

HERTFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY 16th August 2012 8.00 p.m. at Wellfield Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre, Hatfield.

Attendance: Christine Adey, N. Bambrick, Gill Bartlett, Dave Bartlett, Marion Conway, Malcolm Fraser, Andy Gall, Graham Hall, Kevin Maughan, R. McArdle, Sue Meehan, Mike Newlove, Hitesh Shah, John Stobo, Agusta Wickenden, Alison and Paul Widdicombe, Mary Wikner, Ken Winchester

Observers: Matthew Warren and Lee Bent.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and wished to advise the meeting that Joan Walters was recovering in hospital from a major operation and he wished her well on HSBA's behalf.

1. Apologies for absence — Graham and Sue Clarke, Duncan Conway, Geoff Daniels, Sangeeta Dhall, Simon English, Ann Fox, Caroline Jennings, Ash Kejriwal, Julie Kimber, Ladbroke School, Barbara Lewczynska, Little Heath School, Megan Lumb, Kim Maughan, Shelley Miller, Oakmere School, Pat Walker,

2. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting 15.6.2011 were read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising - none

4. Hertfordshire Young Coach of the Year 2011-12 and Hertfordshire Young Volunteer of the year 2011 -12 Not awarded this year.

5. Committee Reports for Season 2011-12 Full reports were read at the meeting and are attached to the file copy of Minutes. They are summarised as follows:-

The Chairman Ken Winchester stated that it had been a very difficult year and he thanked all the committee and many others who give their time so generously; in particular the squad managers. He made special mention of Angela Blowers, Pat Walker, Phil Westwood, and Mary Wikner who were all stepping down after many years of loyal service to HSBA; their achievements and commitments have been invaluable.

Welfare Officer — Barbara Lewczynska (read in absentia) — CRB checks are now being carried out online.

U.11 and Development Squad — Sangeeta Dhall (read in absentia) - The squad players have made this a pleasing season but difficulties over courts and management have proved hard to cope with. Fitness routines for players had proved very successful.

U.13 Squad Graham Hall — expressed thanks to Jo Goode and Mike Newlove. Very successful trials with 50 applicants for 30 places. 10th position achieved in both Shires League and Team Challenge.

U.15 Squad Hitesh Shah thanked all those who had helped during the year — John Stobo and Ken W. and Parents reps Richard Vernon and Sue Meehan. Good year with some top U.13 players training with U15's and top U15's training with U17's by invitation. 15th Shires and 8th Team challenge. A number of friendly matches had been played and greatly enjoyed. Duncan Williams achieved Most Improved Player award.

U.17 Squad Pat Walker (read in absentia) thanked Chris Dakin and David Westwood for all their past help with coaching. Conor Bambrick awarded HBA Player of the Season. Outstanding performances led to 5th Shires League, 4th Rio and 6th position at ICT. Ken W. thanked and congratulated Pat and others for helping the team to achieve such highly creditable results.

HSBA Open and Closed Tournaments — Ken W. recorded his indebtedness to Angela Blowers, Graham Hall, Barbara Lewczynska and Mike Newlove for organising these and to others who helped at the events. **Clubs and Schools League** — this did not run this year and a volunteer is urgently needed to take over the organisation of this league.

Hertfordshire Badminton Association (HBA) and Badminton Development Officer (BDO)

Dave Bartlett took the meeting through the Minutes of this year's HBA AGM highlighting the main details.

Lee Bent was welcomed and his work praised, particularly in getting BE CRB checks accepted by HCC for coaches to go into schools.

Ken Winchester thanked Dave Bartlett and Malcolm Fraser for their support of HSBA throughout the year.

6. Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Accounts

The report by the Treasurer, Ash Kejriwal, was read in absentia and end of year accounts were circulated. The accounts showed an excess of £1330 of income over expenditure. He was thanked by Ken Winchester for his meticulous running of the accounts. Doug Stokoe was thanked for his work as (unpaid) auditor. Suggestion from Sangeeta Dhall (in her U11 report) that managers' mileage be paid at HCC local government car user allowance levels — to be discussed by committee. The accounts were then formally adopted — proposed by Marion Conway, seconded by Hitesh Shah.

7. Election of Officers 2012-13

The officers were elected as follows:-

Chairman - Ken Winchester	Proposed Mary Wikner	Seconded Hitesh Shah
Treasurer — Ash Kejriwal	Proposed Hitesh Shah	Seconded Ken Winchester
Secretary - Kevin Maughan	Proposed Mary Wikner	Seconded Ash Kejriwal
Welfare Officer — Barbara Lewczynska	Proposed Marion Conway	Seconded Oakmere School

8. Election of Committee 2012-13

Committee member - Representative of HBA — selected by HBA (to be Dave Bartlett)		
Committee member - Malcolm Fraser	Proposer Ken Winchester	Seconded Ash Kejriwal
Committee member - Mike Newlove	Proposer Ash Kejriwal	Seconded Mary Wikner

There being no other nominations the committee was elected unanimously, proposed by Marion Conway, seconded by Mary Wikner.

9. Any Other Business

- Paul Widdicombe questioned the status of U17's. Ken W assured the meeting the matter of Squad manager was in hand and would be resolved by the committee asap.
- Paul Widdicombe asked for update on the working party recommendations. Malcolm Fraser said that a report had been passed to Ken W. that day and it would be discussed in committee. He declined to give any details at this stage.
- Hitesh Shah wished to express everyone's gratitude to those leaving the committee and a round of applause ensued.
- Graham Hall asked how the vacant positions on the committee and other voluntary posts will be filled. Volunteers will be sought. The vacancies will be advertised on the website and also in the next Newsletter.

The meeting closed at 9.12 p.m.

N.B Volunteers required as follows:

Squad managers/Coaches/Assistant Squad managers

These require the appropriate level of coaching accreditation in order to run the county squads.

Fixtures Secretary

Arranges all fixtures for Herts squads, for national competitions (e.g. Shires League) and also friendly matches.

U17 Open Tournament Secretary

Responsible for all administration prior to the event and at the tournament and afterwards.

Schools/Clubs League organiser

Responsible for organising leagues for all age groups.

Fund Raiser

Required by HBA and HSBA jointly to raise funds by seeking out grants, sponsorship etc.

Website Manager

Expert needed to keep website up to date and attractive.