

Harborough Feathers Badminton Club - Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Date: Monday 16 May 2017, 7.30pm

Venue: The Angel Hotel

Attendees: Andrew Bailey, Helen Barnett, Paul Barnett, Jim Bowditch, John Fannon, Frank Jackson and Natalie Jackson.

1. Welcome and apologies

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting.

There had been no apologies received.

2. Approval of minutes from 16 May 2016

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

Proposed by Andrew and seconded by John.

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 with a good membership. All the teams performed reasonably well in their respective leagues.

3.2. Treasurer's report

Jim tabled the end of season accounts. The club had made a very slight profit of £6.

The income was £3224. There were 22 members, plus quite a few visitor fees and people who joined half way through the season.

The cost of shuttles had increased, but we have a stock worth around £250 which will carry over to next season.

There was decrease in the costs of the sports hall as the club had used Robert Smyth less and also had a 2 free weeks at Welland Park due to the carpet issue.

The closing balance is £1714.

The accounts were accepted by the AGM. Proposed by Frank and seconded by John.

3.3. Mens 1st team report

The Mens 1st team had won Division 4 of the Leicestershire.

3.4. Mens 2nd team report

This season has been a difficult one for the Mens 2nd team. Injuries, retirements and players being promoted to fill first team places has meant we were unable to put out a consistent team after the first few matches. The team was still competitive at home, but struggled in away matches and finished the season with only one win. This has resulted in relegation from division 5.

One positive from this season has been the inclusion of one of the Harborough LC Junior players, Elliot Baker, in the team. Elliott has improved greatly since joining the club and I'm sure he will be playing for the first team more regularly in the coming years. Myself and Steve will continue to encourage some of the older junior players to join the club.

From a captain's perspective, it was difficult at times to organise the team as I was not officially allowed to play many of the later games. This has led to my decision to step down as Mens 2 captain for next season.

3.5. Mens Northants team

There was no report.

3.6. Doubles team report

The team had a good season and would probably finish mid table. There had been some issues with fielding a team away at Towcester, with one game being conceded and the other being rearranged due to train issues on the night. But thank you to everyone who had played in the team.

3.7. Ladies team report

This was quite a strange season as one club pulled their ladies team out near the start of the season so we were two games down. In addition, at our final home match the opposition forgot to turn up! Of the games we played, we won half, lost half so should be mid table. However, it has not yet been confirmed exactly where we finished in the league as the Northants website has not yet been updated. Thank you very much to all the ladies who played again this year.

4. Subscriptions for 2016 - 2017

Badminton England have changed the fee structure. Instead of paying a BaE fee per player, there will be a club fee based on the number of players in the club. There will still be the County fees per player.

Last year the Club spent £534 on registrations. Under the new fee structure, the club would pay £662.

There were discussions about whether it would be cheaper to become one club again for registrations. But it was agreed that given the reduced number of teams and that there should be less dual league registrations, that the Club would continue to operate as 2 clubs for the different leagues.

The issue of why people had not attended the AGM was discussed. The opinion was expressed that people may be worried that if they turn up they have to take on a role. The lack of apologies also suggested some apathy amongst members. It was very difficult to make decisions concerning the club when no one turned up to the AGM.

There was a suggestion that an incentive should be offered for members to attend the AGM. It was proposed that the fees were increased to £130, which was reduced to £120 if paid by the 1st October and £20 given back if member attended the AGM. This proposal was accepted.

The fees for 2017/18 would be as follows:

Adult member = £130 (reduced to £120 if paid by the 1st October, and £20 returned if attend AGM)

Junior member = £50

Visitors = £5

Match fees = £5

5. Team Entries

There was a discussion concerning the lack of attendance at the AGM and the possibility that there may not be team captains to lead all the current teams. With the low turnout at the AGM it also made it difficult to make decisions concerning the majority of the club.

As there had been issues around fielding a team for the Men's 2nd Team in the Leicestershire league, it was agreed that the Men's 2nd Team in Leicestershire would be withdrawn. The Mens team in Northamptonshire will become the Men's 2nd Team. This will hopefully assist with any problems regarding availability of players. However the teams are to be run as 2 distinct teams with the Men being in one or the other and not both.

The teams for 2017/18 will be as follows:

Men's 1st Team – Leicestershire

Men's 2nd Team – Northamptonshire

Doubles Team – Northamptonshire

Ladies Team – Northamptonshire

6. Election of Officers

6.1. Chairman

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

Paul Barnett was elected as Chairman.

6.2. Secretary

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

Helen Barnett was elected as Secretary.

6.3. Treasurer

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

Jim Bowditch was elected as Treasurer.

6.4. Mens 1st team captain

No one had expressed a willingness to take on this role. If no came forward by the end of the season, then the possibility of not entering the Team would be considered by the Committee.

6.5. Mens 2nd team captain

Frank was willing to take on the role of Mens 2nd team captain. Paul proposed Frank and Natalie seconded.

Frank Jackson was elected as Mens 2nd team captain.

6.6. Doubles team captain

Natalie was willing to take on the role of Doubles Team captain. Helen proposed Natalie and Andrew seconded.

6.7. Ladies team captain

Heather was willing to take on the role of Ladies team captain. Helen proposed Heather and Natalie seconded.

Heather Reynolds was elected as Ladies team captain.

6.8. Welfare Officer

John was willing to take on the role of Welfare Officer. Paul proposed John and Andrew seconded.

John Fannon was elected as Welfare Officer.

6.9. Social Secretary

Frank agreed to continue organising any activities.

7. Any other business

There was no other business.