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| Date: | 03/07/2022 18:00 | | |
| Location: | Frank & Natalie's House | Made By: | John Fannon |
| Attendees: | John Fannon (JF) Jim Bowditch (JB) Natalie Jackson (NJ) Frank Jackson (FJ) Steve Chapman (SC) Tracy Jones (TJ) | Distribution: | Club members |

| Item | Details | Action(s) |
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| 1 | Welcome & Apologies JF welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Natalie & Frank for hosting. Apologies were received from Gary Joy (GJ), Paul Callow (PC) and Tom Wyburn (TW). | |
| 2 | Approval of Minutes from 2021 The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by JF and seconded by JB. | |
| 3 | Reports | |

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| 3.1 | Chair's Report <p>On Friday 3rd September Harborough Feathers 2021-2022 season began with a busy club night at Welland Park. With the previous seasons severely disrupted and with Covid 19 still in circulation we started the season with much uncertainty. Although we had to get used to using copious amounts of hand gel, figure out how to replace shaking hands at the end of a game and play doubles whilst keeping socially distanced from our partners the season has been remarkably successful for Harborough Feathers.</p> <p>Most notably the club has had more than 30 members. Club nights have been very well attended with all courts fully occupied even to the end of an extended season.</p> <p>Unfortunately, we lost our Mixed Doubles Captain Alison at the start of the season but were lucky to have Natalie to step into the role. So, my thanks to Natalie for stepping into this role and doing such a fantastic job. Also, special thanks go to John for supporting the club as Secretary whilst injured.</p> <p>The greatest challenge Feathers had during the season was losing our Welland Park booking at short notice. Thankfully Jim was on-hand with his contacts at Meadowdale Primary to provide an alternative venue. I hope with the option of the new sports hall at Welland Park next year the club will have an excellent venue without the interruptions in bookings.</p> <p>Finally, my thanks to Tom who last year took up the challenge of the Men's Team Captain. It's great to have new faces on the Club Committee and I would like to encourage more club members to take an active role in the running of the club.</p> <p>Paul Callow Club Chair</p> | |
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| 3.2 | <p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>JB presented the end of season accounts.</p> <p>The total number of members at the end of the season was 30.</p> <p>Total club income including match fees was £4,044.</p> <p>Club costs were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hall hire - £2,029 (includes £417.40 allowance for bills not paid for hire of halls). • Shuttles - £1,306 (note there are still several tubes in stock). • Subscriptions (BE & LBA) - £420. <p>Total costs were therefore £3,755, leaving a profit of £289 for the year.</p> <p>There is currently £2377 in the bank, with £417 owing for hall hire, leaving a balance of £1960 in the bank.</p> <p>Suggested membership of £135 for 10 months</p> <p>The accounts were accepted by the AGM. Proposed by JF and seconded by NJ.</p> | |
| 3.3 | <p>Ladies Team Report</p> <p>No report as no matches played.</p> | |
| 3.4 | <p>Men's Team Report</p> <p>The Men's team had a difficult season that ended with relegation from division 3 of the Leicester league. Having lost a few key players in the past couple of years and therefore needing to try out new partnerships, this was probably to be expected. Hopefully with a more settled team and a slightly lower standard in division 4, the club may be able to contend for promotion next season.</p> | |
| 3.5 | <p>Doubles/Mixed Team Report</p> <p>The mixed team was competing in the Leicester league for the first time (for some time at least) and, despite losing our captain early in the season, the team had a successful season, gaining promotion to division 3B.</p> <p>Quite a few matches were conceded by the opponents for various reasons and the team also struggle for players, especially ladies. There was recognition that the club ideally needs to recruit more ladies, so that there is a greater pool of players to call on.</p> | |

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| 4 | Election of Officers | |
| 4.1 | Chairperson PC was willing to continue as chairperson. PC was proposed as chair by NJ and this was seconded by JB. Paul Callow was elected as Chairperson. | |
| 4.2 | Secretary John Fannon was willing to continue as secretary but would ideally like someone else to take over the role. The option of switching roles with Paul Callow was discussed, but JF will follow up with PC on this. Proposed by JB and seconded by SC. John Fannon was elected as secretary. | |
| 4.3 | Treasurer Jim Bowditch was willing to continue as Treasurer. Proposed by JF and seconded by SC. Jim Bowditch was elected as Treasurer. | |
| 4.4 | Team Captains | |
| 4.4.1 | Ladies Team Captain As there are currently not sufficient Ladies to enter a team in the Leicester league, no Ladies team will be entered. However, friendlies with other clubs in a similar situation could be arranged to ensure there are some Ladies matches. | |
| 4.4.2 | Men's Team Captain TW was willing to continue in the role of Men's team captain. Proposed by SC and JB seconded. Tom Wyburn was elected as Men's team captain. | |
| 4.4.3 | Doubles/Mixed Team Captain Natalie Jackson was willing to continue as Doubles team captain. Proposed by TJ and seconded by JF. Natalie Jackson was elected as Doubles team captain. | |
| 4.5 | Fixtures Secretary Given that the previous fixtures secretary, Alison Welch, has now left the club, it was decided that the role would be undertaken by the team captains. NJ kindly offered to attend the LBA fixtures meeting. Any cancellations/re-arrangements should then go through the team captains, who should check with the rest of the committee for available dates and to ensure the correct hall bookings are in place. | |

