

# Harborough Feathers Badminton Club - Annual General Meeting

## Minutes

**Date:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015, 7.30pm

**Venue:** The Angel Hotel

**Attendees:** Andrew Bailey, Helen Barnett, Paul Barnett, Jim Bowditch, Simon Davies, John Fannon, Frank Jackson, Natalie Jackson and Adam Walden.

### 1. Welcome and apologies

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies had been received from Sian Bryars, Paul Callow and Heather Fyfe.

### 2. Approval of minutes from 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015

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

Proposed by Simon and seconded by Adam.

### 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 slight loss of £242. The cost of shuttles had increased, this is due to the increased number being used for matches and on club nights, but also the timing of when the shuttles were brought.

#### 3.3. Men's 1<sup>st</sup> team report

The Men's 1<sup>st</sup> team had a strange and frustrating season with all matches being played after Christmas, due to injuries. All away matches had been played with plastics which the team initially struggled with. But the team had finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and would be looking to build on that in the forthcoming season.

#### 3.4. Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> team report

The team had an alright season, staying in the Division. There was a problem of fielding consistence pairings although there is depth to the team.

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

The team had a good season and would probably finish mid table. The team had beaten every team once and had enjoyed some very competitive matches.

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

The team had a slightly better season this year in Division 2. We won 2 games, lost 3 and 'drew' 1 game (unfortunately this ended up being a loss!). As the league table has not been completed, we don't know at this point if we are staying in the division or going down. Thank you very much to all the ladies who played this season.

## **4. Subscriptions for 2016 - 2017**

The surcharge of £10 for late payment of fees worked well in terms of members paying on time.

The Badminton England fees have gone up by £1 per member and the Northants League by 50p per member.

Jim proposed that the fees increase by £10 to £110, and that the early payment rate continued. If fees are paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> October, they would only be £100. This was seconded by John and agreed on unanimously. The fees for 2015/16 would be as follows:

Adult member = £110 (reduced to £100 if paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> October)

Junior member = £50

Visitors = £5

Match fees = £5

## **5. Team Entries**

There was a proposal to enter another Men's Team into the Northants League. The purpose of this team would be to allow 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> team members to play together and allow 2<sup>nd</sup> Team members to gain more experience if then asked to play up to the 1<sup>st</sup> Team. It would also be for members were not playing in either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Men's Team. There was concern expressed about whether there would be enough commitment from Members to field a team and the impact on club nights. It was agreed that a Men's Team would be entered into the Northants League and Steve Chapman would be asked to be the captain.

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

## **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. Men's 1<sup>st</sup> team captain**

Andrew wished to step down as Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Team captain. He was thanked for all his hard work over the past 2 years.

Adam was willing to take over as Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Team captain. Paul proposed Adam and Frank seconded.

Adam was elected as Men's 1<sup>st</sup> team captain.

## **6.5. Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> team captain**

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

John Fannon was elected as Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> team captain.

## **6.6. Doubles team captain**

Helen agreed to continue captaining the team.

## **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 the floor at Welland Park was raised. Paul has been in contact with them and is waiting for a reply.

Post AGM report:

A reply has been received from Welland Park about the state of the floor. As compensation for the disruption we have been given 2 free weeks:

*I am sorry that you have had issues with the state of the Sports Hall floor. As you are aware, the floor is aging and approaching the end of its useful life. We are presently looking at the purchase and replacement of the flooring and exploring options for a new surface. However, as you are probably aware this will be expensive however, we are currently looking at both the question of replacement and fundraising.*

*Whenever any defect is notified to the Site team action is taken as quickly as possible to effect repair - either in house or by a contractor. I have not been made aware of any issue raised about the flooring from last Friday - I will have this checked immediately. As I recall, the issue raised during the match was resolved within the week.*

*I must apologise for the showers and toilet issue - until recently the upstairs changing room was available for showers - I was remiss in not passing this information on to you. The much needed refurbishment of the Male and Female changing rooms will be complete by the time that you return in the Autumn. When you see it, I hope that you will agree with me that it will have vastly improved the quality of facility that we can offer to our user clubs.*

The issue of juniors attending club nights was raised. Steve and John have been helping out at the Harborough Junior Club on a Wednesday and there may some members who could come on a Friday. Helen is to look into whether members will need to attend a safe guarding course and what else needs to be in place.

**Action - Helen**

John is to gauge the interest of junior members attending on a Friday.

**Action - John**