

# Buckinghamshire County Badminton Association

## Annual General Meeting Minutes



**Type of meeting:** Annual General Meeting

**Chair:** Mark Lawrence (ML)

**Treasurer:** Keith Banham (KB)

**Secretary:** David Constantine (DC)

**Date:** Wednesday 21st August 2024 8:00 PM

**Venue:** Aylesbury Tennis and Squash Club

**Additional Attendees:** Andrea Mitchell (AM) ADBA; Andrew Norris Masters Coordinator; Fran Stone Tournament Secretary; Helen Harrison Bedgrave BC; Robert Miles Masters O45

**Apologies:** Jimm Mann President; Matt Smith County 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain; Manoj Shakya Oasis BC; Ruth Jefferies MK2000 JBC

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### Agenda

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Topic	Presenter	Time allotted
<input type="checkbox"/> Welcome	Mark Lawrence	5 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Minutes 2023	David Constantine	10 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Chairmans Report	Mark Lawrence	10 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurers Report	David Constantine	10 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Verbal Reports	Attendees	10 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Election of Officers	Mark Lawrence	10 min
<input type="checkbox"/> AOB	Mark Lawrence	10 min

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### Minutes

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#### Welcome (ML)

Improved attendance from 2023 and all thanked for their participation.

Acknowledged all apologies (shared above).

#### Minutes 2023 (DC)

Minutes 2023 accepted as a true reflection of the 2023 AGM.

Matters arising.

Court availability for County Matches. Item closed. Still not perfect but position improving from previous year

No progress on Development of Junior Clubs. Recognised that we need an effective route for referral to Junior County for interest expressed via any Social Media channel. Discussed the difficulty with Senior Clubs increasing their engagement with Juniors especially with clear Welfare Officers in place and appropriately trained. Chair has received Welfare Officer Training and continues in the role of Bucks County Welfare Officer.

**Action:** DC to ensure expressions of interest are shared with known Junior Contacts.

**Action:** There is guidance available on running Sports Clubs both from Badminton England and Club Matters from Sport England. DC to circulate details of known good resources.

### **Chairmans Report (ML)**

The last 12 months have been relatively quiet for the County. We again ran two senior county teams, we competed in four age groups of the Masters County Championships and we organised the Tier 4 tournament at Wycombe Badminton Centre in May

Our two county teams had contrasting seasons. The first team had two good weekends to put themselves in a strong position to repeat the success they enjoyed two years ago when they won the Premiership title for the first time in our history. Unfortunately several players were unavailable for the final weekend resulting in three losses meaning we finished in a creditable but ultimately frustrating mid-table 5th. The second team struggled over the first two weekends but finished strongly to pull themselves up into third place. My thanks to team captains Arthur Cheung and Matt Smith for the time and commitment they put into organising the teams.

Thanks to Andrew Norris for an excellent job on co-ordinating the Masters teams.

The Tier 4 event, run over the Whitsun Bank Holiday weekend, attracted a healthy 142 entries across all 5 disciplines. The winning players/pairs came from 9 different counties including our own Tom Joy who retained his mens singles title. According to the feedback we received the popularity of this event seems to be based on three factors. Firstly the quality of the courts at Wycombe Badminton Centre, secondly the good organisation which allows the tournament to run seamlessly and to time and finally the good value which we offer with groups of 4 wherever possible. It is just a shame that we did not get more entries from players within the county. We are indebted to tournament secretary Fran Stone for her meticulous organisation.

At the time of writing the Olympic Games are fast approaching and we should record and applaud the achievement of Sean Vandy on becoming the first Bucks player to qualify for not just one, but two Olympics. He will partner Ben Lane in the mens doubles event and Bucks wish both Sean and Ben all the very best in Paris.

