

# BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the Holiday Inn Aylesbury, Aston Clinton Road, Aylesbury on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2009.

Present:	Ian Moody	- Bucks CBA & Dragons B.C.
	Tom Duggan	- Regional Development Manager, BADMINTON England
	Fiona Foy	- Bucks CBA, Chalfont Rep., Wycombe Originals B.C.
	Clare Halewood	- Bucks CBA, Aylesbury Rep & Wednesday B.C.
	Ruth Jefferies	- Bucks CBA, BSBA Chairman & MK2000 B.C.
	Mark Lawrence	- Bucks CBA, South Bucks B.C. & Battledore JBC
	Gwen Mann	- Bucks CBA
	Glenn McMenamin	- Bucks CBA & Woughton B.C.
	Julia Strong	- Bucks CBA & Aylesbury B.C.
	Liz Walmsley	- Bucks CBA & HWDBA Rep
	David Bates	- Isis & Booker Juniors
	Alan Gates	- Dragons B.C.
	Carole Gurling	- Birds B.C.
	John Gurling	- Leighton Buzzard JBC
	Beryl Green	- Shuttlecocks B.C.

## 1. Apologies:

Heather Coupar	- Loughton Lodgers
Roger Coupar	- Loughton Lodgers
Jane Hilton	- Wing Vale
Eileen Robins	- Cedar
Cindy York	- Greylings
Sue Williams	- Chalfont St Peter
Jan Snelling	- OJ Badminton Club
Kate Griffiths	- Wednesday B.C.
Tony Coyne	- Bucks CBA, MK&DBA Rep and Shenley B.C.
Michael Statham	- Bucks CBA & Dragons B.C.
Sue Patel	- Racquets B.C.

## 2. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the previous AGM held on the 10 June 2008 were agreed and were signed by the Chairman.

**Proposed:** Ruth Jefferies

**Seconded:** Glenn McMenamin

## 3. Matters Arising

- "Lapsed" Bucks clubs. Ian Moody confirmed that the two clubs mentioned in last years minutes had now affiliated to BADMINTON England.
- Times allowed for county matches. After discussion it was agreed that the 8 court hours for Vets (12 matches) and 12 court hours for Senior matches (15 matches) should continue to be booked to ensure that matches were completed. It was noted, however, that some matches which were sometimes "one-sided" could last for a considerably shorter time.

#### 4. Annual General Report

- Membership: Ian Moody advised that the number of affiliated Bucks clubs was 63, the same as last year. This could be broken down into 33 Senior, 13 Junior, 13 “casual” and 4 association type clubs. It has proved very difficult to establish the exact number of members as the BADMINTON England database was being updated and they were currently in a transitional phase. Julia Strong undertook to try and obtain membership numbers (**Action: Julia Strong**)
- Chairs Report:
  - i. Ian referred to Jim Mann’s decision to step down from county affairs after many decades of involvement and the proposal that Jim should become a Life Vice-President of the Association. This was agreed to unanimously by the meeting. Ian undertook to write to Jim accordingly, expressing the counties appreciation for all the work he had done (**Action: Ian Moody**)
  - ii. Ian emphasised the good work that was being done by Badminton Wycombe Performance Centre, stressing that co-operation and co-ordination with existing set-ups – especially the BSBA – was essential to move badminton forward in Bucks.
  - iii. Ian added that he had been analysing the various leagues in Bucks, the number of divisions, the number of clubs involved and the teams entered. 48 clubs were involved in league play (37 Bucks clubs, 1 Beds, 3 Berks, 2 Herts, 3 Middx and 2 Oxon). The Aylesbury league had 9 divisions, Chalfont 8, Wycombe 10 and Milton Keynes 7. Further analysis would be put on the website <http://www.badmintonbucks.co.uk>.
  - iv. Tom Duggan summarised the points made about BADMINTON England funding and the targets that were linked to the funding. A basic criteria was to get more people playing sport as well as retaining junior players in the sport. The aim was to get 70,000 new badminton players by 2013. In order to achieve increased excellence a talent pool of 2,000 players was the aim. This would be delivered by Community Badminton Networks and Performance Centres.
- Finance Report (see under Item 5. below)
- Coaching Report was noted
- County Captains Report
  - i. Glenn McMenamin reiterated the difficulties that were faced in the year as described in the Report. This had led to the 4<sup>th</sup> team being dropped, at least for next season. Concentration next season would be on commitment, pride in playing for the county and consolidation leading to a stronger and more committed county.
  - ii. Glenn was thanked for his efforts over the last, difficult, year.
- Bucks Schools Report was noted.
- Veterans Report was noted and Mark was thanked for his efforts over the last year.

The meeting agreed that the Annual Report should be adopted.

**Proposed:** Julia Strong

**Seconded:** Ruth Jefferies

#### 5. Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2009

- Fiona focused on the main reasons for a £2,000 “profit” compared to a £1,000 “loss” last year. These were not having to pay towards a Badminton Development Officer (saving £1,750) nor towards a Community Badminton Coach (saving £250). Nearly

£300 was saved on a newsletter as information was now put on the website <http://www.badmintonbucks.co.uk>. Income from volunteers helping run tournaments at the NBC had increased by nearly £350 (due, Fiona noted, to the efforts of Ian). Tournament income had increased by nearly £450.