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| 4.6 | Welfare Officer John Fannon was willing to continue as Welfare Officer. Proposed by SC and seconded by NJ. John Fannon was elected as Welfare Officer. | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.7 | Social Secretary Marcus Swallow was proposed as a potential replacement for Tom Wyburn as social secretary, given that Tom has more work commitments this year. JF later confirmed with MS that he was happy to undertake the role. Proposed by SC and seconded by JB. Marcus Swallow was elected as Social Secretary. | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Subscriptions A discussion took place around subscription fees for the coming season. Welland Park have confirmed there will be no increase in hall fees for 2022-23 and shuttle costs are not likely to increase too much more. However, the club plans to extend the season until the end of June, after a successful trial this season. JB suggested there would need to be a small increase in fees to cover the additional hall bookings and shuttle costs. Given the club's good financial position, it was agreed that membership fees would only need to be increased by £5. Match fees will remain at £5. The fees for 2022-23 will be as follows: <table><tr><td>Adult member</td><td>£135 (£125 if paid before 1st Oct)</td></tr><tr><td>Junior member</td><td>£50</td></tr><tr><td>Visitors</td><td>£5 per session (for first 3 weeks)</td></tr><tr><td>Match fees</td><td>£5 per match</td></tr></table> JF will update the website over the summer with the new fees. | Adult member | £135 (£125 if paid before 1 st Oct) | Junior member | £50 | Visitors | £5 per session (for first 3 weeks) | Match fees | £5 per match | JF |
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| 6 | Team Entries for 2022-23 The club will continue to enter a Men's and Mixed team into the Leicester league. Some Ladies friendlies will hopefully be arranged to ensure some Ladies matches this season as this will only require a team of 4. A discussion was had around the potential for a Men's 2 team, given the high membership numbers. Gary Joy has offered to captain a team if one was entered. Initial feedback was mixed when asking at club night, but JF will send out an email to see how many Men are interested. If there is enough interest, then a Men's 2 may be entered into the Leicester league. | JF | | | | | | | | |

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| 7 | <p>Venue(s)</p> <p>Building work for the new hall at Welland Park is due to begin over the summer, with completion expected at the end of 2022. All being well, the club will hopefully be able to use the hall from January, but this isn't guaranteed.</p> <p>Both JF and JB have given feedback to Welland Park based on our poor experience this year, which has mainly been down to last minute cancellations for exams. Welland Park is hoping that there will be less disruption next year.</p> <p>Welland Park has also sent the club an email about signing a community use agreement, which they must do as part of the planning permission for the new hall. JF has read through the template agreement, and it is mainly a contract between Welland Park, HDC and Sport England, but that mentions the club and what activities we undertake. JF will respond and copy in committee members.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that the club will still need to use Meadowdale when there are home matches. TJ suggested that perhaps club nights could be at Welland Park, with matches being played at Meadowdale. As Mixed captain, NJ was ok with that and JF has since confirmed this is ok with TW (Men's captain).</p> <p>We will need to inform opponents and the LBA of the change of venue/time for matches (e.g. at the fixtures meeting).</p> <p>From January, we may also have the option of using both halls at Welland Park, but this is not guaranteed.</p> | <p>JF</p> <p>JF/NJ/TW</p> |
| 8 | <p>Any other business</p> <p>JF mentioned that Ray Phipkin, head coach at Harborough LC Junior BC has been running adult coaching sessions from 7-8pm on Wednesday evenings during school term times. SC & JF have discussed with Ray the possibility of Feathers using one (or possibly two) of the courts at that time for coaching and/or practice sessions for anyone from the club wishing to practice/improve. It's likely that this would be a pay and play arrangement to begin with whilst we see what the interest is like.</p> <p>JF/SC will discuss further with Ray and then info on this could be added to the club welcome email and website in September.</p> | <p>JF/SC</p> |