

# Harborough Feathers Badminton Club - Annual General Meeting

## Minutes

**Date:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015, 8.30pm

**Venue:** The Angel Hotel

**Attendees:** Andrew Bailey, Helen Barnett, Paul Barnett, Jim Bowditch, Steve Chapman, Simon Davies, John Fannon, Frank Jackson and Natalie Jackson

### 1. Welcome and apologies

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies had been received from Paul Callow, John Clark and Mark Smith.

### 2. Approval of minutes from 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed by Frank and seconded by Simon.

### 3. Reports

#### 3.1. Chair's report

Paul thanked everyone who had been involved in the running of the club over the season. It had been a good season and all the teams performed reasonably well. The Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> Team had been unfortunate with the amount of cancelled matches.

#### 3.2. Treasurer's report

Jim tabled the end of season accounts. The club had made a slight loss of £181, but this was to be expected as the costs of the hall had increased and less match fees had been collected due to the number of cancellations.

#### 3.3. Mens 1<sup>st</sup> team report

The Mens 1<sup>st</sup> team had a good season and had finished second in a strong league. They had lost away at SCS due to the disadvantage of playing with plastics. Andrew expressed his thanks to the players who had stepped into to assist the 1<sup>st</sup> team. The team will be looking to build on their experience this season for a successful season in 2015/16.

#### 3.4. Mens 2<sup>nd</sup> team report

The team had a frustrating season with a lot of cancelled matches. The team had played well at home but had been disappointing away from home. There is a problem of fielding consistence pairings although there is depth to the team. The issue of playing the same teams all the time was discussed and it was agreed

that John should raise this issue at the Leicestershire AGM. He is to send an email to Greg to raise the issue prior to the AGM.

**Action – John**

### **3.5. Doubles team report**

The team had a very successful year, finishing top of the league and being promoted to Division 2. Helen thanked all those who had played in the team and contributed to a very enjoyable and successful season.

### **3.6. Ladies team report**

Having been promoted to Division 1 at the end of last season, the team have had a challenging year, facing very strong opposition. Unfortunately, we didn't manage to win any matches, losing 8 out of 8. On the positive side, this does mean we will be going back down to Division 2 where we are likely to have a much more enjoyable season in 2015/16! Thank you very much to all the ladies who played this year.

### **3.7 Social secretary report**

There had been 3 pub crawls during the year and a trip to the dogs. The turn out has been disappointing on some socials and also the response from members to let Frank know if they are interested or attending.

## **4. Subscriptions for 2015 - 2016**

Jim proposed that the fees increase by £10 to £100, and that an early payment rate was introduced. If fees are paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> October, they would only be £90. This was seconded by Paul and agreed on unanimously. The fees for 2014/15 would be as follows:

Adult member = £100 (reduced to £90 if paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> October)

Junior member = £50

Visitors = £5

Match fees = £5

The issue of visitors was discussed. It was agreed that a visitor book would be introduced where visitors had to sign in and then pay their fee. Jim is to organize the visitor book.

**Action - Jim**

## **5. Team Entries**

It was agreed to enter the same teams as last year.

It was agreed to double up as many matches as possible with club nights then taking place at Robert Smyth. It was also agreed that home matches at Welland Park would start at 7pm and 2 courts would be booked for an extra 30 minutes.

## **6. Election of Officers**

### **6.1. Chairman**

Paul was willing to continue as Chairman. Simon proposed Paul and Frank seconded.

Paul Barnett was elected as Chairman.

### **6.2. Secretary**

Helen was willing to continue as Secretary. John proposed Helen and Frank seconded.

Helen Barnett was elected as Secretary.

### **6.3. Treasurer**

Jim was willing to continue as Treasurer. Helen proposed Jim and Frank seconded.

Jim Bowditch was elected as Treasurer.

### **6.4. Mens 1<sup>st</sup> team captain**

Andrew was willing to continue as Mens 1<sup>st</sup> Team captain. Paul proposed Andrew and Frank seconded.

Andrew Bailey was elected as Mens 1<sup>st</sup> team captain.

### **6.5. Mens 2<sup>nd</sup> team captain**

John was willing to continue as Mens 2<sup>nd</sup> team captain. Frank proposed John Paul seconded.

John Fannon was elected as Mens 2<sup>nd</sup> team captain.

### **6.6. Doubles team captain**

No one had come forward for the role. Helen is to send an email to those that played in the team during the season to see if someone would take on the captaincy.

**Action - Helen**

### **6.7. Ladies team captain**

Natalie was willing to continue as Ladies team captain. Helen proposed Natalie Andrew seconded.

Natalie Jackson was elected as Ladies team captain.

### **6.8. Social Secretary**

There was a discussion as to whether a Social Secretary was needed due to the low turn out at recent events. It was agreed that if there was a particular social event that a member wanted organizing then Frank would do it.

## **7. Any other business**

The issue of new members was raised and whether they should automatically be allowed to join the club. It was agreed that new members would attend 3 club

nights and then the committee would decide if they could join. If there was disagreement about the standard of a potential member, then they would be asked to attend for a further 3 weeks as a visitor before a decision was made.

The suggestion was made that if members were turned away that information was given to them on the other clubs in Market Harborough, more appropriate to their standard. Steve agreed to draft the information that would be given to them.

**Action - Steve**

The junior club that runs on a Wednesday afternoon are keen to make links with the club. It was agreed that Ray would be invited to bring any suitable juniors down on a club night.

**Action - Helen**

The issue of the state of the carpet at Welland Park was discussed. It was agreed that the carpet was getting dangerous to play on. Helen is to contact the school and raise the issue with them.

**Action - Helen**

The issue of match practice for teams was discussed. It was reiterated that match captains have the authority to arrange match practice for pairings on club night.