

Leicestershire Schools Badminton Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes 23RD May 2016.

Meeting commenced at 7.10.pm

Apologies: Greg Howes, Vanessa Stanton, Jon & Mandy Allen, Terry Talbot, Jenny Gallagher, Jo Pike, Alan Cowperthwaite and Alan Twells.

Present: Cathy Buckler, Dave Watts, Alaina Goodenough, Carole Spencer, Laura Cowperthwaite, Amie Houlton, Ray Phipkin, Dave Armstrong, Ian Watson, Chris Hall, Grahame Forryan, Adam Sewell and Karen Stevenson.

Minutes of Last Year's AGM: After consideration by the meeting last year's minutes were agreed as a true record. Proposer Carole Spencer, Seconder Alaina Goodenough.

Matters arising: No items to be brought forward.

Chairman's Report: Season 2015 - 2016

The Association work with schools and clubs throughout the county and as a county Association we provide the competitive element for children from the ages of 8 to 17yrs.

Once again many thanks to all of our Team Managers and Coaches for the management and team selection during our competitive campaign this season. It would be remiss of me not to mention the support of all parents and volunteers. Well done to you all - we could not function without your tireless support.

This is our 3rd year of the formal Team Leicestershire set up. I am sure all those involved will agree this has been an interesting year for the Performance centre coaches and assistants. Matching players and parents expectations against rules of a Badminton England PC and other demands on players continues to challenge the PC staff. We are indebted to Chris, Tom, Mark, Anthony and all coaches involved.

A special mention to the retirement of our long serving coach – Neil Cooper. Neil has been involved with Junior Badminton for many years as a team manager, coach and parent. We wish Neil well and good luck getting your golf handicap down!

We continue to be supported by Greg Howes - Leicestershire's Badminton Development Officer – 'Mr Badminton' efforts and involvement in not only Junior but all aspects of Leicestershire Badminton goes from strength to strength.

Congratulations all of our successes in competitive play both individually and at team level. Details of which can be found on the LSBA website. A special mention to this year's ICT team finishing 5th the highest position for many years. Also to those age group teams who have reached the finals of the Shires League.

Without players there would be no LSBA. We have a dedicated network of coaches and officials that take every opportunity to 'talent spot' for young new players. This is done at area coaching sessions, schools leagues, trials and club coaches introducing their players. A special mention to Carole Spencer, Greg Howes, Terry Talbot and Graham Forryan for their efforts.

A final mention to all members of the LSBA Committee who work behind the scenes.

We could not function without the efforts of our hard working committee. When I first was involved with Junior Badminton there was proper summer break where we could all take a breath. National Badminton is now a 12 month season which bring constant demands and attention.

Secretary's Report

Good Evening everyone and thanks for coming to this year's Annual General Meeting.

The year seems to have gone very quickly and although it seems we have always had our new changing rooms and facilities they have only been opened since around September last year and I think I can say on behalf of all of us we are very grateful. We have run 3 successful Badminton England sanctioned tournaments organised by Dave Watts on behalf of the LSBA as well as our own 4 Championship Tournaments for our own players organised by their respective Managers. A warmer and more pleasant experience than the previous year.

The training sessions have been arranged this season to make more use of both the Sports hall and the LBA hall being used mainly in the evenings rather than on Saturdays thereby enabling the players more time to put their new skills into practice by entering Badminton England tournaments where we have had good successes.

I have registered 105 players with Badminton England and I have been impressed with the results of all of our teams in the Shires and North Midway Leagues as well as in Individual Tournaments where the name of Leicestershire is well known. I'd like to offer my thanks to all parents and players for their efforts throughout the season.

The Trials this year have been organised to be held in June where we hope that players with potential will be identified.

On a more personal note my thanks also go to all Team Managers and Committee Members for their help during the year, as I do not have a background in Junior Badminton their assistance has been invaluable to me.

Looking forward to next season I hope we can build on our tournament and team successes whilst getting to grips with the Age Group Changes structure instigated by Badminton England.

Treasurer's Report

Following my re-election at the last AGM on 8th June 2015 the first task was to resolve some of the provisional budget items figures which then forecast a potential loss of **£335.39**.