# Finance Report (KB)

## Income and Expenditure

BUCKS COUNTY BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

### SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 30 April 2024

2023-2024		
Income	Expenditure	Balance
£3,287.79		£3,287.79
	£1,000.00	(£1,000.00)
£2,711.33	£2,227.90	£483.43
£5,999.12	£3,227.90	£2,771.22
£112.00		£112.00
	£1,700.00	(£1,700.00)
	£56.00	(£56.00)
	£75.00	(£75.00)
£112.00	£1,831.00	(£1,719.00)
£185.00	£1,952.25	(£1,767.25)
£240.00	£100.00	£140.00
£240.00	£100.00	£140.00
£240.00	£100.00	£140.00
£400.00	£100.00	£300.00
£7,760.00	£6,486.00	£1,274.00
£9,065.00	£8,838.25	£226.75
£15,176.12	£13,897.15	£1,278.97

**General**

Affiliation Fees  
Committee Meetings  
BSBA Junior Affiliation  
Tournament

**Senior County Teams**

- 1st  
- 2nd  
- Court hire  
- BE registrations / Entry Fees  
- Practice, trials, match fees  
- Shirts

**Masters County Teams**

- Court Hire / Shuttles  
- O40  
- O45  
- O55  
- O60  
- BW 50+

2022-2023		
Income	Expenditure	Balance
£2,856.46		£2,856.46
	£20.00	(£20.00)
£2,856.46	£20.00	£2,836.46
£260.00		£260.00
	£1,550.00	(£1,550.00)
	£78.00	(£78.00)
£260.00	£1,628.00	(£1,368.00)
	£3,555.00	(£3,555.00)
£120.00		£120.00
£240.00		£240.00
£350.00		£350.00
£10,961.00	£7,498.00	£3,463.00
£11,671.00	£11,053.00	£618.00
£14,787.46	£12,701.00	£2,086.46

## Balance Sheet

BUCKS COUNTY BADMINTON ASSOCIATION		
BALANCE SHEET (Draft) as at 30th April 2024		
Accumulated Funds		
	Balance 30th April 2023	£13,132.95
	Plus Banking Post Year End	£0.00
	Less Prior Year Accruals	£0.00
	Plus Surplus of Income over Expenditure	£1,278.97
	As at 30th April 2024	£14,411.92
Represented by :		
Current Assets		
	Paypal Account	£0.00
	NatWest Bank Account	£14,411.92
	Debtors	£0.00
	Stocks	£0.00
		£14,411.92
Less Current Liabilities		
	Accruals	£0.00
	As at 30th April 2024	£14,411.92

2023-24 Accounts approved.

How is County proportion of the Affiliation Fee used. Majority pays for the Senior County 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team through cost of participation in the Leagues and not charging match fees in the Senior County Teams.

The County has a reasonable amount at the Bank £14k, it was expressed that this could be more effectively used. There is an option for residents of Bucks with a Badminton England Membership to receive funding from the County for Level 1 and Level 2 Coaching Qualifications. This would be paid retrospectively with evidence of use in the first 12 months after qualification.

**Action:** The Offer to be publicised. DC to prepare article and publish through Website, Social Media and Newsletter.

## Masters Coordinator (AN)

The 2023-24 season has seen its share of challenges. The O40s Team had to be withdrawn due to lack of player availability. The remaining teams O45, O50, O55 and O60 all had good competitive and enjoyable games ending up mid-league.

The main challenges are lack of women available to play across all teams, issues securing court time with restrictions due to other bookings compromising start times.

The Masters page of the website is out of date.

**Action:** Try to get more interest in playing Masters with a communication through Website, Social Media and Newsletter. Following the AGM, this action was completed

**Action:** Update the Website to make sure Masters pages are correct. Following the AGM, this action was completed.

## **Election of Officers (ML)**

No nominations were received for the remaining positions and all current officers expressed a willingness to continue. The following positions were therefore confirmed nem con:

President: Jim Mann

Chair: Mark Lawrence

Treasurer: Keith Banham

Secretary: Dave Constantine

Tournament Secretary: Fran Stone

Masters Coordinator: Andrew Norris

Welfare Officer: Mark Lawrence will continue in role and will continue to look for a replacement. Could any qualified candidates contact [secretary@badmintonbucks.co.uk](mailto:secretary@badmintonbucks.co.uk)

## **AOB**

County to trial the provision of Coaches to Clubs via Free Taster Sessions. For these to be successful, should attempt to match the Coach to the Club. It must be enjoyable and pitched at the right level.

**Action:** Investigate if there are any coaches on the Coaches Register in Bucks that would like to take part. If so, publicise the offer through Website, Social Media and Newsletter.

In the Aylesbury League, one club is trialing the use of Hybrid Shuttles, is there are ruling that prevents this. There is nothing to prevent it and the meeting didn't feel that any conditions should be applied on the type of shuttles to be used.