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PLYMOUTH BADMINTON

The P & D Churches Badminton League (Founded 1930)

Annual General Meeting Tuesday 24th May 2022

7pm Lower Hall, St Budeaux Parish Church

AGM Minutes:

Attendance: Alan Berry (Chair / Tavyside Badminton Club); Malcolm Slack (Chair Devon County Badminton Association); Chris Ryan (Treasurer); Andy Crocker, (Minute Secretary / PLC Badminton Club); Chris Still (Torpoint Badminton Club); Mike Weeks (Torpoint Badminton Club); Jess Canfield (Liskeard Inclusive Badminton Club); Gill Jones (Derriford Badminton Club); Dave Brett (Derriford Badminton Club); Wally Bickford (Victoria Badminton Club); Margaret Banyard (Victoria Badminton Club); Sarah Marshall (Victoria Badminton Club); Lynne Hunt (Derriford Badminton Club); Waine Parker (Fixtures Secretary / YMCA KITTO Badminton Club); Ryan Lambourne (Fixtures Secretary / YMCA KITTO Badminton Club); Lisa Davies (KUASA Badminton Club); Jo Jackson, (KUASA Badminton Club); Julian Cooper; (Callington Badminton Club / KUASA Badminton Club); Andrew McPeake (University Badminton Club); Nirmala George (University Badminton Club); Liv Stubbington (University Badminton Club)

1. Apologies:

- Matt Barwell KUASA

2. Minutes of the last AGM/EGM held in May/ July 2019 were agreed.

Proposer Chris Still, seconder Gill Jones.

3. Matters arising from the minutes:

- There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report:

- (On the website)
- In addition, Malcolm Slack mentioned the Plymouth League concerns brought up at County regarding the County constitution, and that the County Association potentially be dissolved/ investigated. Alan Berry noted that the proposal was withdrawn at the County meeting.

5. 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.

6. Treasurer's Report:

- (On the website)
- In addition, Chris Ryan confirmed there had been a small loss, but that had hardly been surprising considering events over the last two years.

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7. Fixture's Secretary Report:

- (On the website)
- Aside from the new Launceston Inclusive Club, playing out of Liskeard, there was also the possibility of a new club interested in joining the League in the Crownhill area.

8. Tournament Secretary's Report:

- (On the website)
- It was confirmed that the Christmas Tournament would take place at Torpoint on 5th December 2022.

9. DCBA / County Badminton Matters:

- Chris Still wished to take the opportunity to place on record his and the Plymouth League's appreciation of Malcolm Slack's long association with the DCBA, and particularly latterly in the role of Chairman.
 - Malcolm noted the presence of Wally Bickford, and Margaret Banyard, and thanked them for their contribution to the County over a great number of years.
 - (Malcolm Slack's report attached)
- It was noted that the Community Badminton sessions had commenced at Ivybridge, and the YMCA KITTO, though not as envisaged at Torpoint. The latter particularly disappointing for the Torpoint Club. There had been some difficulties, and although intended to be self-funding the County had donated £1000.
- The County had run three teams with mixed fortunes, with 1st and 3rd teams being relegated, but the 2nd team holding their own. A shortage of ladies prevented any further teams from being fielded. All interested players are encouraged to attend County Open Days taking place in October 2022.
- Although he would not be in post Malcolm Slack stated the County would welcome the opportunity to award grants for badminton development on presentation of a viable business case / development plan.

10. Proposals:

(On the website – Outcomes below)

- 1) It was unanimously agreed to merge the Secretary, and Committee Meetings, and for them to take place in early September, and February
- 2) It was unanimously agreed to hold the League AGM towards the end of May, and recommend clubs hold their AGM's prior to the League AGM
- 3) i) The proposal for men's and ladies matches to move to the best of three ends format was not carried (5 for, 13 against).
 - ii) The proposal to award three points for a win, and one for a draw was not carried (3 for, 14 against)
- 4) a and b) The proposal to recommend at the next DCBA meeting that each district, and DJBA receive a one-off payment of £2000 was not carried (4 for, 5 against) but, after discussion it was agreed to amend the proposal to include "that districts produce a development plan" before applying for any money
- c) The proposal to recommend at the next DCBA meeting that affiliation fees be divided up as detailed in the attached proposal was carried (6 for, 5 against, 6 abstentions)
- 5) The proposal that the League accept all types of feather shuttle, including the new hybrid shuttles was carried. (10 for, 5 against, 3 abstentions)
- 6) The proposal that the League not present medals alongside trophies was carried (16 for, 1 against)