- At the committee meeting on 17th June 2015 match fees were agreed to be kept at £5.00 per player whether they played in all games at a particular event or not in the Shires League as well as £5.00 per player in the NMBL games. Also entering the championships fees to stay the same £5.00 for one event or £12.00 for all three. For the ICT at present no match fee (or the tournament fee) charged to players and it was decided to discuss again nearer to the date of the event based on the then current LSBA accounts. Honorariums agreed to be kept as they are at the moment but could still be agreed to be reduced as the season progresses. (Note: In April 2016 it was agreed for these to be reduced by a total of £600.00).
- The LSBA finally agreed with the PC for the PC to again make from September 2015 a total of 10 monthly payments of £250.00 as a donation to giving a total of £2,500.00. In addition the PC would re-imburse the LSBA the total a sum of all players who had to pay the £5.00 Badminton England Junior Membership Fee.
- We had already agreed to change the split of the LBA hall hire cost to be £1,000.00 PC and £500.00 LBA in lieu of 2014/15 of £792.00 PC and £720.00 LSBA.

In order to help track income and expenditure, (and also shuttlecock usage) we continued to use the template forms for (i) Match Fees-Remittance Advice Payment Form; (ii) Tournament – Remittance Advice Payment Form; (iii) NMBL Event-Remittance Advice & Request for Payment Form; (iv) Tournament Event-Remittance Advice & Request for Payment Form. All these forms have been on the LSBA web site to download by the LSBA tournament organisers & team managers and I would take this opportunity to thank them for “buying-in” to this process.

To help with the ordering & tracking of “LEICS” T-shirts and “LEICS” Hoodies than again we used the template forms for (i) “LEICS” T-Shirt-Order & Remittance Advice Payment Form; (ii) “LEICS” Hoodies-Order & Remittance Advice Payment Form. All these forms have been on the LSBA web site for players to download.

From the final forecast budget the items that stand out are:-

- (i) Grants which had been indicated as £350.00 in respect of the LRS taking over the School League (excluding U18's) which initially considered in the budget as only income. However although we did finally receive £500.00 from Leicestershire County Council we had to pay out the same amount to our administrator for running the league.
- (ii) In the 2014/15 accounts we had allowed as a debtor the £450.00 to remain in respect of a grant towards a defibrillator. As Babington School Academy purchased a defibrillator we used £363.95 of the grant towards a cabinet to house the defibrillator. The remaining £86.05 has been indicated as a creditor and consideration will be given to off-set the cost of any training required to use the equipment. This could also be within any first aid courses that officials of the LSBA attend?
- (iii) We also had additional items such as T-Shirts, Hoodies & Catering. The cost of T-Shirts had been agreed at the last AGM to be charging a Junior @ £22.00 and a Senior @ £25.50. A total quantity of 14 shirts purchased resulting in a profit of £37.50 mainly due to having one shirt in stock from last season which was expenditure in 2014/15 accounts. No sales of the hoodies even though the prices had also been previously agreed with the selling price being the same as the purchase price as £19.00 for Junior and £22.50 for Senior.
- (iv) Catering has been a venture again completely separate from the direct control of the LSBA. This venture has resulted in a net income of £138.00 from the U12's Double Event and £152.00 from the U15's Silver & Bronze Event. This total amount of £290.00 has been handed over to the LSBA to be used towards the general running of the LSBA.
- (v) To really monitor usage we have again used the template forms which have a requirement to indicate the number of shuttles used at each match, tournament and event. The budget based on the previous season assumed again a total of 98 dozen shuttles would be used. We have in fact only purchased 89 dozen shuttles and although prices have increased this season the total reduction on spend has been approximately £76.70 no doubt due to purchasing 9 dozen less. The budget indicated £1,644.76 and we have spent £1,400.74 a saving of £244.02 on the budget. At the last AGM we reported there were 22.5 dozen left of different types. This year we have a total of 31 dozen left of different types.
- (vi) The Junior Badminton England Membership cost is now £5.00 in lieu of £4.00 and the numbers have decreased by 24 to a total of 105. As part of the agreement with the PC they re-imbursed the LSBA for the initial 101 members which was £505.00. The budget was based 150 players with the income the same as expenditure then irrespective of the players affiliated the figures would have balanced out each other. However throughout the season a further four players were affiliated at a cost of £20.00 but the LSBA decided to not seek additional payment from the PC.
- (vii) The school league for 2014/15 had been indicated as a debtor for £343.98. However we never had to pay for the hire of a Sports Hall for the final so this £144.00 has been recorded as additional income for 2015/16.
- (viii) For season 2015/16 the LSBA only completely looked after the U18's. At the time of the budget no firm details had been agreed on the format, administration cost etc. However it was decided that the budget should indicate just a net income of £425.00 based on what profit had been received in the past for operating the complete school league. As further discussion took place it was agreed the project must at least be self-financing. The income was finally £400.00 with the 20 schools paying £20.00 each irrespective of number of teams entered. To date the expenditure is £349.60 and £50.40 has been indicated as a creditor to cover for any hall costs required for the finals.
- (ix) The Shires league will show a net profit of approximately £309.00, but if we take into account we used 26.5 dozen shuttles worth £488.93 then really the net loss is **£79.93**. The main reason for the reduction in profit from last season £800.00 is the great performance by our U15's & U17's in reaching the finals. This however resulted in having to pay initial entry fees of £181.00 & £220.00. Any additional entry fees and match fees from the finals will be recorded in 2016/17 accounts.
- (x) This season we have not had to purchase any County Colour Badges as we have used from the stock purchased in 2014/15.
- (xi) The 2014/15 accounts indicated the costs for hall hire for both matches and meetings a creditor of £354.20. We finally only had to pay out £97.20 so £257.00 has been recorded as income in the 2015/16 accounts.
- (xii) For season 2015/16 we saved around £700.00 of hall hire cost for both matches and meetings from the budget.
- (xiii) In the NMBL this year we entered one Primary, two U12's, one U14's and two U16's teams. The NMBL matches resulted in a loss of around £279.00 but as a matter of interest as we used 15.5 dozen shuttles worth £285.95 then really the net loss to take part was **£564.98**.
- (xiv) The ICT event is always a loss and this time was £1,350.00. As stated before no match fee (or the tournament fee) in the past had been charged to players and it was decided to discuss again nearer to the date of the event based on the then current LSBA accounts. A

