

PLYMOUTH BADMINTON

The P & D Churches Badminton League (Founded 1930)

MANAGEMENT MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was held at St Budeaux Church in the Lower Hall on Tuesday 3rd September 2019 and followed the Secretaries meeting.

Attendees;

Alan Berry	Tavyside (Chairman)
Neil Hammacott	Callington (Secretary)
Mike Weeks	Torpoint
Chris Still	Torpoint (President)
Andy Crocker	Plymouth Life Centre - (Minutes)
Julian Cooper	Callington
Gill Jones	Derriford (Events Organiser)
Jo Jackson	KUASA (Tournament Secretary)
Waine Parker	YMCA Kitto (Fixtures Secretary)
Ryan Lambourne	YMCAKitto (Assistant Fixtures Secretary)

1) Welcome

Alan welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

2) Apologies

Chris Ryan (Treasurer)

3) Minutes of Last Meeting (Alan)

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and all actions confirmed as completed.

4) Matters Arising (Alan)

None noted.

5) Reports/ Discussions

a) Chair

- i) Alan reported on the Devon (DCBA) meeting he attended. In the absence of Sue Jarvis much of the meeting concerned the seniors and vets rather than juniors.

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Trials will take place for those interested in playing senior or veterans county matches trials will be taking place at the Acorn Centre Torquay on 6th October 2019 from 1pm.

b) Secretary (Neil)

i) Secretary and Committee meeting dates for the season. Following discussion it was suggested that future Committee meetings should follow on from the Secretaries meetings, and there would be two per year. Alan was also looking at opportunities to hold them “remotely” over the net

Neil commented that he will produce the new fixtures calendar, update the contact lists, and book the Open tournament at Torpoint. But, the latter would be dependent of BE dates.

ACTION; Neil

ii) President and Events organiser job specs were agreed.

b) Treasurer’s Report

i) Neil presented a brief report in the absence of Chris. Fees will remain unchanged for the coming 2019/ 2020 season. A discussion around increasing the fees for the 2020/ 2021 season will need to take place.

ACTION: Neil to forward affiliation documentation to club secretaries.

c) Welfare Officer (Andy)

i) Andy briefly outlined his role, and explained he had already received enquiries from a club regarding the care of juniors while at club sessions in the absence of parents. He explained the League can make recommendations, but it is up to each club to establish its own policies and procedures. Andy presented examples of forms from BE and the Tavyside club to encompass player emergency contacts, and medical conditions.

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ii) The Committee adopted the BE Safeguarding Young People Regs.

c) Fixtures (Waine/ Ryan)

i) Waine and Ryan presented a report that has been reproduced below;

a) Introduction:

Ryan and I now have the dubious honour of being the fixture secretaries. I will be the contact person, this will be prior to matches, during matches, & post-match communication.

Please ensure that your teams, when playing a fixture, know who their team captain is. This person should have their match sheet completed prior to the start of the evening, and if a home match, that their final responsibility is to send the match sheet to me. I will acknowledge the match sheet, & if no acknowledgement within 24 hours, please send again.

b) Fixtures:

With the loss of both Ivybridge, & Victoria, there are now 10 teams in the badminton league. I have already contacted most clubs itemising their teams last year, in the hope that the number of teams might increase. Sadly, whilst there may be the prospect of a couple of new teams, there are also signs that the number of teams will decrease.

It is the leagues intention to provide viable divisions for a good number of competitive matches throughout the season. We would therefore encourage you all to be proactive in generating as many teams as possible. Discuss with players "on the fringes" that it is not a weekly commitment, maybe only a couple of matches across 6 months of the year; or maybe as a "reserve". This might encourage players working "shifts", childcare issues or other commitments, to step forward. The dwindling numbers, of teams, is a concern to be addressed.

Please let us know your proposed teams as soon as possible. The meeting is earlier, this year, so do your best to contact all players prior to the fixtures meeting on October 1 st . In the wake, of that meeting, we will require both your home and away fixtures dates. We will

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cross-reference them with your opponents to check date & venue. We will endeavour to notify you of any discrepancies as soon as possible.

N.B: We will need to be notified of which players are in which team; we will be checking that illegal players are not being played. The match sheets have been slightly “tweaked” again this year. Please show full names on the players list, whilst showing first names only on the match section.

c) Beckly tournament:

With ten clubs entering, there will be a first round of four teams playing off to go forwards to the quarter finals. The ten teams will be in the hat & and a draw for those four teams.

Once that has been done, two new balls will be added to the bag which will be those

fixtures: the full draw for the quarter finals can then be done. Callington, Derriford,

Liskeard, PLC, Uni, Tavyside, Torpoint, Kuasa, Egguckland, YMCA Kitto.

d) There followed a discussion regarding different possible future formats for medley teams. Alan mentioned he was on the BE national league committee and would be looking at this from a national perspective. Dependent on the outcome expected sometime in October 2019, there may be the opportunity to revisit the subject as far as the League was concerned.

d) Tournament Report (Jo)

- i) Christmas Tournament Sunday 8th December 2019 1pm-5pm Torpoint – Confirmed
- ii) Restricted Tournament Sunday 19th January 2020 9am – 5pm Torpoint – Confirmed
- iii) Open Tournament Sunday 16th February 2020 9am – 5pm – Provisional
- iv) Veterans – No plans to run. Jo encouraged clubs to promote the tournaments to all their players, and appealed for assistance in helping them to run smoothly.
- v) Alan (E-mail dated 30/08/2019) provided Jo with DCBA agreed forms for the Christmas tournament, and templates for the Restricted.
- vi) It was agreed that the Beckly cup handicapping would be coordinated by Waine and Ryan. The latter's handicap committee would assist Jo with other tournament handicapping.

ACTION; Jo

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e) Media (Alan)

The old Facebook presence has been removed, and the only current Facebook presence is the page. However, this can be liked/ linked to other Facebook pages. Alan commented that a presence on Instagram, and Twitter will be developed. Alan, and Julian will discuss requirements to up date the League website.

ACTION; Alan/ Julian.

f) Presentation Evening (Gill)

Following discussion Gill will book DHLC for 22nd May 2020. Due to a lack of interest there will be no disco.

6. Committee Members Time

- a) Regarding BE membership renewals, individual and bulk renewals can be made before 31/10/2019, but care needs to be taken regarding coaching register renewals. They expire throughout the year.
- b) Committee members discussed the county fees, and that junior players saw no return on these while senior and veteran county players had a number of financial benefits. It was mentioned there was a county hardship fund that players could tap into. Alan agreed to continue to raise these anomalies at future DCBA meetings.
- c) Julian thanked everyone for stepping up following him stepping down from the Chairman role.

Next Meeting; Fixtures – Tues 1st Oct 2019 at 7.30pm, St Budeaux Lower Hall