

MINUTES OF THE BADMINTON SOCIAL AGM – 4 NOVEMBER 2019 (HELD AT BLUECOAT ACADEMY, 19:30)

Present: Angus M (AM), Malcolm W (MW), Josh P (JP), Craig T-H (CTH), Nicholson D (ND), Stephen G (SG), Shaun L (SL), Rossi S (RS), Paul D (PD), Callum V (CV), Joshua M (JM), Andrew S (AS), Dan P (DP), Ashley M-L (AML), Kevin C (KC), Martyn B (MB) and Roscoe F (RF)

- **Apologies for Absence**

Paul W, Gabi.

- **Elections**

DP: One vacant post – Social Coordinator. One proposal – KC. Does anyone wish to stand or oppose?

Resolved: KC appointed.

- **Club Accounts**

DP: A summary was given during the recent committee meeting, but I will pass over to MB to explain further.

MB: To summarise, we have spent more than we have received this year. This is mainly due to the committee taking the decision to spend more on socials, meaning that you as members do not have to pay as much to attend. We need to talk about whether we raise the fees and to what level. £3.50?

RF: £4 may be better.

DP: Yes, to add – we have been subsidising socials for you. There are two choices – 1) we continue to do so, and we raise fees to cover this, or 2) we keep fees the same and you contribute more towards socials personally.

CTH: Are we talking about membership?

DP: Not a membership fee, it's the session fee. We take money from the session fee and divert it towards socials currently. We want everything to be affordable though and would like to run more socials. It's therefore up to you guys to decide what you would like us to do.

CV: Happy to pay £4. The only consideration will be if people do not want to attend the socials.

There followed consensus to raise the price by the members present.

Resolved: Price to increase from £4 from next week. A note will go out via Facebook and email.

- **League update**

DP: As you know, we did not enter a team last year or this year. It's because we did not have enough players willing to play and also due to the fact that the league requires a certain standard if you are to play competitively and progress.

Resolved: League dissolved. League Coordinator role vacated and will no longer be part of the committee.

- **Training/Coaching**

RF: Gave a verbal update about what we had been doing, i.e. Graydon Peacock had previously been attending once a month to provide coaching and tips to those who wanted to improve. This took place on the end court and only usually lasted an hour. However, we

noticed that the numbers actually participating had declined. Question as to whether members wanted coaching in order to develop. Also, now that Graydon had returned to league, it would be very difficult to source someone to provide coaching for free.

MW: For those who attended, there's been a noticeable improvement.

RF: The only issue is the cost. Roughly speaking, coaches cost £15-20 per hour and that cost would have to be divided amongst those who took up coaching. Problem would be if we do not get enough interest, or people commit and then don't turn up to the session.

DP: We could probably cover the cost as a club for 1 or 2 months.

MB: We also discussed, in the committee meeting, the more experienced/advanced players giving tips/assisting those who wish to improve.

DP: The aim would be to spend 45 minutes to 1 hour in a session periodically to help the less experienced players.

AML: Good place to start and see how it develops?

RF: We will offer assistance from more experienced players first and then see if there's interest in getting someone professional in to help.

ND: Sounds good. More convenient for me if the coaching does take place during our session than on a separate night due to other commitments.

Resolved: We will offer support from experienced players initially.

- **Social**

AS/MB: Christmas social: 13 December with Lions. £16.50 per head @Canalhouse. Would include a buffet and a DJ.

CTH: Fancy dress?

DP: You can take the lead on that one!

MB: Second item would be our anniversary meal, which would be passed to KC as the new Social Coordinator.

- **Tournaments**

AS: 11 July 2020 – competition with Birmingham. Edinburgh – March 2020. Bristol – International Competition on 7 March 2020.

AS: For Birmingham, we will have to bid for places. Once agreed with Birmingham, we will let you know how many places we have and see who is interested in attending.

- **Peg-board/selection**

DP: Are you happy with the peg-board selection? We now have an update for the electronic system via iPad.

Various members: Give it a trial?

DP: Electronic is probably the fairest system, but it's not flawless and needs monitoring.

Would not be fair if one member has to monitor it all the time, as we all come here to play.

Resolved: To give the updated electronic system a trial.

- **Session fees**

As agreed, this will increase from next week.

- **Venue**

DP: Important subject. Bluecoat has let us down at the last minute a few times, which causes stress. We could consider another venue, but it would need to be another night as nowhere appears to have availability for a block-booking on a Monday night.

PD: I liked Harvey Hadden (HH)

DP: We could stay here until something better comes along, but it could involve a session fee increase if we move.

AS: Noted increased attendance at HH.

MW: Why have venues like HH allowed block-booking previously but not now.

DP: Different members have tried but been told it's not possible.

MW: I don't understand. Other clubs can get it, why can't we?

DP: Any member is welcome to try to procure a better venue. If they can, please approach me or another committee member.

MW: Noted that there is government funding for improving sports facilities.

CV: PE departments are the last to see any sort of funding.

- **Any other business**

DP: One other matter. We have a Syrian refugee joining us tonight. He's not experienced. Initially we said no, as he has never played. However, having listened to his story, we decided to allow it and see how things go. Please make him feel welcome tonight.

Meeting closed at 8pm