

CASTLE BROMWICH BADMINTON CLUB
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Thursday 8th July 2010

Venue: Jaguar Sports & Social Club

Present: Gail Bove, Roy, Cyril Tutt, Keith Priestly, Fiona Moore. Mike Oliver, Catherine Roberts, Mike Conlon, Eddie Pocock, Sim Lodhi, Andy Parret, Les Burford

Apologies: ,Yvonne,Fiona,Wei,Geoff,

1. Minutes of last meeting held on Monday 18TH June 2009
- 1.1 Proposed by Keith that minutes of last year's meeting were agreed as true record of the meeting. Seconded by Gail - Carried.
2. Chairperson's Report
- 2.1 Cyril thanked everybody for their contributions.
- 2.2 It was not a good year financially as we had made a loss of £1700
- 2.3 He commented on the new facilities at Park Hall and despite the anticipated increased costs stated that he still had a working relationship with BAM the estate management group. The VAT issue had been challenged but to no avail.
- 2.4 Membership had decreased somewhat given the increase and other factors it might be necessary to restrict number of courts on Friday nights and cut one quarter of an hour off by starting at 7.30 on both nights.
- 2.5 The contract with BAM was invoiced monthly.
- 2.6 He said that we needed to attract youngsters experienced or not.
- 2.7 The web site continued to attract new members that had helped our cost base.
3. Treasurer's Report
- 3.1 Cyril also presented the year's income and expenditure for the season 2009/10
- 3.2 Colin reported that the club has made a loss of £1700 this year, the first time it had ever made a loss; had paid £26 Steve West Award and had received £166 in day membership fees. There were also the ongoing costs of the web site.
- 3.3 Hall fees were £6523.99, shuttles cost £61 – low because of the ones in hand.
- 3.4 Cyril stated that the club membership receipts had received £4908 in fees (excluding day membership).
- 3.5 Badminton England submissions were £281 including , Warwickshire Fees
- 3.6 Cyril 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 previous years – the first being due in Aug and the second being due in Jan 2011 .However this would be subject to mid term review depending the forecast costs and numbers of members.
- 4.2 It should be born in mind that this is assuming a subsidy of around £1000 from club reserves, a situation that can not really continue.

- 4.3 It was also agreed to set casual visitors fees at £5 and prospective members at £4.

Team Captains	Reduction in fees of £1.50 per home match played
Junior Fees	£2 per night
Match fees	£3 per person who plays for each game played in all leagues both home and away

5. Club Secretary Report

- 5.1 Membership had improved – we had lost 7 this year there were 4 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 review this and take the risk given the amount involved.
5.6 Roy was thanked for his work over last season but said that he intended to handover to someone else, after some debate Mike Oliver agreed to take over with help from Roy

6. Match Secretary Report

- 6.1 Les reported that the year had been generally ok; there were the usual rearrangements. .
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 once again with the league before their AGM with little result
6.3 The Steve West Award had been embarrassing as we had failed to dispatch the voucher and it was left to Keith to recover the situation by performing the presentation to the individual
6.4 Les was thanked for his work over the last season but he said he would back down because of other pressures.
6.5 Keith Priestley agreed to cover the role.
6.6 It was agreed that team captains in future would deal with rearranging matches.
6.7 Kenroy Harrison to be told if matches are cancelled.

7. Team Captains Report

- 7.1 Men's – 10 games lost 6 but some were very close although one team was so good we faired very badly
7.2 Mixed– - 8 games – won 2 of the ones we lost some 5 4.Keith was injured part way through the season

7.3 Ladies – Fiona said that the team were up against strong opposition again this season but it was a good season. Came 4th out of the 7 teams.

8. Social Secretary Report

8.1 Sim reported that the Skittles event at the Jaguar really needed more support, but was well appreciated.

8.2 The event had realised a profit of £62

8.3 He would do it again but would advertise it earlier.

8.4 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	Fiona Moore	Chairperson
	Cyril Tutt	Treasurer
	Keith Priestley	Match Secretary
	Mike Oliver	Club Secretary
	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. Catherine captain
Battledore & Freestyle –no team will be entered

Match Practice

Roy raised the issue of dedicated court time for match practice. The suggestion was to amend the current arrangements so that any practice is held on Fridays one hour reserved for match practice and the utilisation of two pegboards.

However it was emphasised that team captains must pay a greater part in insuring equal treatment of mixed and the other two (Mens and Ladies) as this had not been the case this year.

Also there needs to be an awareness of non match players concerns particularly when there are only a few on a night and therefore they were feeling left out.

11. Any Other Business

11.1 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

11.2 Mike Oliver commented on the lack of commitment of some people and this also showed up in the attire that people wore.

- 11.3 Roy stated that the club seems to have forgotten about the youth policy. Sim hadn't managed to make contacts with Parkhall School
- 11.4 Mike Oliver and Roy said that would see what they could do and asked who was prepared to do some coaching if needed. Mike Oliver agreed to help.
- 11.5 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.
- 11.6 Fiona suggested that she would follow up on last year's suggestion of promoting the club more widely. Castle Bromwich Gazette, Solihull News etc. Keith said he could do something through his work.
- 11.7 Leaking ceiling and the problem of the goals not being put away was being pursued by Cyril.
- 11.8 The need for CRB checks was to be investigated by Catherine with help from Trish
- 11.9 A Facebook page for the club was being set up by Keith

Meeting closed 10.15.