

# **PLYMOUTH BADMINTON**

## **The P & D Churches Badminton League (Founded 1930)**

### **SECRETARIES MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was held at St Budeaux Church in the Lower Hall on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 and started at 7.30pm.

Attendees;

Alan Berry	Tavyside (Chairman)
Neil Hammacott	Callington (Secretary)
Mike Weeks	Torpoint
Chris Still	Torpoint
Andy Crocker	Plymouth Life Centre - (Minutes)
Julian Cooper	Callington
Gill Jones	Derriford
Wally Bickford	Victoria
Jo Jackson	KUASA
Jan Santillo	Liskeard
Waine Parker	YMCA Kitto
Ryan Lambourne	Kitto
Malcolm Teague	KUASA
John Martin	Eggbuckland
Anne Martin	Eggbuckland
Nathaniel Frigot	University of Plymouth

#### **1) Welcome**

Alan welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. Following introductions from all in attendance the meeting proceeded.

#### **2) Apologies**

Nigel Dixon, Chris Ryan (Treasurer)

#### **3) Minutes of last AGM**

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

#### **4) Matters Arising**

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None noted.

### **5) League Reports/ Discussions**

#### **a) Secretary (Neil)**

- i) Neil requested that clubs provide him as soon as possible contact details of club officials including chairperson, secretary, and where appropriate fixtures secretary.
- ii) Neil commented that he will forward Devon, and BE communications to club secretaries and requested that clubs forward these onto all their members.

#### **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.
- ii) Clubs are requested to complete, and return their affiliation forms with appropriate payment.

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. The discussion widened to include players both junior and adult who may have medical conditions.
- ii) Andy presented examples of forms from BE and the Tavyside club to encompass player emergency contacts, and medical conditions. The physical activity questionnaire (PAR-Q) provoked extensive discussion over its extensive detail.
- iii) Andy concluded that if clubs had any questions as the season gets underway, he is very happy to try and address them.

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### **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) Tournament Report (Jo)**

- i) Christmas Tournament Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019 1pm-5pm Torpoint – Confirmed
- ii) Restricted Tournament Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020 9am – 5pm Torpoint – Confirmed
- iii) Open Tournament Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.
- vi) Alan (E-mail dated 30/08/2019) provided Jo with DCBA agreed forms for the Christmas tournament, and templates for the Restricted.

ACTION; Jo

### **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.

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ACTION; Alan/ Julian.

### **f) Presentation Evening (Gill)**

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

### **g) Chair**

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. 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 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019 from 1pm.

### **h) Club Secretary Section**

Wally Bickford encouraged players in all age groups to consider taking part in the county trials. In response to a question from Jo Jackson, Wally mentioned that the commitment would involve probably 3 home and 3 away matches, and no more than 8. Matches are played on Sundays and Wally was very happy to on request provide further information.

Alan, Jo, and Jan were concerned should the League reduce the medley competition to just one division, and the resulting disparity in playing standard from the top to the bottom of the division. In such an event they may have to reconsider their participation in a one division format.

Julian commented that where a club was a player or so short from being able to put out a team they might want to consider inviting players from other clubs who were not playing in a team for their “home” club.

**Next Meeting; Fixtures – Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2019 at 7.30pm, St Budeaux Lower Hall**