

PLYMOUTH BADMINTON

The P & D Churches Badminton League (Founded 1930)

Annual General Meeting Tuesday 23rd May 2023 7pm
Lower Hall, St Budeaux Parish Church

Minutes:

Attendance: Alan Berry (Chairman / Tavyside), Waine Parker (Fixtures Secretary / YMCA KITTO), Ryan Lambourne (Fixtures Secretary / YMCA KITTO), Julian Cooper (President / KUASA), Andy Crocker (Minute Taker / PLC BC), Gill Jones (Presentation Evening Organiser / Derriford), Chris Ryan (Treasurer / Derriford), Jo Jackson (Tournament Secretary / KUASA), Jess Canfield (Liskeard Inclusive), Mathew Barwell (KUASA), Stuart Abel (Torpoint), Nicola Gillespie (University), Chris Darlington (University), Richard Townsend (Callington)

1. Apologies
 - o Dave Brett (Derriford), Lisa Davies (KUASA), Tom Cooper (Tavyside), Jamie Robertson DCBA.
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 24th May 2022:
 - o The minutes were reviewed and agreed.
3. Matters Arising:
 - o None
4. Chairman's Report:
 - o Please see attached report.
 - o Alan also confirmed the clubs receiving DCBA grants were KUASA (£350) and Tavyside (£250)
5. Secretary's Report:
 - o None. Post is vacant.
6. Treasurer's Update:
 - o See attached report.
7. Fixtures Secretaries Update:
 - o See attached reports.
8. Tournament Secretary's Report:
 - o Jo Jackson reported that the tournaments this year had been very successful, even to the extent that there may need to be a cap on future entries to ensure that they ran smoothly and to time. She wished to thank those who had come along to support, and help.
9. Presentation Evening:
 - o See Gill Jones attached report.

10. DCBA Matters

- See attached DCBA Chairman's report, and League Chairman's report.

11. League Constitution Review/ Revision

- A discussion took place. Club member session attendance to qualify for tournament entry was clarified. Following a proposal by Julian Cooper, seconded by Gill Jones the revised document was unanimously agreed. The Constitution is available to view on the League website.

12. Proposals:

- None received.

13. Election of officers:

- The following were elected:
 - i) President – Not needed as Julian only in post 1 year of 3-year cycle.
 - ii) Chair – Alan Berry
 - iii) Vice Chair – Vacant
 - iv) Secretary – Vacant
 - v) Minute Secretary – Andy Crocker
 - vi) Treasurer – Julian Cooper
 - 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 – The above club officers plus Jess Canfield. Note.; Gill Jones is also Presentation Evening Secretary, and Andy Crocker League Welfare Officer.
 - xii) Beckly Cup Handicap Committee:
Ryan Lambourne (Chair), Mike Weeks, Dave Brett, Waine Parker, Julian Cooper, Lisa Davies, Andy Crocker

14. Any Other Business:

- Trophy Secretary New Post.
Waine commented that her current Fixtures Secretary role also included looking after and preparing the trophies for the presentations. This has become over burdensome, and she wished to relinquish the trophy responsibilities. It was unanimously agreed that a new role of Secretary Trophy be proposed at the September committee meeting. In the interim clubs have been requested to actively advertise this role within their memberships.

Chairman's Report - May 2023

Firstly may I thank all those who have given up their time this year to volunteer and see the Plymouth Badminton League grow. Though the medley divisions was cut to just one, the entries at all the tournaments was up - the dates of the tournaments for next season is already on the website.

I have continued to represent the league on the Devon County Badminton Association committee. I am pleased to let clubs know that my appeal to Badminton England regarding the way that the Devon County Badminton Association carried out their investigations into the allegations against me has been upheld. The Appeals Panel found in my favour by finding that the Devon County Badminton Association had failed to follow the correct procedures and processes across the investigations.

"The Panel unanimously allowed the appeal on the basis that you (Mr Berry) had not been afforded a fair hearing and that there were also disciplinary inadequacies with due process not being followed surrounding the allegations."

Though most of you will be unaware of this but we lost a good friend at Badminton England, Lee Ward; he was someone a number of clubs had turned to for support during and following the pandemic. Badminton England are currently restructuring their workforce with respect to clubs (again) and clubs will be informed of the new structure in due course.

