



WARWICKSHIRE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

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AGM 2017/2018 MINUTES

6TH JUNE 2018

Present: 14 – Attendees - Julia Hammerton – WBA Secretary, Max Grant – 1st Team Manager, Chris Osborne – WBA Chair, Mary Le-Druillenec – WBA Treasurer, Colin Jones – WBA President, Sue Spink – WBA Competition Secretary & 3rd Team Manager, Alan Spink – WBA Welfare Manager & 3rd Team Manager, John Brown – Master’s Co-ordinator, Frank Wilson – BE VP, Jerome Carty – Aerotech Labs, Sue Humpage – Vets, Tom Burdett – LDBA Chair & Stratford BC Chair, Louisa Porter – WSBA Treasurer, Ryan Parsons – WSBA U18 AGC

1: Apologies: Tim Ward, Andrew Wainwright, Rizvan Sadikot, Sheila Stones, Paul Harris, John Wardropper - Rugby Youth, Kate Morris – Warwick Bears

2: Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the previous AGM on the 8th June 2017 were approved – Proposed by Frank Wilson, Seconded by Chris Osborne.

3: Chairman’s Comments: Chris Osborne

Chris welcomed everyone to the meeting and it was good to see so many people at the meeting.

Chris’s report:

So near but not quite for the county’s 1st team!

Following relegation from the Premier Division last year, the 1st team faced an uncertain season particularly as two of its regular ladies were now on maternity leave and another had returned home. We needn’t have worried – our youngsters such as Kiara Henry, Asmita Chaudhari and Victoria Liang put down their homework, picked up their racquets and performed admirably. The men, including new captain, Andrew Wainwright, were virtually the same line up as last season and together the team were able to finish top of Division 1. The euphoria was unfortunately dampened over the May bank holiday weekend when the play offs saw heavy defeats to Gail Emms’ Hertfordshire and Leinster (- yes, apparently they’re part of Badminton England!)

Max Grant had always planned to step down as manager at the end of the season after seven years in charge and at least he does so as a divisional winner. The county is grateful for his work and commitment in the role and we wish him well in his retirement. For those that were unaware, Colin presented him with a memento on behalf of the county after his final match in Milton Keynes

With the likely return to action from Cat Hancock and Claire George coupled with another year’s experience for what is largely a young team, we’ll try again and hopefully complete the journey with a return to the Premier Division next season

For the 2nds, it would be an understatement to say it was a tough campaign. Being promoted into a higher echelon was just the start. Being subservient to the demands of the first team whenever they were short only added to their challenges. A big thank you to the team manager Paul Harris who kept their morale up under trying circumstances. Once again, it was encouraging to see the young players playing for the adult sides whilst still members of the WSBA juniors. The talented Milly



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Evans and Caitlin Harper will only improve with experience and next season should be more successful, not to say, enjoyable back in Division 2

The third team, under Alan and Sue Spink had a relatively successful campaign in Division 3. With a team combining youth and experience, they finished sixth, but such was the closely contested mid table, one more rubber over their season would have put them in fourth spot. They too had to cope with the demands for their top players from the seconds.

The Masters teams had a largely unsuccessful season and many of our teams struggled in their divisions. The county is aware of the low numbers of players John Brown was able to choose from and we will be stepping up awareness of the Masters set up around the local leagues through the new web site. It's an aspect of the county set up that often goes unnoticed. I intend to give it a higher profile going forward.

Talking of the new web site, this is well under way and I'm in regular contact with the developer as we add new pages to it. The junior county organisation has now gone live with their own new site and we will have a link into that. We will have dedicated pages for the senior squads, the WBA organisation itself and links that direct newcomers to the local leagues. There will also be coaching advice etc available through another page. An announcement will be made once this is ready.

A big thank you to Colin Jones, who as President, was always there to give me advice and guidance when I needed it, to the team managers who were always having to put teams together, to Mary Le-Druillenec who multi tasked as player and Treasurer and a special thank you to Julia Hammerton who stepped into Rob's shoes and has done a great job behind the scenes as our new Secretary.

