

Date:	20/08/2020 19:30		
Location:	Online meeting	Made By:	John Fannon
Attendees:	John Fannon (JF) Jim Bowditch (JB) Andrew Bailey (AB) Natalie Jackson (NJ) Frank Jackson (FJ) Heather Reynolds (HR) Adam Walden (AW) Alison Welch (AMW) Paul Callow (PC)	Distribution:	Club members

Item	Details	Action(s)
1	<p>Welcome & Apologies</p> <p>AB welcomed everyone to the meeting - the first virtual Harborough Feathers AGM.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Steve Chapman, Mike Almond, Mike Allinson and Gary Joy.</p>	
2	<p>Approval of Minutes from 2019</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.</p> <p>Proposed by AB and seconded by JF.</p>	
3	<p>Reports</p>	
3.1	<p>Chair's Report</p> <p>AB thanked everyone who had been involved in the running of the club over the season in difficult circumstances due to COVID-19.</p> <p>AB has not been at club night for some time due to injury/illness and will be stepping down from the role after many years of service on the committee.</p>	

3.2	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>JB presented the end of season accounts. There were 25 members and several visitors during the season.</p> <p>The total income for the 2019-20 season including subscription fees and match fees was £3,276.</p> <p>COVID-19 affected the income for the season, especially lower match fees, resulting in a loss of £44.12.</p> <p>The club has been given a credit by Welland Park Academy for hall fees paid for the 7 weeks where the hall was not available due to COVID-19 restrictions. It was proposed that this credit be used to discount membership fees for those members re-joining the club (see Subscriptions).</p> <p>JB noted that hall costs are due to rise by approximately 3% next season.</p> <p>The accounts were accepted by the AGM. Proposed by AB and seconded by JF.</p>	
3.3	<p>Ladies Team Report</p> <p>HR reported that the Ladies team had had a reasonably successful season given that the team played in the 1st Division and appear to be comfortable at that level.</p> <p>The team were not able to complete all the fixtures due to COVID-19, but of the remaining fixtures, won 2, lost 1 and conceded 1.</p> <p>HR will be stepping down a Ladies captain due to pregnancy and the committee thanked HR for several years of service and wished her well for the future.</p>	
3.4	<p>Men's Team Report</p> <p>AW reported that the Men's team completed all but one of the fixtures in the Leicestershire league prior to the season being cancelled.</p> <p>The team struggled with a lack of strength in depth due to injuries and absences but had a reasonably successful and enjoyable season.</p> <p>AW has decided to step down as Men's captain. The committee thanked AW for several years of service and hope that he will continue to be a member of the club in the future.</p>	
3.5	<p>Doubles Team Report</p> <p>NJ reported that, for the Doubles team, the season was a difficult one, with many fixtures arranged or re-arranged for later in the season, which was then cancelled due to COVID-19. Of the remaining fixtures, the results were won 2, lost 2.</p> <p>NJ thanked everyone who played this year when called upon.</p>	
4	<p>Election of Officers</p>	

4.1	<p>Chairperson</p> <p>AB stepped down as chairperson.</p> <p>PC was willing to take on the role - PC was proposed as chair by AB and this was seconded by JF.</p> <p>PC was elected as Chairperson.</p>	
4.2	<p>Secretary</p> <p>John Fannon was willing to continue as secretary.</p> <p>Proposed by AB and seconded by NJ.</p> <p>John Fannon was elected as secretary.</p>	
4.3	<p>Treasurer</p> <p>Jim Bowditch was willing to continue as Treasurer.</p> <p>Proposed by FJ and NJ seconded.</p> <p>Jim Bowditch was elected as Treasurer.</p>	
4.4	<p>Team Captains</p>	
4.4.1	<p>Ladies Team Captain</p> <p>Heather Reynolds stepped down as Ladies team captain.</p> <p>AMW was willing to take on the role of Ladies captain.</p> <p>Proposed by NJ and JB seconded.</p> <p>Alison Welch was elected as Ladies team captain.</p>	
4.4.2	<p>Men's Team Captain</p> <p>Adam Walden stepped down as Men's team captain.</p> <p>Nobody else in attendance was willing to take on the role at this stage.</p> <p>The position of Men's captain remains vacant.</p>	
4.4.3	<p>Doubles Team Captain</p> <p>Natalie Jackson was willing to continue as Doubles team captain.</p> <p>Proposed by AMW and JF seconded.</p> <p>Natalie Jackson was elected as Doubles team captain.</p>	
4.5	<p>Fixtures Secretary</p> <p>AMW was happy to continue in the role, though may require some assistance if the season starts on-time, due to other commitments.</p> <p>Proposed by JF and AB seconded.</p> <p>Alison Welch was elected as Fixtures Secretary.</p>	

4.6	<p>Welfare Officer</p> <p>John Fannon was willing to continue as Welfare Officer. Proposed by AB and NJ seconded. John Fannon was elected as Welfare Officer.</p>	
4.7	<p>Social Secretary</p> <p>Frank Jackson stepped down as social secretary. Nobody in attendance was willing to take on the role. The position of Social Secretary remains vacant.</p>	
5	<p>COVID-19 – Current situation and returning to play</p> <p>Those in attendance discussed the current situation with regards to COVID-19 and returning to play guidance issued by Badminton England.</p> <p>The guidance from Badminton England is still quite restrictive and adds an additional administrative burden for volunteers, with requirements for members to book their attendance and be allocated into groups of 6.</p> <p>At the time of the meeting, the sports hall at Welland Park Academy was still not available to hire. It is also likely that we may be restricted to the use of two courts, given the guidance on 2m social distancing.</p> <p>A poll of members had also been conducted prior to the meeting, with only 2 of the 11 responses stating that they would be willing to return to play under the current guidance.</p> <p>Based on the above, the decision was made not to consider a return to play until after October half-term. A meeting will be arranged with the committee to review the situation prior to half-term.</p> <p>JF agreed to notify the members of this decision.</p>	<p>JF</p> <p>JF</p>

<p>6</p>	<p>Subscriptions for 2020-21</p> <p>Given the current situation, it was agreed that membership fees would remain the same for next season.</p> <p>The fees for 2020-21 will be as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="271 392 1093 537"> <tr> <td>Adult member</td> <td>£130</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Junior member</td> <td>£50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Visitors</td> <td>£5 per session (for first 5 weeks)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Match fees</td> <td>£5 per match</td> </tr> </table> <p>It is likely that the fees will need to be pro-rated based on the length of time remaining.</p> <p>It was also agreed that a discount of 13% (£24), based on the 7 weeks lost to COVID-19 last season, could feasibly be applied to fees for any existing members re-joining. This will be reviewed when the decision is made to return to play.</p> <p>It was also agreed that in the future, the club membership fees for the season will be fixed and not subject to any discounts for existing Badminton England members, as this makes administration more straightforward. JF will update the website with a statement to this effect.</p>	Adult member	£130	Junior member	£50	Visitors	£5 per session (for first 5 weeks)	Match fees	£5 per match	<p>JF</p>
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<p>7</p>	<p>Team Entries for 2020-21</p> <p>Currently the Leicestershire and Northamptonshire leagues are not planning to restart competitive fixtures.</p> <p>The team entries for 2020-21 will therefore be confirmed once the club has returned to play and the competitions restart.</p>									
<p>8</p>	<p>Any other business</p> <p>JF thanked all committee members stepping down for their many years of service to the club.</p>									