch. Vote: Unanimous

### 3. Matters Arising

None

### 4. Chairman's Report

Alan made the following points:

- Thanked Committee for their work throughout the year. There had been a doubling in committee meetings, two!
- It had been a successful season and hopefully 2007/08 would continue in that way. He hoped Avon Jets had enjoyed their first season.
- He had managed to visit all clubs to see at least one match. He found the visits useful and the exchanges with club members fruitful.
- He referred to the forthcoming agenda item regarding the need to register all players in a club, regardless of the route in which they affiliated to BADMINTON England.
- He had attended the recent Bristol League meeting and learned that a new club, Fromeside (Winterbourne) had joined. He would try and persuade them to join the Mid Glos league.

### 5. Presentation of Trophies by Steve Bird

Mixed	Division 1	St. Lukes A
	Division 2	Raysfield
	Division 3	St. Ursulas
	Division 4	Yate
Men's	Division 1	Raysfield
	Division 2	Tetbury

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## 6. Presentation of Dennis Aspinall Award by Steve Bird

Prior to the presentation, the chair read out a letter from Dennis Aspinall's widow, Jenny, thanking the league for the trophy and for what it meant to her and her children.

Naomi Leppier of St. Lukes

## 7. Treasurers Report

Copies of the Accounts were distributed. Adrian made the following points:

- Made a modest profit of £29
- The biggest expenditure (£100) continued to be for the League Fixtures books
- Closing Balance - £466, up on last year.

Acceptance proposed by Raysfield, seconded by Pill. Vote: Unanimous

## 8. Motion: Registration Fee

The Hon Treasurer recommended that the registration fee remain at £7.00 per team

Acceptance proposed by Beaufort-Park, seconded by RWP. Vote: Unanimous

## 9. Press Officers Report

- Adrian Cantwell reported that he had managed – twice, mid season and end of season - to get the Gazette chain of newspapers to put in the league tables.
- He had good communications with the editor.
- Despite putting in league contact details, there had not been one enquiry.
- Use of the Avon BA website was very useful and appreciated by clubs.

## 10. Secretary's Report

The Hon Secretary made a brief report:

- ◆ Main gripe was that clubs were not putting in members affiliation numbers.
- ◆ A number of cards were not being returned in a timely manner, which meant a lot of chasing.

## 11. Proposal to change League Rules & Constitution

- 1 The proposal was to Rule 5 to change to RPS scoring system  
*All rubbers shall be two games of 21 points using the Rally Points Scoring System. The extended game (replacing setting) is played from 20-all. The winner is the one with 2 clear points or whose score reaches 30 first.*  
The chair recapped very briefly on the history of the RPS scoring system and how BE was not helping.  
There was no need for a discussion and the voting was 11 in Favour, 7 Against. The motion was lost as a 2/3<sup>rds</sup> majority was not achieved.
- 2 Introduce new Rule 10, renumbering remaining rules:  
*At the conclusion of each annual competition a check of all players registrations shall be conducted by the Hon Secretary against BE official records. Any clubs found to have played non- registered players shall be subject to penalties determined by the League Committee.*

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This item brought about a fair amount of discussion. Some clubs felt that the penalties should be spelt out within the rules, along the lines of the North Somerset League. Adrian Cantwell felt that it might be necessary to vary the penalty because of increasing offences (by clubs). Beaufort referred to their particular club registration problem, which had not been resolved with BE. Frampton stated that some other sports stated penalties for any rules infringements within their own rules.

Following a lot more discussion, even considering a change to the proposal, a vote was called for after the proposal was seconded by Avon Jets.

In Favour 16, Against 2. Introduction of rule approved.

The committee agreed to review the inclusion of penalties and report back to the next AGM.

### 12 Proposal to change League Rules & Constitution

Introduce new item, 4, and renumber subsequent paragraphs:

*Each season every club within the league must register their entire club membership with Badminton England (BE) in accordance with BE's 'Senior Clubs Renewals – Complete Guide', issued annually in September*

Minimal discussion, no Secunder for the proposal, Proposed change was Lost.

### 13. Election of Officers

Position	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded	Vote
Chair	Alan Kitley	Pill	Berkeley	Unanimous
President	Steve Bird	RWP	Bishop Road	Unanimous
Vice-President	No Nomination			
Secretary	Piers Hutton	RWP	Bishop Road	Unanimous
Treasurer	Adrian Cantwell	RWP	Bishop Road	Unanimous

### 14. A.O.B.

- The chair referred to the Bristol Badminton Marathon charity event that was organised by Zia Hague. The support for the last marathon was disappointing and Zia was looking for ideas from clubs.
- The chair advertised the forthcoming Avon Schools U11 tournament.

### 15. Next Years' Divisions

The meeting discussed proposals from the committee. A proposal from the floor on 1 Up and 1 Down was proposed by Severnvale, Seconded by Raysfield. Voting 10 in Favour, 6 Against and 2 Abstentions. The proposal was passed.

Mixed Division 1	Mixed Division 2	Mixed Division 3	Mixed Division 4
St. Lukes A	Severnvale B	Pucklechurch	Berkeley
Beaufort Park	St Lukes B	Bishop Road	Avon Jets
Severnvale A	RWP	Frampton A	Frampton B
Chew Park	Imperial	Tetbury	Kingswood
Raysfield	St Ursulas	Yate	

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Men's Division 1	Men's Division 2
Severnvale	Pill
Beaufort Park	Academy
RWP	Beaufort
Raysfield	Kingswood
Tetbury	Avon Jets

### 16. Arrangement of Fixtures

The meeting commenced making fixtures at 8.50 p.m.

Signed : .....  
Chairman

Date: 10th September 2008