

PLYMOUTH BADMINTON

The Plymouth & District Churches Badminton League (Founded 1930)

AGM 7.30pm Tuesday 2nd June 2026

Notre Dame School, Looseleigh Lane, Derriford, Plymouth, PL6 5HN

Minutes: (Draft)

1. Present:

Tom Cooper (Chair/ Tavyside), Julian Cooper (President/Treasurer/Kuasa), Ryan Lambourne, Waine Parker (Fixtures & Nomads), Gill Jones (Derriford, & Presentation Sec.), Jo Jackson (Kuasa/Tournament Sec.) Andy Crocker (Minutes, Welfare Officer & Devonport), Dave Brett (Derriford), Jess Canfield (Secretary/Welfare Officer & Liskeard), Matthew Barwell (KUASA),

Apologies:

Richard Townsend Callington BC, Torpoint BC, University BC, Elly Duley (Trophies Sec.)

2. Minutes of the Last AGM Held on 20th May 2025:

- Agreed.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- No matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report (Tom):

- Tom thanked all the League's officers for their hard work, and support over the last season. In particular Waine and Ryan (Fixtures), and Jo (Tournaments) who ensured playing wise the season ran smoothly.
- Tom mentioned he would not be attending County meetings in the future. They were not constructive from the perspective of developing badminton in Devon. He felt unwelcomed when questioning the current set up, or if a different view was held to the long-standing county officers.
He will however continue to forward reports as required to the County Committee.
He reported Devon Juniors were now receiving the affiliation fees paid by junior players, rather than going into the general county pot. This was a great help to the juniors.
He said Devon had a strong and committed Junior Committee.
- Agreed

5. Secretary's Report:

- Jess confirmed she would be standing down after the meeting. She thanked the League's officers for their support over the last season.
- She confirmed she had heard from Richard Townsend that Callington BC was likely folding dependent on the outcome of their pending AGM.
- Julian added that Torpoint BC were in a difficult position venue wise. This followed the closure of the Torpoint and Rame Sports Centre with the YMCA pulling out of managing the school owned facility. There are no immediate plans to find a new operator or reopen the Centre. He suggested the BE Southwest Rep Laura may be able to help.
- Agreed

6. Treasurer's Report (Julian):

- See attached Treasurer's Report
- Dave queried the £616.13 credit against shuttles. Julian explained this represented stock in hand
- Agreed.

7. Fixtures Secretaries Reports (Waine & Ryan):

- Waine confirmed all matches had been completed last season.
- There were no major disputes, though scoresheets at times could be more thoroughly completed.
- Waine noted there was no acknowledgement signing sheet to confirm receipt of trophies at the presentation evening. It was agreed it would be resumed for next season.
- Waine confirmed she and Ryan would be standing down from their respective League Officer positions.
- Agreed.

8. Tournament Secretary's Report:

- Jo reported the League's tournaments had run successfully last season.
- She confirmed she would be standing down as the Tournament Secretary.
- Agreed.

9.

Presentation Secretary's Report. (Gill):

- See attached report in Appendix 1.
- 2026/2027 Presentation Evening proposed for 7th May 2027, with 14th May 2027 as back up.
- Agreed.

10. Trophy Secretary's Report (Elly Duley):

- None

11. Welfare Officers Report (Andy & Jess):

- See report issued leading up to the AGM.
- Julian commented it would be mandatory from November 2026 for all BE affiliated clubs to have a Welfare Officer in position.
- Agreed.

12. DCBA Matters.

- See above within Chairman's report.
- Agreed.

13. Proposals):

- There were 2 proposals. See documentation leading up to the AGM for full details.
 - i) Tom presented a detailed review, and suggestions to clarify a number of points contained in the League's constitution, and rules
- Agreed.
- ii) Andy and Jess presented a proposal to introduce a minimum age for players in the Beckly Cup. The rationale, and options were debated.
- It was agreed following discussion that players should be at least 16 years old or with a Badminton England player grading of "E".

14. Election of Officers:

- i) President. Julian.
- ii) Chairman. Tom re-elected.
- iii) Vice Chair. Jo re-elected.
- iv) Secretary. Jess standing down. Mathew Barwell elected.
- v) Treasurer. Julian re-elected.
- vi) Fixtures Secretaries. Waine and Ryan standing down. Jo Jackson elected.
- vii) Media/Website Secretary. Unsure on position but can be a shared responsibility.
- viii) Tournament Secretary. Jo standing down. Ellie Smith elected with assistance from Tom.
- ix) Trophies Secretary. Elly standing down. Tom elected.
- x) Presentation Secretary. Gill re-elected.
- xi) Welfare Officers. Jess and Andy re-elected.
- xii) Auditors. Gill and Andy re-elected.
- xiii) Points Adjustment Committee (formerly Beckly Handicap Committee). Ryan, Lisa, Dave, Andy, Julian, and Tom re-elected. Tom taking over chair from Ryan. Mike Weeks has resigned.

14. AOB:

- A discussion took place proposing that the current league medley format be changed to just mixed. The rationale was that the mens' and ladies' doubles in the medley competitions were now duplicated in the open and ladies' divisions. A pure mixed format would strengthen mixed doubles within the League, and a number of ladies were reported to prefer mixed as opposed to level doubles.
- There was a brief discussion of changing the open and ladies' format to the best of three ends.
- Any changes can only take place following a formal proposal presented at an AGM or EGM. An EGM will be held on 7th July 2026 to discuss and vote upon proposals in time for the 2026/2027 season.

Appendix 1

Presentation Evening Report (Gill):

The Plymouth Presentation Evening went ahead as planned on Friday 22nd May at the Crownhill Royal British Legion Club.

87 players including guests had booked and was up from the 74 last year. All clubs apart from Torpoint and Victoria were represented. The University had 4 players booked in but failed to turn up. There were a couple of players who for unforeseen circumstances dropped out a couple days before the event but this was counterbalanced by a couple of extra late bookings.

Names and numbers, together with food orders had been submitted to the Royal British Legion club 2 weeks in advance as was payment for the food. The basket meals were served up in a timely manner, taking no more than 30 minutes. All in all the evening went ahead as scheduled.

The trophies looked splendid, so a big thank you to Ellie. It was disappointing to see a number of players not present to pick up their trophy. The fact that the event was held on the Friday leading up to the Spring Bank holiday might have been a factor.

£200 worth of raffle tickets were sold on the evening which helped to subsidise the cost of the evening so thank you to those clubs who donated prizes as well as those buying the draw tickets. A big thank you also to Tom who took on the task of selling the tickets despite having to present the trophies later on in the evening.

A different DJ was booked this year and once again helped create a good atmosphere. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Final thanks to all those clubs for submitting the names of attendees, food orders and money by the deadline and to Dave Brett for facilitating the bank transfer to the RBLC.

Feedback on all aspects of the evening is invited and would be appreciated.