Within the league, most clubs / teams have embraced the electronic spreadsheets. By completing them the league secretaries have been able to keep the division tables up to date with the scores being updated within a day or two. Those "old stagers" who find the new system daunting . . . give a junior player access! Waine and Ryan are putting together a new guide for you all.

Two clubs who put in grant applications to the Devon County Badminton Association have had 50% of each grant agreed by the Devon County Badminton Association committee. The clubs concerned are yet to receive their funding.

So, at this time we should also look forward. Though the league has volunteers running it, we could always do with more. If you do not want to take on a "full" role volunteer to assist with something so you get the opportunity to earn the processes involved.

Alan Berry

(Chair, Plymouth Badminton League)

Account Summary 2022/23

	Amount	Statement Date
Brought forward	£4979.87	12/5/2022
Total Debits	£2007.10	
Total credits	£2156.35	
Closing balance	£5129.12	
Statement amount	£5129.12	22/5/2023
Difference	£0.00	
2022-2023	£149.25	

Notes

As it stands the league made a profit of £149.25

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Outstanding costs for this season:

Donation to junior club/left over shuttles

Below is a comparison to previous years

Credits summary	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	Difference to last year
Affiliation	£529.00	£503.00		£558.00	£665.00	£716.00	£725.00	£660.00	£568.00	£26.00
Tournaments	£1587.00	£1,360.00		£1,570.00	£1,325.00	£1,350.00	£1,645.00	£1,495.00	£1,070.10	£227.00
Raffles	£34.51	£25.00		£68.05	£199.10	£214.80	£195.00	£185.00	£289.01	£9.51
Other	£0.00	£0.00			£74.00	£54.30	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total	£2150.51	£1,880.00		£2,196.05	£2,263.10	£2,335.10	£2,565.00	£2,340.00	£1,927.11	£270.51

Debits Summary	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	Difference to last year
Meeting hall hire	£160.00	£120.00			£15.00	£75.00	£0.00	£80.00	£129.00	£40.00
Sports hall hire	£571.00	£552.50		£555.00	£740.50	£736.00	£808.00	£935.20	£805.00	£18.50
Engraving	£599.00	£721.10		£591.50	£606.04	£557.40	£653.50	£725.90	£474.12	-£122.10
Website	£186.15	£94.92		£53.20	£53.20	£53.20	£47.58	£43.83	£43.83	£91.23
Awards	£85.00	£30.00			£379.10	£371.81	£205.00	£250.00	£288.00	£55.00
Shuttles	£405.95	£390.00		£222.00	£277.50	£905.00	£0.00	£780.00	£292.00	£15.95
Other	£0.00	£20.00			£50.00	£203.44	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	-£20.00
Total	£2007.10	£1,928.52	£0.00	£1,421.70	£2,409.34	£2,901.85	£1,714.08	£2,814.93	£2,031.95	£78.58

Fixtures report 22/23

The end of season results saw Derriford winning the Ladies A division & Medley division. Kuasa winning Men's A, Men's B & Ladies B. Tavyside won the men's division C narrowly beating Torpoint, who were the winners of the Beckly Cup.

It was good to see some of the Tournament winners coming from other clubs i.e., University

Some teams had trouble fielding full teams, and a big thank you to those who made up teams to enable a fixture to still be played. Making sure that an available named reserve may ease things moving forward.

We hope that all clubs will look at their players and consider entering more teams next season. The decline in numbers cannot be maintained, and is a concern. Ask all players of their availability and inclination to play league. Definitely more medley teams please.

There is a crib sheet for the use of the electronic score sheets; even some hesitant participants have tried them now. It is so much easier and I would encourage all to give it a go.

At the end of the summer break, please talk to your venues re available dates; especially with regard to exam dates. Two clubs, in particular, were hit hard, this past season, and coped very well with the inconvenience. It would be better if communication could improve.

The Beckly committee is made up of the following members.

- Andy Crocker – PLC
- Dave Brett - Derriford
- Julian Cooper – Kuasa (previously Callington)
- Lisa Davies – Kuasa
- Mike Weeks – Torpoint
- Ryan Lambourne – YMCA Kitto

I thank the handicap committee for their prompt submissions, prior to each match, some results were just within a few points e.g. Callington v Liskeard Inclusive, (3 point difference after a handicap of 253 awarded), and YMCA Kitto v Kuasa, (2 point difference after a handicap of 11 awarded).