- Ian commented that with a surplus of over £7,000 an assessment should be made of its usage, bearing in mind that a balance of around £3,000 should be retained as running cost. The new committee would look into this (**Action: Committee**)
- Julia Strong and Clare Halewood advised that court fees at Aylesbury Grammar School had risen considerably and that clubs using this facility were finding it difficult to manage financially to the extent that they were exploring alternative venues. This point was only made to highlight additional costs that were being incurred and the financial constraints this was putting on clubs. Others in the meeting also commented on increased shuttle costs and the possibility of losing members due to the current economic climate.

The meeting agreed that the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009 should be adopted

**Proposed:** Mark Lawrence    **Seconded:** Ruth Jefferies

## 6. Election of Officers and Committee

As there was only one person prepared to stand for each position the following were elected en bloc:

Chair	Ian Moody
Hon. Secretary	Gwen Mann
Hon. Treasurer	Fiona Foy
Minute Secretary	Liz Walmsley
County Captain	Glenn McMenamin
Welfare Officer	Julia Strong
Coaching Co-ordinator	Tony Coyne
Veterans Co-ordinator	David Bates
Senior County Match Secretary	Mark Lawrence
Committee Member	Michael Statham

**Proposed:** Alan Gates    **Seconded:** Beryl Green

As well as the above the committee would also include a representative of the Bucks Schools Badminton Association and representatives from the four County Leagues.

## 7. To confirm the appointment of the Honorary Auditor for 2009/2010

Lee J Holloway was prepared to continue for another year as the Auditor and this was agreed by the Meeting.

**Proposed:** Mark Lawrence    **Seconded:** Clare Halewood

## 8. To appoint a County Selection Committee

- As the AGM did not appoint a Selection Committee for Senior County teams the new committee would decide how this should be done. This was agreed by the meeting.

## 9. To approve the affiliation fees of Badminton England

- Bucks County cannot actually approve these fees as they are set by BE and formally agreed at the BADMINTON England AGM. We should however, note them formally
  - i. Senior club members (SCM) will remain unchanged at £9.30
  - ii. Junior club members (JCM) will remain unchanged at £4.65
  - iii. Junior Club fee will remain unchanged at £46.20
  - iv. League Fee will remain unchanged at £46.20
- Dave Bates asked why Juniors have to pay a Senior individual fee if they play for a Senior Club as well. Julia Strong replied that this was not correct. If you register as a Junior Club Member (JCM) in a Senior or Junior Club then you only pay the JCM fee – however, if you are registered as part of a Junior club then you are only registered as Junior in a Junior Club (JJC). One would then need to register and pay as a Junior Club Member if one also played in a Senior Club.
- Ian Moody pointed out that the current membership data base system is a complex one and extremely difficult to check details. There is a new BE system that is scheduled to be coming on line by October 2009.

## 10. To approve the Committee proposals on the County Affiliation Fees

### • Fees for 2009 - 2010 season

The following was proposed

- Senior Club Members to remain unchanged at £3.25
- Junior Club Members to remain unchanged at £2.10
- Junior Club to remain unchanged at £10.00

These were agreed.

**Proposed:** Gwen Mann

**Seconded:** Fiona Foy

### • Coaching offer for affiliated clubs

- 2 hrs (up to a maximum of £15/hr) of free coaching is currently provided to Bucks clubs affiliated to BADMINTON England by the Bucks CBA. Glenn McMenamin asked whether the intention was to send out information on the coaching to all Bucks affiliated clubs, along with other relevant information. Ian Moody replied that he still intends to do this and is hoping to put a pack together for approval. He has the action on board, but it will take a little time to complete. **(Action: Ian Moody)**. Gwen Mann told the meeting that a letter had been received from Isis saying that this coaching was very useful and that they have gone on to book other coaching sessions as well. The committee was pleased to hear this. It was agreed that this coaching offer should continue.

**Proposed:** Gwen Mann

**Seconded:** Fiona Foy

## **11. Any Other Business**

- **County Veterans**

Ian Moody advised that he would put the names of the new County Vets Captains onto the website, there were currently 2 captains from Wycombe, 2 from MK and 1 from Aylesbury. 1 more captain was needed (for the Over 50s, to replace David Bates).

Dave Bates stated that it was very important that we tell clubs about County Vets. More players were needed, particularly ladies and it was quite likely that many clubs had suitable players who were unaware of the existence of County Vets. Clubs should be advised about the Vets Inter County Leagues and Inter County Championship and encouraged to come to the practices sessions which, it was intended, would be at Milton Keynes and Wycome next season.

- **Bucks Senior County Fixtures**

Mark Lawrence stated that he now had a copy of the proposed Senior County Fixtures dates and would get them put onto the website when they were finally agreed. Ian gave a "heads up" that there will be one Devon away match for the 3<sup>rd</sup> team as there were 2 Devon teams in the 4<sup>th</sup> divisions and they couldn't play in the same division. Glenn noted this and hoped that there would not also be a Vets match on that date (particularly an Over 40s match). This point was taken on board and it was agreed to try and ensure that the Over 40 Vets dates did not clash with any County 3<sup>rd</sup> team dates.

Senior County Practices were scheduled to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 2009, one at Courtside in Bletchley and one at WBC. Courtside can provide a good venue. It would also be suitable for Senior and Vets County matches and this would help make a better split between Milton Keynes and Wycombe venues. It was suggested that Courtside would be good to book for Senior County matches and then it could be swapped to NBC if the possibility arose.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 10.15pm