

Southampton & District Badminton Association

Annual General Meeting

Rose Gardens Hall, Abbots Way, Portswood

14th September 2006

MINUTES

The Hon. President, Cliff Simpkins, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at approximately 7.45 pm. Cliff commented on the small numbers present and referred to the measures in the upcoming EGM, which he hoped would mean that in future years the numbers would grow again.

Apologies were heard from Helen Davies and Mark Peckham

EGM Matters

Di Troke addressed the meeting on the subject of the new rally point system and whether or not Southampton should adopt it for the forthcoming season. She said that the IBA had passed the new scoring system in May and that it was (worldwide) generally expected to stay. She said that initially when it was used in international events, there had been some opposition, but that opposition had now faded and the scoring system was well integrated into international badminton.

Hampshire Badminton Association have decided to follow Badminton England and adopt the new scoring system, so it would be used for all county matches, vets and juniors matches and any Hampshire tournaments. She recommended that the system be adopted by SDBA this year otherwise if it was deferred until the following season, we would be left behind.

Geoff Eales said that Winchester and District Badminton Association would also be voting on whether to bring the system in this season or not at the AGM which is on 15th September.

There was discussion from the members as to the pros and cons of the new system with many saying they had not played during the summer and had no chance to try out the system. The discussion for and against was fairly evenly split.

The President asked for a vote on the matter. The vote was carried by 8 to 7 in favour of the new scoring system which is to start with immediate effect in season 2006/07.

On the subject of a new points system for matches, Geoff Eales outlined the committee's proposals for awarding one point for each game won, resulting in a maximum of 8 points per match. This was to make each rubber important and every point worth playing for.

The President asked for a vote on the matter and it was carried unanimously with immediate effect.

Geoff also outlined the proposal for player transfers whereby any registered player of a club could request to be transferred to another club within SDBA providing they had not played more than 2 matches for the original club.

Discussion from the members centred on abuse of the system, but it was finally amended to have a time limit of 31st December in any one year, together with the 2 match maximum and the President took a vote. It was unanimously carried with immediate effect.

A New Fours league was proposed by Bob Collier whereby teams of two men and two ladies would play a total of 9 games made up by 2 mixed and 1 levels. This could be brought in with effect from January 2007, for clubs where numbers are limited or where extra teams are desirable at larger clubs.

This proposal was unanimously accepted and it was decided to send clubs the finalised match rules and entry forms towards the end of this year.

Yvette Hillman read a copy of an e-mail received on behalf of Caer Gwent Badminton Club which requested that an earlier proposal by SDBA to reduce teams to 6 players from 8 be revived with the possible introduction at the start of the 2007-8 season.

Discussion was divided so it was decided to send out voting forms in the new year.

This concluded the EGM

AGM Matters

Minutes of 2004 AGM, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Matters Arising from Minutes

It was asked if the minutes could be made available prior to the AGM in future, Yvette Hillman said that they had been originally circulated at the end of June, but it was decided that the Minutes should be included on the Web Site at the earliest opportunity in future.

Hon. Treasurer's Report, Brenda issued the audited balance sheet to all clubs and said that this, rather unusually, there had not been as many expenses, which was a positive step towards restoring the monies to a more usual level, following two or three quite expensive years.

The report was unanimously agreed.

Match Secretary's Report & Tournaments

Bob Collier said that last season went very well, with very few problems emerging, with the exception of a few unplayed matches. He said that the Cross League Handicap had been very successful but was disappointed to report that the League Championship tournament had not been played due to lack of support. He asked whether it would be better to try to play this tournament earlier in the season rather than in May or June as had been done previously. Despite many of the winning teams maybe not being comprised of the same members in the following season, it was agreed to try to arrange the next Champions

League Tournament in September or October of the following season, ie early in the 2007-8 season.

On the matter of handicapped tournaments Terry Snow of BTC asked how the handicap would be worked out on the newly adopted rally point system. Di Troke said that this was currently being worked on and further information on it would be available shortly.

Geoff Eales said that in future the web page would be updated more often and accordingly it was essential to get the match sheets to Bob Collier within a short time. It was agreed that match sheets could be sent to Bob by e-mail but that the hard copy should be sent in the post at a later date.

Presentation of Trophies

The Hon. President presented the following awards:

Premier Division	St Denys	Division 1	Matchpoint
Division 2A	Falcon A	Division 2B	Caer Gwent
Division 3A	Falcon B		
Cross League H'cap	St Denys		

Election of President, Cliff Simpkins confirmed he was prepared to stand for re-election and was subsequently nominated, seconded and unanimously approved.

Election of Officers

Chairman, Geoff Eales, Match Secretary, Bob Collier and Treasurer Brenda Thorne were all prepared to stand again and each was duly elected by unanimous vote. Secretary, Yvette Hillman was not prepared to stand. A nomination from Hayley Tucknott was received and Hayley was duly seconded and elected on unanimous vote.

Committee Members, Di Troke, Doris Phillips and Yvette Hillman were all prepared to continue and were duly elected together with a nomination from Chris Pitt who was subsequently seconded and elected to the committee by unanimous vote.

Election of Hon Auditor Brenda reported that Michael Marshall had audited this season's accounts and was prepared to continue. This was approved by the meeting.

Any Other Business

Di Troke said that it was disappointing that Helen Davies had not been able to attend today's meeting but that if anyone had any problems whatsoever relating to their club, their hall or membership, they should contact Helen who would be pleased to help in all matters.

The President quickly went through all matters which had been discussed at the earlier EGM and each item was agreed in accordance with the earlier vote.

Cliff closed the meeting at 9.20 pm