

EVENLODE BADMINTON CLUB

AGM

MONDAY 24TH APRIL 2017

Present: Steve Rowland, James Fisk, Lee Ackrell, Lilian Pallister, Jordan Beardmore, Steve Vaughan, Claire Townsend, Stella Ackrell, Jackie Bower, Pierre Dumortier, Anna Wareing, Jonathan Duffy, Charlotte Butler, Michael Pitchers, Hannah Dewey, Katharine Langley, Ellis Marshall

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Riaz Khimji, Mark Sheldon, Ian Clewley, Lauren Shepherd, Ed Callow, Gareth Davies, Judy Bendall

2. Minutes of Previous AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 25 April 2016 were agreed as a true recorded:
Proposed - Stella Ackrell, Seconded – Anna Wareing

3. Matters Arising from Minutes

No matters arising

4. Chairperson Report

'It's hard to believe that 3 years has gone by so quickly. Having taken on the Chair's role with some reluctance, I have found it to be enlightening (as to how much hard work goes into running the club) and enjoyable. This past year has been one of the more turbulent for our club since Evenlode moved to the (then) Convent school some 40 years ago. However, with a fantastic effort from James and many others we now seem settled into what must be one of the best halls in Oxfordshire.

This past season has gone well for Evenlode and a big 'well done' to the Mens B who will be collecting a trophy at the end of season event on 5th May. Looking forward to the summer, we will be running the adult coaching sessions again and I hope to see you all at some point at the summer club and hopefully at the rounders and BBQ afternoon in early August – bring your family and friends.

As I hand over the reins to my successor, I wish them well for the next 3 years and look forward to the club moving forward yet further under their direction.

Thank you to everyone for your support and help during my time as Chair. Enjoy your badminton.'

Thanks were expressed to Steve for his hard work and Lilian gave him a bottle of wine.

5. Match Secretary Report

James said it had been a difficult season what with starting the season at Didcot, the teething problems with the new hall, problems with team selection and subs and he said he was disappointed that we had, for the first time, had to cancel a match.

James reported a morally successful year with the Mixed A and Mens A both finishing runners up to the new Feathers team and the Mens B winning Division 3. Hopefully all these teams should be promoted but nothing was guaranteed if there were league restructuring.

He reported that the Ladies A, Ladies B and the 3DA had all finished 3rd in their respective divisions. Mixed B and Mixed C were both being relegated after being promoted last year.

James praised the juniors and how they had stepped up and noted there were juniors playing in nearly all the teams.

James asked if people could be aware of helping to take down the nets at the end of the evening if they weren't being left up. He would advise captains appropriately.

James reported that some leagues might be restructured and he also asked people's opinion about having 3 teams in one division as Abingdon C had won 3D Division 2 but their A & B team were already in Division 1. This will be discussed at the Oxford Badminton League AGM.

Anna raised a vote of thanks to James for all his hard work in what had been a difficult year.

6. Treasurer's Report

Claire handed out a report of the year's expenses which would be at break-even once the rest of court fees had been paid and match fees received. We had 48 members.

We had increased match fees which covered the games conceded and where teams had pulled out. We still had a cushion and it was decided as it was not known whether court fees would go up we should leave membership at £95 and match fees at £4.

7. Election of Officers

Officers and committee members had been proposed and seconded as followed:

Chairperson – Anna (proposed Pierre, seconded James F).

Secretary – Lilian (proposed James F, seconded Pierre)

Treasurer – Claire (proposed Pierre, seconded Gary)

Match Secretary – James (proposed Jordan, seconded Pierre)

Child Welfare Officer – Stella (proposed Steve R, seconded SteveV)

Ordinary Committee members

Judy – proposed Steve R, seconded Claire

Jordon – proposed Claire, seconded Pierre

Pierre – proposed Claire, seconded Hannah

Ellis – proposed Claire, seconded James F

Michael – proposed Jordan, seconded Steve R

They were elected en masse – proposed Lee Ackrell, seconded Steve Rowland.

8. Junior Club Report

James said that we had lost a number of junior when we had started the season at Didcot and there were spaces in both the younger and older junior clubs and we might need to think about advertising. He said he was going to the county trials.

James said he was taking younger members now and would welcome any help with coaching. He also said there was a small bursary available if anyone wanted to do their coaching.

Lee said some of the older juniors were moving up to senior club over the summer and would probably stay into the new season and therefore there would be space for more juniors.

Overall our junior club is thought to be one of the best and is going from strength to strength and feeding good players into the adult club and a lot of our juniors play for the county.

Anna thanked both James and Lee for their hard work running the junior club.

9. Item Specifically Noted to Committee

No items had been specifically noted to the committee

9. Any Other Business

a. Anna said that to help with the selection process next season certain club nights at the beginning of the season would be set aside for ladies, mens and mixed evenings to try out pairing etc and hopefully this will help with the selection process and also help with new members coming into the club.

It had been suggested it would be good to have a ladies and mens club captain who would help to facilitate these evenings, advise the selection committee and also be a point of contact throughout the season for new members and teams captains.

It was suggested that Jordan should be the Mens Club Captain and Anna said she had been suggested as Ladies Club Captain but would be happy, since she was Chair, if someone else wanted to take on this and Stella said she would be interested.

The meeting was closed at 8 pm.