A thank you to Frank Wilson and Julia who represent us at the meetings down in Milton Keynes.

Thanks too to Tim Ward who agreed to stay on to calculate the individual player standings this season. For the record, the top two men were our captain Andrew Wainwright ahead of Ben Stawski. For the ladies, Mary Le-Druillenec pipped young Kiara Henry. As if to emphasise the impact of the girls coming through WSBA, seven of the top thirteen are still from that age group!

My piece may sound a bit like an over enthusiastic Oscar winner's speech thanking everyone they can think of – but there are a great number of players and officials who voluntarily give their time and effort, on and off court, who should be recognised for what they do on behalf of Warwickshire badminton. There are many people working hard alongside me who deserve recognition and our gratitude for their work this season.

We'll be looking for a new 1st team manager for next season and feelers have been put out to potential candidates, although no firm decision has been made. Other than that, I'm hopeful that the WBA team (in the widest sense) will continue as it is now, and I look forward to a successful 2018/19 season for the county.

It was mentioned with regard to Chris Roe that he has made 179 appearances for the County and could reach 200 appearances.



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WBA Players Performances 2017-18 – Compiled by Colin Jones

Position	Player	1	2	3	Total	W	L	%
Men								
1	Chris Roe	9			9	8	1	88.90
2	Ben Stawski	9			9	15	3	83.30
3	Chris Tonks	8			8	12	4	75.00
4	Andrew Wainwright	7			7	9	4	69.20
5	Will Kitching	9			9	7	4	63.60
6	Rajeev Ram			5	5	5	4	55.60
7	Chris Williams	9			9	4	6	40.00
8	Louis Tam		2	5	7	5	8	38.40
9	Robert Spink			5	5	3	7	30.00
	Ed Telfer			5	5	3	7	30.00
11	Nathan Moore (WSBA)			2	2	1	3	25.00
	Peter Clegg		2		2	1	3	25.00
13	Tom Burdett			7	7	3	11	21.40
14	Tom Burton		5		5	2	8	20.00
15	Ryan Parsons	3	5		8	2	14	12.50
16	Vivian Lawrence		5		5	1	8	11.10
	Jonathan Fletcher		3		3	0	7	----
	Callum Daniels			4	4	0	6	----
Ladies								
1	Milly Evans (WSBA)		1	5	6	11	1	91.70
2	Catherine Hancock	2			2	3	1	75.00
	Chloe Hunt (WSBA)	2			2	3	1	75.00
4	Khushi Naik (WSBA)		2	2	4	5	3	62.50
5	Caitlin Harper (WSBA)		1	5	6	5	6	45.40
6	Mary LeDruillenc	9			9	8	10	44.40
	Helen Fulker			5	5	4	5	44.40
8	Asmita Chaudhari	5			5	4	6	40.00
9	Kiara Henry (WSBA)	9			9	7	11	38.90
10	Mia Kirk (WSBA)			7	7	5	8	38.50
11	Sara Moore			4	4	2	5	28.60
12	Victoria Wing Yi Liang	7	2		9	5	13	27.80
13	Helen Richmond	2	4		6	3	9	25.00
14	Phoebe Moore		5		5	2	8	20.00
15	Alisha Nunley			2	2	0	4	----
16	Rebecca Smith		5		5	0	10	----



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4: Treasurer's Report and Accounts – Mary:

Highlights below:

- We have a loss of £1,158 this year which is less than the prior year, but we are still continuously making a loss and therefore will at some point have to start looking at how to stem this loss. Luckily, we still have a large cash balance, however you wouldn't want to deplete this too much.
- In terms of cash flow, we have spent a further £600 than is showing as a loss. The reason for this is the charge for 50% of the costs of setting up the website. As discussed at previous meetings we can spread the cost over a few years (3 sounds reasonable) and I would look to do this from when the website is up and running therefore have left this on the balance sheet currently in prepayments/debtors.
- I've had a look through the fees as we need to decide our Warwickshire county fee at the AGM and then I will submit to BE by the deadline of 30th June. Currently it is £4 senior and £0 juniors and it's been this way at least the last couple of years. We also pay £100 to BE as a registration fee. At the moment I would suggest keeping it at £4 and £0, however if we did want to reduce the deficit slightly we could increase by £1 to £5 and £0. If there is much of an increase from BE, we wouldn't want to increase our fee though.
- Discussion took place on how to erase the deficit – WBA could run BE Tournaments would only take possibly 2 BE Tournaments.
- Discussion took place with regard to hotel accommodation that is paid for Masters Tournaments – Senior teams stay over one weekend - event took place in Jan – contribution of £25 to over 45's over 50's – was this an option or given to everyone?
- BE fee for next season 2018/2019 - £26 per person and £0 for Juniors. Warwickshire fee £4 – 13 yes's - 1 Abstention
- The Income Statement for 2017/2018 is detailed below:



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Warwickshire Badminton Association						
Financial Report @ 30/04/18						
Income Statement						
			<u>2017-18</u>	<u>Movement</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Income						
Restricted tournament			1,087	157	930	A
Match Fees			3,071	116	2,955	
Practice Sessions			564	(446)	1,010	B
Interest			18	(1)	19	
Registration fees			3,446	178	3,268	C
Other income			22	22	-	
			<u>8,208</u>	26	<u>8,182</u>	
Expenditure						
Restricted tournament			700	159	540	A
Badminton England			2,775	(94)	2,869	
Court Hire			1,692	(270)	1,962	D
Hotel Accomodation			2,539	96	2,443	
Stationery, Stamps & Admin			403	(284)	687	E
Website			240	-	240	
Coaching			40	(185)	225	F
Shuttles			804	(89)	892	
Trophies / salvers				-		
Petrol			174	124	50	
Depreciation			-	-	-	
			<u>9,366</u>	(542)	<u>9,908</u>	
(Deficit) / Surplus			<u>(1,158)</u>	568	<u>(1,726)</u>	



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Warwickshire Badminton Association							
Financial Report @ 30/04/18							
Commentary							
A	The increase in costs relates to the cost of the courts.						
B	In the prior year there were only masters practise sessions. In the current year there were a couple of senior practise sessions. Costs are still much lower overall as the masters Tuesday sessions were part way through last year.						
C	The main movement related to a increase in the number of players affiliated to Warwickshire County. There was a £4 Warwickshire county fee both years however due to the new payment system there appears to be a slight charge associated with receiving the payments.						
D	In the prior year there were court costs for the Tues eve practises. This difference is offset by the extra practice sessions this year.						
E	There were kit costs for the 17-20 county team this year, however this is much lower than the kit costs in the prior year.						
F	Last year the county paid 50% towards a coaching qualification. There were no such costs this year.						
G	Increased petrol costs with all teams having longer journeys, the 1st & 2nd teams were in Leeds and the 3rd team in Rutland.						

6: Election of Officers for the 2018 – 2019 Season:

- Colin Jones – standing for re-election as President 2018/2019 – this will be Colin’s last year as President and he will be stepping down at the end of the Season. Proposed: Frank Wilson Seconded: Mary Le Druillene
- Chris Osborne – standing for re-election as Chair – Proposed: Mary Le Druillene Seconded: Jerome Carty
- Julia Hammerton – standing for re-election as Secretary – Proposed: Chris Osborne Seconded: Sue Humpage
- Mary Le Druillene – standing for re-election as Treasurer – Proposed: Max Grant Seconded: Julia Hammerton



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7: Election of Committee of Management for the 2018 – 2019 Season:

All positions in this section were voted for en masse with a show of hands from everyone present. The 1st Team Manager position is still vacant and will be decided at the next meeting on the 19th July 2018. Frank Wilson nominated Julia Hammerton to now become the Voting member for Warwickshire at the Badminton England General meetings as he has a vote as a Vice President of Badminton England.

