

Minutes of AGM

4th June 2025

Balcony Bar, Cheshire Sports Club

1. Apologies

Tim Mee, Delamere

2. Present

Halton, Avril Sloan and Derek Neary

Christleton, Emma Hilton and Louise Nesbitt

Eros, Jamie Noble, Maggy Vacher, Owain Astley, Heather Astley

Frodsham, Greg Dunsheath, Mark Perry

Cap Vaux, Sheila Henry, Barry Jones

Rossett, Alan Matthias, Greg Neary, Lauren Miles, Chris Bowyer, Sue Lord and Colin Fowler

Buckley, Steve Eltham

Connahs Quay, Ann Hipkiss

Tarporley, Mark Prior

West Cheshire, Steve Brown. Lyn Brown

Millbrook, Tom Longdin

Tigers, Jay Tumati and Vinay Gullaya

CCO, Mike Denham, Jan Bridge

Milbrook, Tom Longdin

3. Minutes of meeting held on 26th Feb 2025 agreed
4. The presentation of last seasons league winners was completed by Louise. Full details of winners on the website.

5. Award of Colin Copping Trophy. Lyn Brown. For her outstanding work as Match secretary over many years.

6. Reports

A. Treasurer,

We were brought up to date with the leagues finances and after a small deficit last year, mainly brought about by the short notice arrangement of the Presentation evening. It was agreed that this season a £10 per team fee would be introduced.

B. County Matters,

Playing Matters: The County runs 3 teams in the National Senior County Championships.

1st team play in the Championship (1 down from the Prem). Finished 6/10

2nd team play in Div3 North. Finished 1st so promoted.

3rd Team also play Div3 North and finished 6/8 so just avoided relegation.

The County also run 6 teams at Masters level:

Age	Position	Region Winners	National Winners
O70	4/7	Yorks	Yorks
O65	4/4	Lancs	Lancs
O60	4/4	Yorks	Yorks
O55	2/4	Lancs	Hampshire
O45	2/3	O45	Yorks
O40	1/4	Cheshire	Hertfordshire

The County also successfully ran 3 tournaments for Senior players. The restricted ran in early October, where entries were up on last year. They also ran a Silver and a Bronze open tournament. The Bronze was very popular and made a big financial contribution but was hoodwinked by some overseas players who defeated the ranking system. Even the Silver had 102 players partake. Between them the tournaments made £2388.

Baxter Trophy was played at C of E Academy in April. We welcomed back the Stockport League into the competition which made it better. It was a 3-way tie between us, Crewe and Stockport with Stockport winning on sets. We couldn't find a suitable date for the Len Knight but it is our intention to play it next season.

Financial Matters: The County will be reporting an annual loss £345. Before worrying too much, the bank balance still sits at just over £30k. The reasons for the loss are mostly that affiliation fees were down on last year and that £1085 was spent on development (£800 on coach

qualification (9 level 1 and 1 level 2) plus £250 to our own junior league). The treasurer confirms that any financial help that anyone needs with badminton development will be considered. Good luck with that! The proposal for County fees is that they stay the same (at £4.25) for next season. (in contrast to BE fees £17 to £17.50 (club), £33 to £34 (Compete) and £93.50 to £95 (coach)) The full accounts will be published in the Cheshire Chat available on the website once all of the officers have submitted their reports.

Finally: As a matter of interest, I keep hearing how participation has declined since the Covid years, and I wondered how big the county is. The reply I received was we have 1150 Senior affiliated members and 250 juniors.

County AGM 15th July Willaston Community Centre 7pm start.

- C. Junior feedback, Update on Junior progress given by Emma. Details of clubs participating can be found on the website. Emma can be contactable with further information.

7. Rule Changes

Rule changes were discussed and agreed as indicated in the rule book posted on the League site.

8. League Officials

Chair, Louise Nesbitt has indicated that this will be her final year as Chair.

Vice Chair, A volunteer is required.

A general job description to be posted on the website for these positions. We do need new people to step up and support/lead the Leagues future direction.

9. AOB

Fixture meeting Mon 21st July 2025, 7pm , Balcony Bar, Cheshire sports club

- All clubs to confirm teams entering leagues next season by Fri 4th July 2025 to Lyn Brown.
- All clubs to identify and train a Welfare Officer as directed by BE/BW. Details can be found on their websites.

Details of Summer clubs posted on the League Website. Jan Bridge co ordinating.