

PLYMOUTH BADMINTON

The P & D Churches Badminton League (Founded 1930)

Secretaries Meeting Tuesday 1st February 2022

7pm Lower Hall, St Budeaux Parish Church

Minutes:

(DRAFT)

Attendance: Alan Berry, Chairman/ Tavyside, Andy Crocker, Minute taker/PLCBC, Chris Still, Torpoint, Mike Weeks Torpoint, Jess Canfield, Liskeard Inclusive, Gill Jones, Derriford, Wally Bickford, Victoria, Wayne Parker, Fixtures Sec/ YMCA KITTO, Ryan Lambourne YMCA KITTO, Liv Stubbington, University, Andrew McPeake, University, Lisa Davies, KUASA, Jo Jackson, KUASA, Julian Cooper, Callington

1. Apologies

None.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 21st September 2021:

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. Proposer Chris Still, seconder Wayne Parker

3. Chairman's Report:

- (Attached)
- In addition to his report Alan mentioned DCBA following a number of resignations will be looking for a new executive committee. A volunteer is being sought to run Badminton Essentials sessions at John Hunt School.

4. Secretary's Report (None):

The Plymouth Badminton League needs someone to act as its secretary. There were no expressions of interest in the position from those in attendance.

5. Fixture's Secretary Report:

- Wayne reported the season was progressing well. The KITTO, and Tavyside Clubs had been experimenting with electronic scoresheets. Subsequent to the meeting an aide memoir was provided, and is attached. Alan reported that in addition Tavyside had been looking at live streaming matches.
- Wayne and Ryan commented the readability of some submitted scoresheets had been very poor, and some names as recorded on scoresheets had been difficult to cross reference with their BE records. Club secretaries are requested to ask their team captains ensure submitted scoresheets are easy to read, and that declared names can be readily cross referenced with their BE registration. A given, and surname is an expectation.

6. Tournament Secretary's Report:

- (Attached)
- Open tournament Sunday 20th March 2022. Please promote to your club players.

- The meeting agreed we should continue to run, and promote the Christmas Tournament.

7. Presentation Evening Report:

- (Attached)
- Please promote this event to all club members.
- Crownhill RBL will require a list of the names of all attendees prior to the event.

8. Feedback from Individual Clubs:

- Callington Badminton Club – Julian reported membership numbers had largely returned to pre-Covid levels. The courts at Duchy College had been well received, and considered to be superior to those at their previous venue. The club is short of ladies.
- Derriford Badminton Club – (Please see attachment)
- KUASA Badminton Club – Jo reported the club was very busy, though would welcome some more primary age children. She also reminded the meeting of the forthcoming annual junior tournament on 13/02/2022.
- Liskeard Junior and Inclusive Badminton Club – Jess confirmed the club was running 3 successful pay and play sessions with a restricted maximum of 24 players per session. There is a possibility that a number of these players may graduate to competitive play next season. Those who had already made the transition were enjoying the more competitive edge.
- Plymouth Life Centre Badminton Club – Andy reported the problems in relation to the Club's booked courts at the Life Centre appeared to have been resolved. The men's teams matches had been running smoothly to date. The club was very disappointed not to have competed in this season's Beckly Cup, due to a lack of ladies. It is hoped the transition from Everyone Active to PCC running the Life Centre will be a smooth one. The Council will take over on 1st April 2023. The Life Centre is looking to promote No Strings sessions with a possibility of running one alongside the club session. This would be welcomed by the club.
- Tavyside Badminton - (Please see attachment)
- Torpoint Badminton Club - (Please see attachment)
- Victoria Badminton Club – Wally confirmed club sessions were “rumbling” along, with some gains, and losses regarding membership.
- YMCA Kitto Badminton Club – Wayne reported there had been a growth in the number of players, particularly social players with some 70 in total. Sessions were being limited to 30 players. The martial arts were continuing on a Monday evening immediately adjacent to the Club's courts.

9. DCBA:

- Note: Alan left the meeting while this item was discussed, and Mike Weeks took the chair.
- A wide ranging discussion took place around the relationship between DCBA, and the PBL over the years and up to the more recent events, and Alan's involvement as our District Representative on DCBA. The letter from DCBA to PBL members was included within this discussion. Wally through his long association with DCBA, and in particular work with the veterans gave a detailed resume of how DCBA has supported badminton in the county. A transcript of this is attached, as is a copy of the DCBA letter to PBL members. He also suggested that if an amicable agreement could not be reached the PBL could “go its own way” outside of DCBA, and BE.
- After very careful deliberation the meeting voted unanimously with one abstention that Alan should remain as the PBL representative. It was also proposed that Jo Jackson would

be happy to “sit in” on future county meetings with Alan, if DCBA allowed this and thought it may be helpful.

- It was agreed that Mike Weeks in his capacity as President of PBL should reply to DCBA in writing responding to their letter, and summarising the meeting’s discussion, and decision. A copy of this letter is attached. Mike has subsequently had confirmation of receipt of the letter by DCBA, and that it will be discussed at their next meeting.

10. Community Badminton (DCBA):

- Alan returned to the meeting and resumed the chair.
 - Alan confirmed DCBA had provided a very welcome £1000 towards this project, and sessions were underway at Ivybridge.
 - A taster session held at the YMCA, that attracted 7 participants.

11. Summer Matches/ League:

- Clubs were asked if they could gauge amongst their members if there might be any interest in running a league/ matches over the summer.

12. Diary Dates:

- Committee Meeting: Tuesday 15th February 2022
- Beckly Cup Final: Friday 4th March 2022 at Torpoint
- Open Tournament: Sunday 20th March 2022 at Torpoint Rame Leisure Centre
- Christmas Tournament; Sunday 4th December 2022 at Torpoint Rame Leisure Centre

13. AOB:

- It was noted that clubs had prepaid presentation fees for events that due to Covid had not taken place. It was agreed that these fees should be donated to the Junior Tournament.
- Jess confirmed that Liskeard had a number of players from Launceston wishing to play in a league team next season, and queried the venue for this team. It was agreed that their match venue should be Liskeard.