

BDBA A.G.M Thursday 26 May 2022

Meeting opened by the Chair Rob Cockerill at 7:30pm.

Present

Rob Cockerill
Michael Banks
Ant Cross
Nicky Percy
Trevor Bell
Mike Percy
Kat Platt
Paul Whitehouse
Steve Blackburn
Fred Barnes

Apologies

Sarah Coultas
Jon Jackson
Carole Booth
Gordon Jackson
Stuart Smerdon
Bernadette Tomlinson

Minutes

Minutes of the 2020 virtual meeting were read and agreed.

Proposed – Ant Cross

Seconded – Nicky Percy

Correspondence

An email has been received regarding the conduct of one club in one of the cup matches. The email has been forwarded to the relevant team for response.

Officer Reports

Treasurer – Michael Banks

A balance sheet was handed round and is attached (Attachment 1)

David Beck has acted as independent auditor for the last time as he is moving away from the area. It was decided that Michael would approach a colleague at Miller Roskell to be the new independent auditor.

It was agreed unanimously to keep the fees as currently - £15 per mixed team, £10 per levels team and £7 per person registration.

Michael advised that the bank now charges a fee of £5 per month for the account. A discussion was held regarding the possibility of changing bank accounts. As this can be difficult (some banks are now not offering clubs and societies accounts, will also charge or will not give internet access), it was

decided to maintain the existing account for the time being. Should the fees increase in the future, this will be reviewed.

Michael confirmed that Miller Roskell will continue to offer a level of sponsorship for the next season.

Match Secretary – Ant Cross

Report has been distributed by email. Copy attached (Attachment 2).

Format for next year will be decided once number of teams is known (July/August).

It was decided that the Gazette and Bridgewood Trophy draws would be made earlier in the season and the dates advised. Handicaps will follow prior to the first-round matches.

Trevor mentioned that several juniors from his coaching sessions have been placed into Kirkham Charter and Stanley clubs.

Chair – Rob Cockerill

Rob delivered a speech at the End of Season Do on 20th May. He re-iterated his thanks to all council members for the work they do at both their own clubs and for the BDBA. Special thanks to Fred for being a great sounding board and to Ant for consistently doing everything for 7 years!

Proposals

Only 1 proposal to the amendment of the wording at Rule 4.3

4.3. Shuttlecocks. All teams in the Gazette Trophy shall play with feather shuttlecocks only in all trophy matches. Cork based shuttles (i.e. feather shuttles or cork based synthetic shuttles) may be used in all other trophy matches, as chosen by the home team. In matches prior to the semi-finals and/ or finals. The home team shall provide the shuttles and the away team shall contribute a fee as deemed by the council to help towards the match cost. In the semi-finals (if arranged by BDBA) BDBA shall make available the shuttles for each match and the cost of shuttles used shall be shared equally between the opposing teams. In the finals the shuttles shall be provided by BDBA

Amendment passed – 10 for 0 against.

Election of Officers for 2022/2023

President

Carole Booth

Proposed – Rob Cockerill

Seconded – Ant Cross

Chair

Mike Percy

Proposed – Rob Cockerill

Seconded – Michael Banks

Vice Chair

Trevor Bell

Proposed – Steve Blackburn

Seconded – Kat Platt

League Secretary

Nicky Percy

Proposed – Steve Blackburn

Seconded – Paul Whitehouse

Match Secretary

Ant Cross

Proposed – Rob Cockerill

Seconded – Kat Platt

Treasurer

Michael Banks

Proposed – Nicky Percy

Seconded – Steve Blackburn

Press Secretary

Brian Oakes

Proposed – Paul Whitehouse

Seconded – Kat Platt

Tournament Secretary

Vacant – volunteer to be requested

Social Secretary

Nicky Percy

Proposed – Steve Blackburn

Seconded – Ant Cross

Council Members

Kat Platt

Paul Whitehouse

Sarah Coultas

Jon Jackson

Steve Blackburn

All have served their full term and have agreed to continue for a further term.

Proposed – Nicky Percy

Seconded – Michael Banks

Junior Coaching Secretary

Trevor Bell

Proposed – Rob Cockerill

Seconded - Ant Cross

Adult Coaching Secretary

Phil Fyles

Proposed – Rob Cockerill

Seconded - Ant Cross

Comments arising from election of officers:

- Nicky will arrange the End of Season Presentation Evening with support as required.
- Phil Fyles is a qualified coach and will be setting up adult coaching sessions at Thornton YMCA.

Any Other Business

A question was raised regarding BDBA guidelines around inclusion for transgender players. As we currently do not have an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy, any specific situations or questions would need further professional guidance and advice.

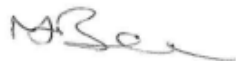
Meeting closed at 8:30pm.

