



HARBOROUGH LC Junior Badminton Club



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Tuesday 4 July 2023 @ 7.30pm

1. Attendance and Apologies

- Attendees - Steve Chapman (SC), Ray Phipkin (RP), John Fannon (JF), Lynda Haynes (LH), Ellis Haynes (EH), Nancy Fitzmaurice (NF)
- Apologies – Joanna Ireland, Mia Fannon, Thomas Bootheway

2. Matters Arising from last year's AGM

There were no matters arising from last year's AGM.

3. Chairs Report

The Chair (SC) reported that the Club has been successful and enjoyed a year where there have not been the restrictions or limitations suffered over the previous two years due to the pandemic. It has regained momentum and seems as popular as ever. The only current issue is the non-attendance of some members due to the exam period. The Chair went on to say that the Club is in good shape, it runs effectively, and he felt there was nothing the Committee would do differently that could improve the operation. There is a ready toolbox of initiatives that keep the young people engaged. Parental involvement is encouraged via events such as the presentation and the AGM, though sadly, these events are not well attended. The Chair thanked those present whom he said took the volunteer duty responsibly.

4. Secretary's Report

The Secretary (LH) acknowledged that the Head Coach had prepared a comprehensive report on all Club activities which would be covered under agenda item 6, and the only thing to add was that she hoped the new term would bring new parents interested in supporting the Committee. The secretary went on to say that numbers tend to be healthy at the beginning of the year in September. The Chair added that it might be worth sending a message out to the Monday adult badminton group he coordinates as they may know of potential interested youngsters.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer (RP) had prepared an Income & Expenditure Report, available on the Club's website ("Harborough LC Junior Badminton Club – Income-Expense-2022/23-Master Summary") covering 18 months. In summary, the Club shows a small loss. A stocktake is necessary. The balance sheet shows net assets of £1,225.18.

6. Head Coach's Report

The Head Coach (RP) had prepared a full report which is available on the Club's website. RP raised the fact that the Club pays for one court for the 7-8pm adult session held on Wednesday evenings, to which the older members of the Junior Club are invited. Despite this being offered for free, few stay on for this. RP added

that the launcher will be used more next year; software issues have prevented much use of late. Additionally, the Racket Pack will use next year with the younger group.

7. Election of committee

The appropriate process was undertaken, and the roles confirmed as follows: -

Chair – Steve Chapman

Secretary – Lynda Haynes with assistance from Nancy Fitzmaurice

Treasurer – Ray Phipkin

Coaching Co-ordinator – Ray Phipkin

Welfare Officer #1 – Nancy Fitzmaurice

Welfare Officer #2 - John Fannon (a COVID-19 trained officer)

First Aid Leader – Nancy Fitzmaurice

Junior Member Representative(s) - Mia Fannon, Thomas Bootheway, 1 still vacant

Parent / Carer Representative(s) – Penny Fannon

8. Coaches Weekly Session Fee & Coaches Affiliation Fee

The coaches receive £20 per session and coaches are not looking for an increase. The Committee agreed that this arrangement should continue. The Coaches Affiliation Fee is paid by the Club. Freddie Parsons & Steve Chapman need to complete their application to join the Badminton England coaching register. Thomas Bootheway has expressed an interest to attending the Badminton England “Foundation” coaching award course.

9. Club Tournaments

2021/2022 & 2023– all tournaments have taken place. A total of seven weeks need to be allocated for 2024. This will mean the last three weeks in Spring term 3 and all four weeks of Spring Term 4. There are only 36 weeks available to play this year due to the leisure centre’s need to use the hall for blood donation.

10. Membership Fees (30/08/23 to 03/07/2024)

The committee had previously proposed an increase in the monthly fee to £21.00. This decision was ratified at the AGM. The annual cost will be £210.00 over 10 months (Sept to June). This will take effect from the start of the 2023/24 season in September 2023. This is an increase of £30.00 over the 36 weeks of the season, so in effect, £0.83 a week. The new rate will be £5.83 per week and will help to cover the increased costs in court hire, shuttles, shirts, hoodies & trophies during 2022/23 which resulted in the year-end loss and will cover increases expected for 2023/24.

11. Hoodies and shirts

Audit to be done. Worn garments to be discarded, retaining one of each size for trying on. Skorts have not been popular so will not be replaced.

12. AOB

- RF proposed the AGM be held at the end of the year and have the presentation a couple of weeks after tournaments complete; this way those that have exams will not miss the tournaments.
- No more equipment is needed – the Club is well-equipped (many other Clubs don’t use feather shuttles).

With no further business to discuss, the meeting concluded at 9.20pm.

Next Committee mtg ~ Tuesday 24 October @ 7.30pm, The Wharf, Welford.