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- 7) The proposal that the League Constitution, and other documents be rewritten over the coming year for presentation at the AGM in May 2023 was unanimously agreed
- 8) The proposal to assist with automated banking that the League name for banking purposes be changed to “P & D Badminton League” was unanimously carried
- 9) The proposal that the League moves to on-line banking was unanimously carried
- 10) The proposal that the League Committee be given authority to amend the signatories on the bank account was unanimously carried

11. Election of officers:

- It was noted that Mike Weeks would be standing down as League President, and the meeting expressed their thanks to Mike for his tenure.
- Chris Ryan stated that if elected again he would intend to stand down at the 2023 AGM.
- The following officers were elected with only one candidate per position standing.
 - i. President – Julian Cooper
 - ii. Chair – Alan Berry
 - iii. Vice Chair – Jo Jackson
 - iv. Secretary – (Vacant)
 - v. Minute Secretary – Andy Crocker
 - vi. Treasurer – Chris Ryan
 - vii. Media Secretary – Alan Berry
 - viii. Fixtures Secretaries – Waine Parker / Ryan Lambourne
 - ix. Tournament Secretary – Jo Jackson
 - x. Auditors – Gill Jones, & Andy Crocker
 - xi. Management Committee Members:
 - i. Gill Jones (Social Sec)
 - ii. Jess Canfield
 - iii. Andy Crocker (Welfare Officer)
 - xii. Beckley Cup Handicap Committee:
 - i. Ryan Lambourne (Chair)
 - ii. Mike Weeks
 - iii. Dave Brett
 - iv. Waine Parker,
 - v. Julian Cooper
 - vi. Lisa Davies
 - vii. Andy Crocker

12. Any Other Business:

- It was noted that there had not been any interest in forming a summer league, however some clubs were proposing to arrange friendly matches.
- Malcolm Slack commented on the terminology used by the League in describing the County’s accounts. He also produced a document of accounts that Julian Cooper commented he had not seen before, though Alan Berry confirmed he had forwarded all documents on he had received from the County.
- The League offered its apologies for the use of the term “poor set of accounts”, and in hindsight a statement along the lines of an “incomplete set of accounts” would have been more appropriate.

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NB: The following information has been sent by the chair of the Devon CBA following the League AGM for inclusion with the minutes . . .

DEVON COUNTY BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

List of financial awards/incentives over the last 10 years from DCBA from various requests around the County. (random order)

- Financial assistance fund set up in 2014. Agreed at 10% of affiliation fees (10% of previous season's affiliation fees). Over these years approx. £2,000 will have been awarded.
- £1,500 to South Devon Schools Partnership in 2012 in order to keep a badminton coach in place.
- Every year since 2013, and since the DCBA took over the running of the U21 team, a £250 subsidy for the players. Note this subsidy has remained static, cost to players risen from £60 in 2013 to £130 in 2022.
- Grant / support to Exeter Performance Centre £500
- Award of £200 to Disability classifier (Becky Bailey) to help towards the cost of passing her disability classification course.
- Level 2 courses, assistance of £70 towards the cost of successful completion and passing of the course. Risen to 25% of cost this year.
- Junior association 2018 gift of £1,000 due to financial difficulties. Note this was later repaid at the request of the junior association and due to influx of money into the juniors due to various grant applications. It was stressed that they could come back to the DCBA at any time for requests should the need arise.
- Community badminton network, assistance with set up costs in order to make it viable £1,000. (2021)
- Devon County junior £800 (2022) summer County training incentive in liaison with County clubs