- decision was made this year not charge but would be reviewed as the same criteria on an annual bases.
- (xv) The main income again was from tournaments looked after by Dave Watts. The U15 Bronze & Silver Tournament had a net profit of £1,773.82 The U12's Doubles Tournament had a net profit of £197.30.
 - (xvi) Due to all the efforts of Graham Forryan / Terry Talbot the LSBA American tournament on 7th May 2015 produced a net profit of £165.00 and the LSBA American tournament on 29th November 2015 a net profit of £360.00.
 - (xvii) However due to reductions in the amount of LBA hall times available we are unable to schedule an American Tournament in May 2016. So it seems we could be faced with only having one American tournament in 2016/17 which has a bearing on future income.
 - (xviii) Informed figures have been used to reflect monies still due or to be paid out. The "controlled" manner of reducing expenditure and the PC donations have been able to result in a profit. **Bob Drake has agreed to audit the 2015/16 accounts which indicate a profit of £1,657.94 as at 30th April 2016 which may or may not be signed off prior to the AGM.** This compared to the £877.51 profit as at 30th April 2015. The profit rather than the budget figure forecast loss was mainly due to the fact that the 2015/16 accounts have also been able to reflect additional income of £389.50 from 2014/15 creditors forecast. Also the income of £290.00 from Catering, £700 saving on Hall costs and Honorarium saving of £600.00. However without the agreement of the PC to make monthly donations to the LSBA totally £2,500.00, and to re-imburse the Badminton England Membership Fees of £505.00, plus the £600.00 reduction by the committee in respect of Honorary payments, the LSBA would have been faced with a heavy loss.

It is unlikely that the Budget for 2016/17 can look at what further cost cutting items can still be made despite the fact there will be no direct profit from the School League (U18's) and that most grant funding has been withdrawn. With potentially only one Junior American Tournament then other ways of obtaining income may need to be considered.

The LSBA receives match fees from players for all county & external events with the exception of the ICT. In future we may need to consider what should be an "event fee" rather than a "match fee", that players should pay to take part in the ICT, match fees for friendlies (only at home?). Also may need to consider increasing the match fees for certain tournaments / events from £5.00 to say £6.00 and also ensure then total match fees collected for each match reflects the minimum players required for a team. In this case if the total match fee required for a team of 8 players is £48.00 and more than 8 players made up the team then the team manger could split the amount certain players paid as long as the total £48.00 is collected. Suggest that the new committee elected at the AGM make a decision(s) during the season.

