

Chester and District Badminton League Minutes AGM

Wednesday 18nd May 2022 7pm

County Offices Café Bar

1. Present

Alan Matthais Rossett, Jo Sanderson Rossett, Avril Swane Halton, Steve Brown West Cheshire, Lyn Brown West Cheshire, Jan Bridge CCO, Jackie Perry Norley, Ann Hipkiss Connahs Quay, Dave Roberts Hawaden, Mark Prior Tarporley, Judi Jennings Tarporley, Steve Hughes CCO, Stuart Mears EROS, Geoff Pickard Cap Vaux, Derek Neary Halton, Jackie Parry Ellesmere Port, Julie Parkes Ellesmere Port, Emma Hilton Christleton, Geoff Cookson Christleton, Sara Lawrence Christleton, Steve Lacey Delamere.

2. Apologies

Steve Eltham Buckley, Andy Gibbon Stella Maris, Howard Maylon Tarporley.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting **Agreed**

4. Reports

A. Treasurer **Attached** League registration fees waived for the next season. County and BE fees remain in force.

B. County matters **Brief summary given by Derek Neary.**

AGM 8th June, County fees to be held at current rate for next season.

C. Tournaments and Inter League update **Nothing to report this season.**

D. Website **Jan Bridge brought us up to date on the logging in issues. Please continue to log in there are no security issues with the site.**

Thank you to all those who inputted the scores through the season.

4. Proposed rule changes

Mixed Leagues

1. Continue, with 4 men + 4 ladies, best of 3 sets. This format is most cost effective and familiar to all Chester League members. Played on 2 courts in 2 hours. Revert to pre covid team makeup and participation rules. **Agree**
2. Christleton Development squad can include 1 man and lady from higher team . **Agreed**

Men's League

1. Formalise the Men's League, ranking and allowing players to take part in both mixed and men's leagues. **Agreed**

2. 1 & 2 play 1 & 2 New format for the Mens event

1 & 3 play 1 & 3

1 & 4 play 2 & 3

2 & 3 play 1 & 4

2 & 4 play 2 & 4

3 & 4 play 3 & 4

The middle 2 sets have the opponents swapped round. The combined 'rank sum' remains the same at 5 (1+4 or 2+3) but it means that everyone gets a set where they are not playing against the same player in every game. **Agreed**

An informal Womens League to be set up, The rules of the league will match the Mens League structure. **Agreed**

5 League Organisation

It was agreed that the rule changes required by the above will be changed and published on the website.

5. League Officials and committee members. Changes listed below

Chairperson Louise Nesbitt

Vice Chairman Howard Malyon

Secretary Mark Perry

Match Secretary Lyn Brown

Treasurer Colin Fowler

Tournament Sec **Vacant Volunteer required.**

Development Officer Emma Hilton

County Rep **Derek Neary Volunteered**

Team Mangers for Inter league tournaments Emma Hilton, Geoff Cookson

Tournament committee Louise Nesbitt Lyn Brown Brian Johnson Mark Perry

Disputes committee Chair/Vice Chair Lyn Brown Richard Elston

Website Committee Jan Bridge Mike Allen Dave Sissons

Anyone wanting to take an active role in the league are encouraged to put their name forward. The League only continues because people are willing to donate their time and energy. Without them the league will fold.

6. Club applications and resignations.

Mold has withdrawn from all leagues

7. AOB

Fixture Meeting Tue 6th Sept 7pm. This is a three line whip for all clubs.

23rd August, deadline for team application for all three formats, Mixed, Mens and informal Ladies.

Pathway for Juniors discussed. Clubs have set up Junior divisions (Information available on the website) and there is support available from BE. There is support for coaching courses from the County and BE.

The committee and attendees at the AGM would like to put on record their recognition that Andy Hill played such a pivotal role in the Ellesmere Port Club, the Chester League, where he was an active committee member and the County, where he represented the interests of the Chester League. He was an enthusiastic player and his sense of humour likened him to all those who met him. Andy you will be missed.