

Minutes

Evenlode Badminton Club

Committee Meeting – Wednesday 15 February 2017 at 7.45 pm

Prince of Wales, Shippon

PRESENT: Steve (Chair), Lilian, James, Judy, Claire, Jordan, Pierre, Anna and Stella

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting (29/6/16)

The minutes of the committee meeting held on 29 June were agreed as a true record.

3. Chairs Report

Steve said he had nothing to report.

4. Treasurer's Report

Claire had produced a spreadsheet comparing the last 4 years. There were still court fees to be paid and some match fees to come in and she said she hoped at the end of the season we would be in a similar position as last year. We had already made the decision that we would carry on for this season and possibly 2017/18 to see what the money looked like with the increased court fees before deciding on an increase in subs. We had increased match fee for the 2016/17 season and there more teams this year so this amount should increase.

The issue of paying in match fees on-line was raised and it was agreed that it was the captains responsibility to pay complete match fees, and it would get confusing for Claire if individuals started paying in £4/£8 etc. Lilian agreed to remind members to bring match fees with them and be proactive in paying the captain.

5. Match Secretary's Report

James said it had been a 'tough' season. Captains had been contacting him at last minute for sub suggestion, some captains had been using un-nominated team players, and inappropriate subs were being asked.

He reported that we had conceded 1 match, the first in several years.

He said that having a match on a Monday seemed to be working well and next year would try and apportion Monday matches more evenly as Anna said she felt she had been unable to attend club nights as having a lot of matches on a Monday.

James reiterated the strict finish time of 10.15 pm on Monday and 10.00 pm on Tuesday and suggested that captains were proactive in ensuring matches started promptly.

Lilian said she would reiterate to members the importance of arriving on time and if opposition arrive late, then their warm-up time would be curtailed.

James said we were one of the best clubs with regards to submitting score sheets on time.

He said that it was possible that the mixed and mens leagues would be restructured this year which could possibly affect our mens A and mixed A teams.

James said he thought having 1 or 2 courts for singles when there were no home matches on a Monday was proving popular and it was agreed to continue this and possibly during summer club as well.

6. Committee (2017/18)

Steve and Lilian will both have served 3 years', Steve said he would be standing down. Lilian said she would stay on another year if that would make it easier with the committee's finishing times being more staggered. Anna expressed an interest in becoming Chair.

Lilian will post agenda and nominations 4 week prior to AGM as usual and see what interest there was from other club members.

Steve to do a poster to try and encourage members to volunteer and Lilian to put a note about it in the next newsletter.

7. Junior Club

James reported that there had been a slow start to the season due to us being at Didcot Girls School. Numbers were starting to pick up but we still had space in both junior sessions. It was suggested that we could maybe advertise.

It had been decided not to run a junior session over the Summer but to invite some of the older juniors ready to move up into adult club to join the adult summer club.

Richard King, his mum and Adam were helping and James said he would like to buy them a thank you at the end of the season and this was agreed.

It was also suggested that Adam might like to do his Level 1 coaching.

It was noted it was important to have adequate numbers of juniors as we were now paying for the 2 hour court hire whereas previously we were just paying for the evening.

8. Social Events

Judy said the 'end of season' event was scheduled for either 5th or 12th May.

Steve said he would arrange another rounders' match against Abingdon with a BBQ at the pub for the end of July.

It was suggested it would be nice to have an informal end of season get together and Friday 21st April was suggested to meet at 'The Narrows' and then for those interested to go on for a curry. Lilian said she would note this in the newsletter.

9. Extended Season

James said as we would still have 3 courts even when exams started we should maybe extend the season by a few weeks on a 'pay as you play' basis.

It was agreed to book Monday 24th April and Monday 8th May just for adult club at a cost of £5 per person per night from 7.30 – 10.00 pm.

10. Adult Beginners/Summer Club

It was agreed to run a summer club from July to the end of August and also to run another adult beginners session over the middle six weeks of the summer club from 6.30 – 8.00 pm (cost to be decided but maybe a fixed amount for all 6 weeks or option to pay weekly). James and Lee with Judy to liaise to ensure enough help for up to 24 players.

11. Mini Tournament

James had arranged a mini 3D tournament on Tuesday 4th April (Chilton, Blewbury, Harwell, Eynsham, Evenlode and Evenlode Juniors). This would take the form of a round robin. Each visiting team would be asked for a £10 contribution towards court hire and shuttles and Evenlode members asked for a match fee. If this proved successful then maybe a similar thing could be arranged for higher end teams.

12. Selection Process

Anna said she was disappointed with the way the selection process had worked out this year, with people being demoted once the list had been sent out and those who complained getting their own way.

She asked if we could clarify the purpose of the selection committee, ie to advise or make decisions and whether there should be set criteria.

Everyone agreed that it was a thankless task and there would never be a time when everyone would be happy.

Jordan suggested that if there were fixed pairing this might make the process easier.

A full and frank discussion followed and it was decided that this year on the last summer club session there would be a mens and ladies doubles evening where pairs could be tried out and play each other with Jordan being in charge of running the mens pairing and Anna the ladies pairings. Everyone who had selected this discipline would be invited to attend but we would emphasise it was not 'trials'. Then on the 1st club night of the season, Judy and Pierre would do the same with mixed pairings.

It was agreed that Jordan, Anna, Judy and Pierre would then either be on selection committee or at the very least attend the selection committee meeting in an advisory role.

It was also agreed to look at pairs performances in the preceding year from score sheets and to take into account commitment.

Steve reminded people that we had rewritten the 'selection committee' role in the constitution (attached).

13. AGM

It was agreed to hold the AGM at St Helen's on Monday 24 April at 7.15 pm prior to one of the extra club nights. Lilian to post necessary notices.

14. AOB

a) Anna agreed to set up a FaceBook Page.

b) James said he would like to bring back the 'friendliness' aspect of the club which he felt was missing recently. This was in part due to the layout of the new hall but the suggestion of bringing cakes etc and have squash available was made.

The next meeting would be the AGM unless we decide we need an interim meeting to clarify anything raised in this meeting.

Meeting closed at 10.00 pm