The LSBA has already started discussions with the PC to seek the same framework agreement as season 2015/16. This would be from September 2016 a total of 10 monthly payments of £250.00 as a donation to give a total of £2,500.00. The PC to also cover the cost of all the players (whatever the total number) of the Badminton England Junior Membership Fees at £5.00 per member. Last year was £5.00 per member for only 101 members resulting in £505.00.

Yonex AS30 shuttlecock cost has increased from £18.00 to now £18.95 per dozen, and Badminton England Junior Affiliation Membership Fees for 2016/17 is to remain at £5.00.

The LSBA need to be in a situation that we can continue to provide the funding and opportunity for players to take part in as many matches, tournaments & events as possible in respect of county and non- county games.

Also as Leicester City Council seem no longer able to fund the coaching that Greg Howes does in the city schools and even though Badminton England are to run a junior coaching programme in the future it is not clear if any funding will be included with this initiative. Carole Spencer & Greg Howes have various avenues that they can approach to see if funding is available but if not then the LSBA committee agreed in January 2016 that it was important that coaching continue so would look on the request of £500.00 favourably. The PC could also be contacted for a similar amount.

Finally, thank you to all committee members for their help & support for this second year in the role as treasurer, with special thanks to Cathy Buckler as we always seem to be on the same page when trying to get things done! Also many thanks to Bob Drake for auditing the LSBA accounts.

(Balance sheet etc. as per attached sheets)

Match Secretary's Report (given by Laura in Alan's absence)

For the 2015/2016 season teams were entered in each of the U13, U15 and U17 age groups to the Shires League.

Each team had six fixtures:

The U13's came 10th - Winning 4 matches, Drawing 1 and Losing 1, they went to the play-offs where they played Surrey and lost 11-9 so ended up 10th overall.

The U15's came 7th – Winning 5 matches, Drawing 0 and Losing 1 to Bucks 11 – 9 so went to the play-offs where they played Yorks. 1 at home and Won 15 – 5. At the Finals they played Essex first losing 11 – 9, then Avon was their second game which they Won 16 – 4 then played Bucks in their 3rd game and lost 18 – 2 so ending up in 6th place overall.

The U17's came 4th – Winning 6 matches, Drawing 0 and Losing 0 so went to the Finals where they played Sussex winning 12 – 8, playing Surrey next they lost 13 – 7 and lost to Yorkshire in their 3rd game 16 – 4 therefore ending up 4th overall.

Our Teams in the North Midway League were:

U11/Primary	-	Finishing 4 th
U12	-	Finishing 1 st
U14	-	Finishing 4 th
U16	-	Finishing 1 st team 4 th 2 nd team 6 th

Team Events entered were: U12 York – 3rd
U14 York – 1st

Cerryg Davies – U13 mixed – to be played in June where we are represented by 2 teams.

U12/U11 Friendlies were played against Warwickshire and Derbyshire.

Other Issues being dealt with at the moment:

- i) Changes in Age Groups to align with Badminton Europe – majority in favour.
- ii) Possibly introduce multi event fixtures
- iii) Introduce U12 leagues, Leicestershire to enter a team along with U14, U16 and U18.

Alan will be attending the Shires League AGM on 2nd July 2016.

Manager's Reports:

Below are extracts from Full Reports contained in Carole's Newsletter.

U11's Manager's Report:

The 2015-2016 Badminton season started early for the Primary Midway squad, with two training sessions held on 6th September and 4th October 2015.

The children really enjoyed the sessions which helped the players get to know each other, build team spirit and practice partnerships. The two training sessions included some skills coaching, match practice and doubles tactics which the players all enjoyed and benefitted from. I was told the best part of these sessions was the chocolate challenge!

Having put in the practice it was time to head up to Sheffield for the 1st leg of the Primary Midway ... (6th December 2015). The hard work and team spirit shone through, and we ended up a very respectable 4th place.

Going into the second leg, (28th February 2016), we wanted to try and improve on 4th. However, after another great team performance, we didn't quite manage it. We were narrowly beaten in the last match by Yorkshire 1 (6 – 4), which meant we retained our 4th place overall. Which really was a great result.

Thanks to all the players in the squad. - **Amie Hault**

U12's Manager's Report:

This season has been a great one for many of our U12's team, the continued dedication in entering national tournaments has proved to be a success for many players and between them they have brought home bronze, silver and gold medals.

I really look forward to seeing the success of this years group next season, we have some great characters and all their determination and hard work is paying off. Keep up the great work guys!

