

Minutes of Meeting held on 26th Feb 2025

Balcony Bar Cheshire Sports Club

1. Apologies

Lyn and Steve Brown, West Cheshire
Jan Bridge , CCO
Sairam Panduranga, Westminster Park
Andy Gibbons, Stella Maris
Tom Longdin, Millbrook
Emma Hilton, Christleton
Judith Hughes, Christleton
Heather Astley, Eros

2. Present

Louise Nesbitt, Chair
Mark Perry, Secretary
Colin Fowler, Finance
Alan Matthias, Rossett
Jo Sanderson, Rossett
Ann Hipkiss, Connahs Quay
Alex Mutch, Buckley
Mark Prior, Tarporley
Mary Taverner, Frodsham
Barry Jones, Cap Vaux
Sheilah Henry, Cap Vaux
Jay Tumati, Tigers
Subash Vaddella, Tigers
Mike Denham, CCO
Avril Sloan, Halton
Derek Neary, Halton
Sara Lawrence, Christleton

3. Financial report

Colin distributed summary finance sheet, available on request.

Consideration should be given to reinstating the annual payment to the league in some form. The balance sheet is healthy however the Presentation night was heavily subsidised.

4. League feedback

No major issues to report at this stage of the season. Thank you to everyone for sending in the score sheets and submitting scores onto the website quickly!

Registrations: Jan and I have been going through league registrations and BE affiliations... and cross-referencing to ensure that the players you all have listed to play in league matches i.e. on the Chester registration form (including reserves) have an active BE affiliation. Any new players joining throughout the year also need to be affiliated, although their affiliation will only run until 31st October. Clubs also need to ensure they have the additional BE CLUB membership (cost is dependent upon the number of members in the club).

We don't have the same access to Badminton Wales affiliations and are reliant on clubs to download this themselves and send it in. Can we ask the Welsh affiliated clubs (Buckley, Connahs Quay, Eros, Rossett, Stella Maris) if they can do this for us please and send it to lynbrown68@gmail.com

A reminder that players need to (a) have an active affiliation with BE or BW to play in the league and (b) also need to be registered with the Chester league (via the Registration Form or via email to Lyn if part-way through the season). No players should be playing in matches if not properly registered. If an unregistered player plays in a match then those events will be classed as friendlies and the scores will not count.

Reserves: Please can Captains keep a track of how many consecutive matches players have missed.... write at the bottom who is missing and how many games if consecutive ... and who is playing as a reserve. This is more important in clubs with multiple teams who are having to play players "up" into higher teams. If you have players registered in your top team(s) who are long-term injured or likely to miss 4 or more matches... you need to drop them out and replace them... and everyone move up accordingly.... You shouldn't keep players in as placeholders who are not going to play...

Score sheets: If the away team is playing reserves (as above) can they either write the information on the bottom of the home team's score sheet or send their own score sheet containing reserve information.

Rearrangements: Reminder that clubs shouldn't be seeking a rearrangement for any other reason than lack of hall or inclement weather. All clubs can struggle with injuries, illness, work commitments, holidays etc.... some teams have conceded matches and some have played without a full team... its unfortunately not a reason to request a rearrangement.

5. Cheshire County Feedback

Derek gave feedback on the Cheshire Silver and Bronze tournaments held recently. Next year Cheshire will run an U17 Gold Tournament 4/5th Oct.

Baxter trophy booked for 27th April at C of E college Ellesmere Port. Stockport will also enter teams.

Feedback also given on The Chesire senior and Masters teams. Full details on the Cheshire County website.

Cheshire AGM date to be confirmed.

6. Junior Badminton feedback

So far we have had 5 playing weeks with Juniors from the following clubs

Christleton

West Cheshire PC

Eros

Wirral social

Frodsham

The league competition is now complete and winners as follows

Div 1 Christleton A

Div 2 WCPC B

Div 3 WCPC C

Div 4 Eros D

We are holding a cup comp for the final fixture on the 29th March.

Overall the league has been a success and pretty much self funding (we have received £250 from CCBA to cover some initial start up costs)

I have also had discussions with CCBA along with Gavin and Crewe and district junior league and it was decided we will run another competition during May to June to play a county finals where east and west Cheshire junior league division winners play against each other (1 home and 1 away fixture)

Costs to be subsidised by CCBA.

What's next....

I would like to involve more clubs / teams at present the competition is heavily represented by Eros and Christleton and it would be great to try and get different clubs involved.

I plan to contact schools and clubs in Warrington to try and get a wider variety of participants.

On a separate note it would be good to understand if any other clubs within the league are willing to take junior players into their clubs not necessarily to be coached but somewhere for them to play and participate more regularly. Cheshire county coaches are keen to see players playing more and would like somewhere to signpost players.

If any clubs are happy to take junior players then please let me know and I can pass on the relevant contacts to get things started.

7. Club Feedback

No issues were raised.

8. AGM Proposals

AGM dated confirmed for Wed 4th June 2025, 7pm, Chester Sports Club, Balcony Bar.

Proposals for rule changes to be submitted to Mark by 21st May.

9. Cheshire Baxter Competition confirmed for Sunday 27th April.

10. Presentation Night.

Due to the general lack of enthusiasm for this event, there is no plan to hold one this season. Presentations of Cups will take place at the AGM.