

**CASTLE BROMWICH BADMINTON CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Held on Thursday 18th June 2009**

**Venue:** Jaguar Sports & Social Club

**Present:** Gail Bove, Roy Bimson, Les Burford, Dave Ridley, Cyril Tutt, Keith Priestly, Fiona Moore, Mic Oliver, Colin Talbot, Mike Conlon, Eddie Pocock, Jill Dorman, Kallip, Sim Lodhi, Geof

**Apologies:** ,Bridget Butterworth, Liz Griffiths,

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1. Minutes of last meeting held on Monday 16<sup>TH</sup> June 2008
- 1.1 Proposed by Sim that minutes of last year's meeting were agreed as true record of the meeting. Seconded by Mic Oliver - Carried.
2. Chairperson's Report
- 2.1 Cyril thanked everybody for their contributions.
- 2.2 He commented on the new facilities at Park Hall and despite the anticipated increased costs stated that he had developed a working relationship with BAM the estate management group. The downside was that we now had to pay VAT although this was going to be contested.
- 2.3 Membership had held up despite the increase and disruptions.
- 2.4 The contract with BAM was for 12 months and invoiced monthly.
- 2.5 He said that we needed to attract youngsters experienced or not.
- 2.6 He commented on the Steve West memorial award and explained that we would be covering this later in the agenda.
- 2.7 The web site continued to attract new members that had helped our cost base.
3. Treasurer's Report
- 3.1 Colin presented the year's income and expenditure for the season 2008/09
- 3.2 Colin reported that the club has made a profit of £200 this year, had paid £26 Steve West Award and had received £269 in day membership fees. There were also the ongoing costs of the web site.
- 3.3 Hall fees were £1137, shuttles cost £139 and we had club T-shirts in hand still to sell.
- 3.4 Cyril also stated that the club membership is OK and from a financial point of view it has been a fairly successful year for the club we had received £1760 in fees (excluding day membership).
- 3.5 A significant bonus had been the outcome of the bill for the old hall.
- 3.6 Badminton England submissions were £262, Warwickshire Fees £91.45
- 3.7 Colin was thanked for his hard work over last season.
4. Fees
- 4.1 Proposal was to leave the membership fees as they were at £210 discounted to £200 for prompt payment but have two stage payments as for 2009 – the first being due in September and the second being due in Feb 2010 . It was also agreed to keep casual visitors fees at £6 and prospective members at £4.
- 4.2 It was also proposed by Cyril that the collection date should be quarterly if there was a substantial increase in hall costs but Roy pointed out that we

have to registration with Badminton England in September for the year and also we would have to secure the courts in the new centre for the whole year.

Existing members	<i>Currently £65 if paid by first Monday in Oct 2008, otherwise £70 but under review late Aug/ Sept</i>
Team Captains	Reduction in fees of £1.50 per home match played
Junior Fees	£2 per night
Visitor Fees	£4 per night (this to be off-set against yearly subs if they join the club)
Match fees	£2 per person who plays for each game played in all leagues both home and away

4.3 Club starts back to Park hall Mon 4th July

5. Club Secretary Report

5.1 Membership had improved – we had lost 9 this year there were 6 gains.

5.2 Not many people use the club website but on the positive side there had been a quite a few leads from prospective members because of it and indeed we had gained members as a result.

5.3 It was disappointing that new comers were not always made to feel welcome. Everyone should play a part in this.

5.4 Email was being used as the primary communication media as before but again some disappointment in responses from some members.

5.5 The club is still affiliated to Badminton England and with Warwickshire Badminton and consequently we now have club insurance as a result. It was agreed to continue with this.

5.6 As a result of the involvement of BAM he proposed an amendment to the club rules to cover timeliness and responsibilities, It was agreed that he would draft the change.

5.7 Roy was thanked for his work over last season

6. Match Secretary Report

6.1 Les reported that the year had been generally ok; there were the usual rearrangements. SGN had been problematic but no real problems otherwise.

6.2 The League AGM would still need to be aware of our concerns about the few number of teams in the lower divisions -had take this up with the league before their AGM with little result

6.3 The freestyle league seemed to have got off to a good start but it was agreed still not to participate.

6.4 Les was thanked for his work over the last season.

7. Team Captains Report

7.1 Mens 1 – Roy reported that the team captain Iain had left the club there were problems fielding a side, despite only having one men's team being entered this season. A friendly had been organised pre-season. Roy thanked all those who had played and stood in over the season performance was poorer than hoped for but several matches went to 5 4.

7.2 Mixed– - Roy reported that the session had not been so good in terms of results although there were fewer problems fielding teams the results

seemed on the surface to be poor. However of the ones we lost several were to 5 4.

- 7.3 Ladies – Fiona said that the team were up against strong opposition again this season but with fewer teams in the division 3. We finished fourth. We also played a friendly against Unite

8. Social Secretary Report

- 8.1 Sim reported that the Skittles event at the Jaguar had had a good turnout, and was well appreciated. There were suggestions to have a beer and skittles night again in Nov. An alternative was Rook Hall at Christmas time (£25 per head) but the meeting did not see this as a good option.
- 8.2 Paintballing might be considered next year as well as a Chinese at Buffet Island

9. Election of committee

- 9.1 The following committee were elected

9.2	Cyril Tutt	Chairperson
	Colin Talbot	Treasurer
	Les Burford	Match Secretary
	Roy Bimson	Club Secretary (but see note)
	Sim Lodhi	Social Secretary
	Gail Bove	Equipment Officer
	Eddie Pocock	Ad Hoc fee collection and form completion

10. Teams for next season

- 10.1 Mens B'ham – one team. Mike Conlon captain  
Ladies Bham – one team. Fiona captain  
Mixed Bham – one team. Keith captain  
Battledore & Freestyle –no team will be entered

Match Practice

Roy raised the issue of dedicated court time for match practice. The suggestion was two courts for one hour reserved for match practice and the utilisation of two pegboards. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to bring together a working party to suggest a way forward that would provide the twin objectives of providing team practice time without adversely impacting on non team players.

11. Any Other Business

- 11.1 Steve West memorial – was awarded this year to Kenroy Harris
- 11.2 Pegboard - arrangements need to be explained to any new attendees. Fiona suggested a welcome/advisory hand out to new people. It was expected that it was everyone's responsible to make newcomers welcome and to ensure they knew the procedures and rules

- 11.3 Forms to be sent out to see who was joining and who wanted to play in teams – Roy to organise.
- 11.4 Mike Oliver commented on the lack of commitment of some people and this also showed up in the attire that people wore. Mike Colon agreed and said that we needed to bring the standards of the club up now we have the new hall and sufficient members.
- 11.5 Roy stated that the club seems to have forgotten about the youth policy. Sim said he would try to forge better links to Parkhall School and would produce a letter to the school. He was prepared to do some coaching if needed. Mike Oliver agreed to help. It was stated that if we should continue to have 'sessions' for school age children if they could be persuaded to come along.
- 11.6 Other discussion about attracting new players each agreed to speak to any players they saw at other venues to see if they are interested in playing at Castle Bromwich.
- 11.7 Club shirts – Sim liked the idea of an identity and Yvonne to find out options – the form asking members about next season could be used to find out who wanted what.
- 11.8 Eddie requested a definition of a miss hit – the meeting felt that good etiquette suggested that the call was in the hands of the perpetrator but generally any shot that flew off at an angle to that intended would be considered bad.
- 11.9 Fiona suggested that we had not followed up on last years suggestion of promoting the club more widely. Castle Bromwich Gazette, Solihull News etc. Keith said he could do something through his work.

Meeting closed 9.55.