

PLYMOUTH BADMINTON

The Plymouth & District Churches Badminton League (Founded 1930)

General Committee Meeting

Tuesday 22nd September 2026, 7pm Lower Hall, St Budeaux Parish Church

Minutes: (Draft v02)

1. Present:

Tom Cooper (Chairman & Tavyside), Matthew Barwell (Secretary & KUASA), Jo Jackson (Fixtures Secretary & KUASA), Andy Crocker (Minutes & Devonport), Wayne Parker (Nomads), Ryan Lambourne (Nomads),

Apologies:

Julian Cooper (President & Treasurer), Jess Canfield (Welfare & Liskeard Junior & Inclusive) Gill Jones (Presentation Sec. & Derriford), Dave Brett (Derriford), Ellie Smith (Tournament Secretary).

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

- General Committee Meeting Tuesday 3rd February 2026 – Agreed.
- AGM Tuesday 2nd June 2026 – Ryan asked that the minutes be clarified regarding Tom taking over chairmanship of the Beckly Cup Points Adjustment Committee from him, and his (Ryan's) continued participation on the Committee. Also, that the minutes be corrected to show Mike Weeks had stood down from the Committee. These were agreed and there were no further questions arising. The AGM minutes were updated post meeting and will be reviewed and approved at the 2027 AGM

3. Matters Arising:

- None.

4. Chairman's Report (Tom):

- Tom confirmed that Callington would not be entering any teams in the 2026/2027 season. There was discussion between the League, and BE regarding the possibility of teams being entered, but not connected to an affiliated club. This was not possible.
- There was no news regarding Torpoint BC venue issue. If not resolved the League would lose their teams too.
- Tom is not attending Devon County meetings, though will respond to any requests for reports, and is in receipt of county meeting minutes. If anyone wishes to attend county meetings Tom would welcome this. Devon County held a disability tournament at Teign School on 11/10/2026. Tom confirmed Devon Juniors were now receiving their portion of the county fees. The meeting discussed the possibility of clubs affiliating to a county of their choice e.g. Cornwall as the League had Cornish clubs.
- The League website is currently "down". Julian is working on this, and Tom has items requiring update once the website is fixed.

5. Secretary's Report (Mathew):

- Matt confirmed that his duties to date since taking on the role had consisted of regularly monitoring the e-mail in box.

6. Treasurer's Report:

- Andy confirmed Julian had forwarded the League accounts for his review. Following the prompt resolution of a query by Julian, he has now signed them off. The accounts have been passed to Gill for her review.
- There was a general discussion over the price of shuttles, and the brands clubs were using to minimise costs.

7. Fixtures Secretaries Reports (Jo):

- Jo and Tom outlined a schedule for clubs to follow at the Fixtures Meeting rather than the usual “free for all”. This would include clubs with a common match night meeting first to arrange their fixtures.
- Waine raised the issue of school closures due to exams etc. This could mean it might not be straightforward for clubs to arrange fixtures, even those with common club nights.

8. Beckly Cup Report (Tom)

- The meeting agreed 1st round ties will be drawn at the Fixtures Meeting.
- It was agreed that 1st round matches should be completed by Christmas 2026. 2nd round matches will be completed by the end of February 2027, with the Final being played the week of 8th – 14th March 2027.

9. Tournament Secretary's Report:

- Dates for the season's tournaments were agreed with a back up date should the preferred date not be available. Notre Dame School was the preferred venue for tournaments. Shuttles for the tournaments at this venue would likely be purchased with a joint order with Kuasa to get the best possible bulk purchase discount.
- The Christmas tournament will be held on Sunday 6th December 2026 12 noon to 5pm with a back up date of Sunday 29th November 2026. Clubs are reminded to bring prizes for the raffle and players to bring cash to purchase tickets.
- The Restricted tournament will be held on Sunday 24th January 2027 with a back up date of Sunday 31st January 2027.
- The Unrestricted (Open) tournament will be held on Sunday 21st March 2027 with a back up date of Sunday 14th March 2027.
- Jo confirmed that the DML Junior tournament at the Life Centre will be on Sunday 7th February 2027. This is open to all the League's junior players. Adults are encouraged to help on the day.

10. Trophy Secretary Report (Tom):

- Tom said he would liaise with Ellie now he has taken on looking after the trophies.

11. Margaret Adams Trophy:

- The trophy is awarded every two years, and it is due to be awarded in 2027. Secretaries should submit nominations in time for the 23/02/2027 Secretaries meeting.

12. Presentation Evening (Gill):

- The presentation evening will take place at the Crownhill Royal British Legion Club on Friday 7th May 2027.
- The meeting wished to place on record their sincere thanks and appreciation to Gill for so ably organising this event over many years.

13. Welfare Officers Report (Andy and Jess)

- Andy thanked clubs for confirming their welfare officers. There had been no issues reported.
- He reiterated that welfare and safeguarding was everyone's responsibility. Club officers and members should always be alert to any issues, even to what may appear to be low level.

14. Updates from Individual Clubs:

- **Tavyside BC.** Tom reported that the Club's sessions were running well with good "dynamics" and numbers. The recent additional nights have been a success. Mondays have been very busy with Fridays slightly quieter. The Monday 7-9pm session will for 3 months have a session time of 8-10pm. The Club continues to place great emphasis on junior coaching with the Horrabridge Wednesday evening and Tavistock College Saturday morning sessions running well. Tom was appreciative for the substantial help from club volunteers.
- **Torpoint.** None.
- **Devonport BC.** Andy reported the club has seen steady numbers with several regular visitors from other clubs but remains short of ladies. He has had problems with the BE Just Go membership website. It has been upgraded/ updated, but the basics like keeping track of members, and their status has been a nightmare for him. He has contacted BE who replied, but their "fix" didn't solve matters. A follow up e-mail has to date not been responded to.
- **Nomads BC.** Waine reported that hall unavailability due to exams continued to have been a serious issue. They have made use of alternative venues the Life Centre and Whiteford Road with varying degrees of success. Numbers for their social sessions had increased. They were awaiting contact from the school regarding upcoming exam dates.
- **Liskeard Junior & Inclusive.** Jess submitted a report to the meeting. The Club has had a very successful first few weeks back at their normal sessions, junior, adult, and disability. Although it was the first year, they have continued their adult pay and play it was well attended. The Club is looking forward to the new season.
- **KUASA BC.** Matt reported the Club continues to be very successful with excellent numbers. They have been using Babolat shuttles at sessions to keep prices down.
- **Derriford BC.** None.
- **Callington.** None.
- **University.** Jo reported she had received contact from the Club.

15. AOB

- None

16. Next Meetings

- Fixtures meeting on 6th October 2026.
- Secretaries Meeting on 23rd February 2027.

Post Meeting Notes.

- All first-choice tournament dates have been agreed with Notre Dame School.
- The Beckly Cup Final will be held week commencing 1st March 2027 to avoid any All England Tournament date clashes.