Amie Houl

U13's Manager Report:

We started the season off with a bang against Suffolk which we won 15 – 5. The next game was against Yorkshire which was going to be hard as it proved even though some games went close Yorkshire eventually won 7 – 13. The third match against Buckinghamshire another tough one where everyone played really well and earned a draw at 10 – 10.

With three more games to be played it was all in the balance Warwickshire 2 was the next team where we had a fantastic result winning 19 – 1, Nottinghamshire next again the team was on fire winning it 17 – 3, the last of the year was against Hertfordshire 2 with a brilliant result of 20 – 0 to Leicestershire. These results taking us through to the Finals in May. Well done to all the players that have represented Leicestershire it was definitely a great team effort to get to the play offs.

Jon/Mandy Allen

U14's Manager's Report:

A quiet season on the team front this year with only 3 events played.
The 2 Midlands and the York team event.

The players on the other hand have all had a very busy season entering numerous Badminton England Tournaments and have amassed a good number of medals between them.

The players that represented the U14's this year are:
Sameer Chenia, Harry Clare, Joe Goodenough, Rowan Clark, Teiran Mistry, Tom Paterson Watts, Luke Houl, Jess Rodgers, Izzy Pike, Jess Allen, Tamsin Betts, Sophie Watson and Tilly Dale.

The team finished 4th in the Midway events both times, so 4th overall.

A good weekend in York with a lot of tactical methods used when deciding which players would play which game, the tactics played off and resulted in a Gold medal. Lots of happy players and even happier parents.

To finish the season we have a friendly arranged against Lincolnshire.
Looking forward to playing the U16 Shires next season.

Alaina Goodenough

U15's Manager's Report:

The U15 team have had a great season this year, winning all but one of their Shires League matches. The only one they lost in the round robin was the match against Buckinghamshire with a score of 9 – 11 ...so close! This meant the team found themselves in 7th position, putting them in the playoffs against Yorkshire 1. Undaunted, the team played really well, winning the match 15 – 5, securing themselves a place in the Shires League finals to be played on Sunday 8th May, where the team ended up being 6th.

Laura Cowperthwaite

U16's Manager's Report:

Despite it being half term and Valentine's Day we were still able to field two teams who travelled to Sheffield to compete in the 2nd leg of the North Midway League.

After the first round games both teams found themselves in 3rd position in their groups placing them in the bottom group.

Throughout the day both teams had some great close games.

The final result over the two legs:

Leicestershire 1 - 4th
Leicestershire 2 - 7th

Laura Cowperthwaite

U17's Manager's Report:

The under 17yrs team had a successful season in the Shires League winning all 6 games they played this was enough to put them through to the Finals where they were successful against Sussex 12 – 8 and then lost to Surry 13 – 7 and Yorkshire 16 – 4 therefore ending their competition in 4th place.

Chris Hall

U17's Inter County Championships 2016

Day 1 - Leicestershire's first match was against Essex who they beat 8 – 2, the second game against Cumbria also proved no issue with them taking the match 10 – 0, the third match of the day was crucial to avoid Buckinghamshire and which the team gained victory 7 – 3.

Day 2 - The team was drawn against Staffordshire who they subdued with a 6 – 4 victory, the next against Cheshire winning 7 – 3 the last was going to be the biggest test of all against Surrey who were seeded to finish in the Top 4 and so it proved even though there were some upsets Surrey prevailed 6 – 4.

Day 3 & 4 – Leicestershire would be playing for places 5 – 8. Against Hertfordshire Leicestershire were too strong and won 7 – 3, Kent would be next and they managed to win again by 7 – 3. The last match of the ICT was against the surprised package of the tournament Devon, the winner would take 5th place and even though it was a tight match Leicestershire produced a nervy 6 – 4 victory.

A massive congratulations to the players who Finish in 5th place only losing one match in 4 days. Thanks go to the players and supporters who made it as usual a very special event to take part in.

Chris Hall

Development Officer's Report:

This year has been a busy one for development within the City and County please refer to the attached Newsletter for detailed information supplied by Greg.

Publicity Report:

We are glad to announce that we have a Publicity Officer who joined us at the tail end of this season but has already done magnificent work with putting results onto the website for the various teams. Her name is Jo Pike as she was unable to attend tonight Cathy read out various comments from her as below:

The best way to contact Jo is by her email address which is: j.c.pike@btinternet.com she is very happy for anyone to drop her a message about any suggestions or requests to do with publicity.