Mary Le Druillenec	Membership Secretary
Sue Spink	Fixture Secretary
Position Vacant	1 st Team Manager
Paul Harris	2 nd Team Manager
Sue & Alan Spink	3 rd Team Managers
John Brown	Masters Coordinator
Tim Ward	Coaching Coordinator
Alan Spink	Child Protection Officer/ County Photographer
Rizvan Sadikot	WSBA & Umpires Representative
Frank Wilson	Voting Representative to B.E. General Meetings
Julia Hammerton	Non-Voting Representative to B.E. General Meetings

8: Area Representatives for 2018/2019 Season:

- **Coventry & Leamington** - Tom Burdett was nominated as the New Area Rep for Coventry & Leamington and he accepted the role.
- **Solihull** – Alan Spink
- **Birmingham** - Sheila Stones
- **Rugby** – it was discussed at the meeting that there wasn't an Area Representative for Rugby, Louisa Porter, John Brown and Jerome Carty nominated Mark Hope from the Rugby League – Julia would contact Mark to see if he would be interested in the role.

9: Fixtures Meeting & Restricted Tournament Update:

- Sue Spink attended the BE Fixtures Meeting that was held – Warwickshire are in the South Division – the structure was still being finalised when Sue left the meeting.
- This year's Restricted Tournament will take place on the weekend 29th/30th September 2018 at Langley School, Solihull.

10: Dates and Venues for 2018/2019 Meetings.

- WBA Committee Meeting – Thursday 19th July 2018 – 8pm – Barkers Butts RFC
- WBA Committee Meeting – Wednesday 12th September 2018 – 7.30pm
- WBA AGM – Thursday 6th June 2019 – 8pm start – venue to be confirmed.



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11: AOB

- John Brown had prepared a Masters Subs forecast sheet for the 2018/2019 Season and was requesting a reduction in the fee that the masters players currently pay £9 per match – he hoped this would encourage players to be available for matches as this was one of the reasons given for not be available for selection. A discussion took place and it was agreed for one season only (2018/2019) the fees would be reduced by £2 to £7 to encourage more players to be available for the Masters teams. John would report back at the next Committee how well this had been received. Sue Spink did comment that more notice needed to be given for match call ups – the night before a match isn't enough notice – Masters players are age 40 and above.
- Colin Jones – reminded everyone that Chris Jones is to be contacted at Central Sports to see if he is still willing to provide the Yonex Sponsorship for the Restricted Tournament – Chris Osborne will contact Chris Jones as last year and Mary would collect the Shuttles & Vouchers for the Restricted Tournament. Thank you to Tim Ward for still providing the Rankings List. The Rob Bird Trophy & the Jim Allworth Cup recipients to be known at the July meeting.
- Frank Wilson – at the BWF International AGM it was announced they will be continuing with the new Serving ruling for another 6 months. Eastern countries are happy with it, but the Danish president is not happy with it – it is then likely it will become law – 1.5m height for serving.
- Ryan Parsons – Discussion took place with regard to the integration of the Junior players and the Senior players – discussions should take place with the relevant WSBA AGC's with regard to selection to ensure all potential players are included. Suggestion to introduce a 4th Team to enable Older Junior players and Leavers and other players to step up to Senior County – to late for this season as all Teams have been submitted to be put on Agenda for inclusion/discussion for 2019/2020 Season.
- Jerome Carty – Suggested that fundraising could take place to try and decrease the deficit that is showing on the WBA Income Statement – this could possibly be an online initiative – to be investigated.

Badminton England General Meeting Dates for 2017/2018 Season

- **Thursday October 26th 2017 – Julia attended.**
- **Thursday 25th January 2018 – Frank and Julia attended.**
- **Thursday 26th April 2018 – Frank and Julia attended.**
- **Saturday 30th June 2018 (Annual General Meeting) – Julia will attend.**

Kind regards

Julia Hammerton

WBA Secretary