Attachment 1

BDBA Accounts Year Ending March 2022

**BDBA
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022
ACCOUNTS**

<u>Income</u>	<u>YE 31 MARCH 2022</u>	<u>YE 31 MARCH 2021</u>
Registration fees	1,400.00	112.00
Club subscriptions	285.00	-
Presentation evening	-	-
Coaching	-	-
Town team	-	-
Tournament	-	-
Cup	-	-
Sponsorship	-	-
	<u>- 1,685.00</u>	<u>- 112.00</u>
 <u>Expenditure</u>		
LCBA registration	-	-
Insurance	1,036.00	670.00
Trophies	-	-
Shuttles	-	-
Coaching expenses	-	-
Bank charges	16.20	-
Presentation night	-	-
Tournament costs	-	-
Cup costs	-	-
Town team costs	-	-
	<u>1,052.20</u>	<u>670.00</u>
Surplus/deficit for the year	<u><u>632.80</u></u>	<u><u>- 558.00</u></u>
 <u>Balance sheet</u>		
Cash in hand and at bank	5,268.97	5,294.67
Shuttle stock	462.50	-
Debtors/prepayments	336.00	140.00
Creditors/accruals	-	-
Net assets	<u><u>6,067.47</u></u>	<u><u>5,434.67</u></u>
 <u>Capital account</u>		
Balance b/fwd	5,434.67	5,992.67
2021 surplus/deficit	632.80	- 558.00
	<u><u>6,067.47</u></u>	<u><u>5,434.67</u></u>



Michael Banks
Treasurer
25/05/2022



David Beck
Independent examiner
25/05/2022

Attachment 2

Match Secretary's Report

Two years ago, we managed to fulfil the Blackpool & District Badminton Association (BDBA) league programme but, had to abandon the cup competitions due to the Pandemic and the decision to Lockdown.

The 2020/ 2021 season was not held for any badminton league in the country.

This season 2021/ 2022 was always going to be an unknown. After withdrawing from Badminton England affiliation 3 years ago, we gained clubs and teams for the first time in many years. It is such a pity that this season we lost 8 teams in the Mixed league which is a whole division. The BDBA was not alone however, our neighbouring leagues have also suffered a decline in clubs/ teams/ player numbers.

On the positive side, clubs have been proactive by merging with other clubs or, gaining players from clubs who could no longer join the BDBA due to lack of players. Hesketh and Fleetwood became Hesketh-Fleetwood, Albany and Warton became Lightning. Ribby Hall felt they could not field a team but, some of their players joined Kirkham Charter so that KC could field 2 teams. Sadly, Broughton decided not to join this year.

We did consider 3 divisions of 5 in the Mixed leagues but decided on 2 divisions of 7 and 8 teams. Although this did mean a big gap in standard in both divisions, it does mean you don't play the same team 4 times and also means a very strong team is relegated from division 1. Please let me know your views tonight on the format or if you have any suggestions on the format for next season.

In Mixed Division 1, the title was won for the first time by Hesketh-Fleetwood A but, for the 25th consecutive season by some of the players in that team however, they didn't have it all their own way as the title was decided on the final match between HFA and Poulton.

Mixed Division 2, HFB made up of players who have all played division 1, won the title with maximum points and, won all their matches convincingly. Looking at the points of the other teams, it was a closer division in ability and results which is encouraging.

I thought and, had hoped that the Levels league would increase in number however, one less team than the previously. HF had two very strong teams and, HFA won the title for the first time however, the matches were good and enjoyable, and I hope clubs will consider entering teams or more teams in this league next season.

At the virtual AGM last year, it was agreed to hold all the cup matches at Preesall Sports Hall. I think the cup competitions went well but, I understand clubs/ players concerns at the distance some have to travel and, the late start and end time. Also, it was disappointing to see teams concede although not because of the venue. Next season, I will ask for confirmation of entry to the cup beforehand.

The proposal tonight is with regard to the cup competition and, is to give more flexibility with the running of the cup. As always, let us have your thoughts.

Both finals were close with the winners being decided on the last 2 mixed games. In the Gazette the backmarkers HFA overcame Lightning B with the least handicap. The Bridgewood Trophy final was contested by teams in the lower half of Division 2: Kirkham Charter B who always seem to do well in this competition and, Lidunians who won the trophy for the first time in a few years.

It is great to see clubs having regular, well attended club nights and, I hope that we can continue rebuilding the BDBA.

Finally, I would like to thank our outgoing Chairman Rob Cockerill for his service to BDBA these last 7 years and, his assistance to me personally. For the most part, Rob has had to perform the duties of the league secretary i.e. he has had 2 important jobs. All the best Rob, I am sure we will continue to see your silky skills on court.