“At the moment I am only really updating reports on to the LSBA website but would be happy to explore any other work the committee may want me to do.

I have noticed for example that the Team Leicestershire pages haven't been updated all year. Is there any benefit in a regular newsletter through the year to complement Carole's epic effort at the end of

the season? It could be used to connect with more schools/clubs in order to encourage more kids into competition.

I think the only other thing I would like to pass on since I started taking on this work is that I still think there is more we could do to broaden the range of the reports which tend to focus on the achievements of a small percentage of children playing in the county. I am conscious there are many other things going on - non-county tournaments, players who are progressing but without maybe winning etc. - and I would really like to include all junior badminton in Leicestershire. The problem is I'm not getting to hear about all of it so is there room for a discussion about how we can expand on this for the coming year. I am happy to put reports together so it needn't be more than emailing me a brief outline and I can do the rest."

The Committee thanked Jo for these comments and will follow them up with her at the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked Carole at this point for putting together her Newsletter which he acknowledged takes up a lot of time and thanked her for the copies she had provided. In reply Carole said that without the information provided by various people she would not be able to produce it and thanked everyone who had helped her to complete it again.

She asked that as we have a Publicity Officer now maybe any Managers who didn't want to put reports onto the website could send them directly to Jo and she would be happy to put them on for us, not only match reports but also any other items of interest.

Election of Officers

Previous officers standing apart from:

Resignations:	Carole Spencer	-	Welfare Officer
	Jenny Gallagher	-	U11 Manager
	Jon/Mandy Allen	-	U13 Managers
	Allen Twells	-	U17 Assistant Manager

No other nominations so the following will be elected unopposed. Proposer Dave Watts, Seconded by Chris Hall.

Chairman	-	Dave Armstrong
Honorary Vice Chairman	-	Colin Kent
Secretary	-	Cathy Buckler
Treasurer	-	Ray Phipkin
Tournament Secretary	-	Vanessa Stanton
Match Secretary	-	Alan Cowperthwaite
Development Officer	-	Greg Howes
Welfare Officer	-	Laura Cowperthwaite
Publicity Officer	-	Jo Pike

2016-2017 Season

Managers

U11/U12 Manager	-	Karen Stevenson/Adam Sewell
U13/U14 Manager	-	Amie Hout
U15/U16 Manager	-	Alaina Goodenough
U17/U18 Manager	-	Chris Hall/Laura Cowperthwaite
County Captain	-	Chris Hall
BE Events Organsier	-	Dave Watts
Parent Representative	-	Jenny Gallacher
Catering Manager	-	position vacant
Schools representative	-	position vacant
Junior Club representative	-	Carole Spencer
Website Manager	-	Mark Thornley

The committee are reviewing the above positions during the year to see if they still apply in the same way as in the past.

Any Other Business

Cathy: Reported that Carole had received a notification from Ray Allsop at Babington Community College regarding the door to the sports facilities. He said that someone keeps using the twist-lock on the main entrance door to keep the door from closing, and secure on the maglock, not only is this a major security risk, the main entrance door is getting damaged. Could I ask you communicate this to all groups, that this is not acceptable please, and their front of house should be managing access arrangements, and also be the last one off site when the group leaves, to ensure all users are accounted for.

I don't really want to go down this route, but given the security risk, especially as we have young children using the halls, but also the cost to replace this door is in the thousands, if this continues, anyone found using the twist-lock this way will be asked to leave the site and not return.

This is a serious matter and all were asked to pass this information on to anyone who they see and let them know how it is impacting on the use of the facilities.

Cathy: Also mentioned that the committee is looking for guidance on the decision to move the County Championships to the start of the season to fall into line with the sacrosanct weekend that Badminton England have in their junior tournament calendar.

Carole said that the LBA hall was already booked for Badminton England to run some Coaching Courses on two weekends early in October and that was one of the week-ends that we wanted to use. Discussion took place and everyone agreed that it would be a good idea to run the tournaments at that time so Carole said that would identify which dates were available at the start of the season.

Graham said that he was thinking of coming back from the holidays around 17th September so there might be an opportunity to use a Saturday to help with running the tournaments early in the season.

Graham: asked if it could be mentioned again to Ray about the light switch for the light inside the hall being too high for him to reach as he is in a wheelchair and also if there was any progress with the access for wheelchair users at the front door regarding the ramp.

The Meeting Closed 8.50pm