Round	Date	Team Names (H & A)	Result	Handicap	Overall result	Winner	Point difference
Quarter final	01-Dec-22	Callington	378	0	378	Liskeard Inclusive	3
		Liskeard Inclusive	128	253	381		
	05-Dec-22	YMCA Kitto	326	0	326	YMCA Kitto	2
		Kuasa	313	11	324		

Most teams managed to play their submitted players, with a few exceptions of last-minute changes, which couldn't be helped. Unfortunately, the most affected, and changed team was the University in the final against Torpoint. The changes were too late to allow any adjustments to be made; so, this showed a bigger discrepancy than we would have expected in the result. Nevertheless, the matches were very good and played in a competitive manner. Well done to both teams.

Round	Date	Team Names (H & A)	Result	Handicap	Overall result	Winner	Point difference
Final	03-Mar-23	Torpoint	296	156	452	Torpoint	101
		University	351	0	351		

Unfortunately, PLC had to withdraw, due to a lack of ladies, but hopefully this will be remedied for next season.

I've spoken with one member, who I thought might retire, i.e. Mike Weeks, but Mike is happy to carry on and I hope the rest of the committee will as well; If anyone else would like to join they are very welcome.

Tournament secretary report:

This season has been an especially good one for tournament participation, with 12 pairs entering the Christmas mixed doubles handicapped tournament, up on the 8 pairs the year before. We also had bumper turn outs at the restricted and Open tournaments. Each again had a higher entry than in the previous few years.

In fact unlike last year, where I was pleading for more people to come and play at tournaments, discussions are now set to take place to determine maximum feasible numbers that can be accommodated at each event. However, I will of course do my best to ensure that all those that wish to play, are eligible to play, and have got their forms in on time are not disappointed.

Thank you to all clubs for promoting tournaments this year, and to the players that have come along and played fairly and respectfully. And to those who brought along raffle prizes to the Christmas tournament. And a final thanks to the Beckley Cup handicapping committee who I call on to help with handicaps for tournaments.

Presentation Evening Report 2023 (Gill Jones)

On Friday 19th May 2023 Plymouth Badminton held their end of season Presentation Evening for 2022-23. For the second year running it was held at the Crownhill Royal British Legion Club (RBLC), Tailyour Road, Crownhill, Plymouth.

The evening commenced at 7pm with just under 80 players attending. Each club were allocated a table(s) with a list of the club's players as well as the basket meals ordered for easy reference. A total of 47 meals had been ordered. The RBLC would have preferred to have had the basket meals paid for in advance but they did agree to allow for individual payments to be made on the night as players collected their meals. This did put extra pressure on the kitchen staff but they did manage to get all the meals served between 7:30-8:30 so thanks go to the staff.

I would like to thank the 2 Tavyside players who once again stepped up to sell / promote the raffle tickets. They did a fantastic job selling a total of 620 draw tickets worth £124. As society moves towards a cashless one it was notable that some players were unable to buy any tickets as they carried no money.

Of the feedback received already, suggestion has been made that the evening lacked a degree of atmosphere and that perhaps the option of having a disco in the future might merit discussion. It was agreed at the AGM that this would be discussed in the autumn.

On a final note, it was good to see such a large turnout from Kuasa.

Gill Jones (Derriford BC)

DCBA Chairman's notes 2022/23

The season has presented many challenges and has been a steep learning curve for myself as chairman.

We entered 3 teams into the county championships, and over 30 players represented the county in these senior events.

Our 1 st team were promoted from Division 2 SW. Finishing 1 st .

The 2 nd team battled hard and remain in Division 2 SW.

And our 3 rd team managed to fight against relegation, and will remain in Division 3 next season.

It is my hope that we will be able to get back to our pre-covid numbers and enter a 4 th team next season.

Our masters as always were very competitive with both the O40s and O50s achieving a spot in their finals in Birmingham.

From a development point of view, we once again fielded a team to compete in the 17-21 championships who finishing 4 th . Additionally at the last meeting the committee were able to grant both Kuasa and Tavyside funds to aid in the attempts to grow badminton locally in your district.

Unfortunately, our current treasurer will be relinquishing his position at the AGM and I would like to invite anyone keen and willing to put their nomination forward.

Thank you for continuing to work to build badminton in Plymouth and I hope we can look forward to a successful year in 2023/24.