

# **Chester Badminton League meeting**

**Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026**

## 1. Apologies

Heather Astley,EROS

Emma Hilton , Junior Rep

Jay Tumati, Chester Wings

Tom Longdin, Millbrook

Barry Jones, Cap Vaux

Sheila Henry, Cap Vaux

Andy Gibbons, Stella Maris

Lyn Nicholson, Frodsham

Alex Mutch, Buckley

## 2. Present

Louise Nesbitt, Chair

Lyn Brown, West Cheshire

Colin Fowler, Rossett

Jan Bridge, CCO

Derek Neary, Halton

Sheila Palmer, Eros

Ann Hipkiss, Connahs Quay

Alan Matthias, Rossett

Jo Sanderson, Rossett

James Crimes, DLCO

Rohith Rav, Westminster Park

Steve Brown, West Cheshire

Mark Prior, Tarporley

Vyshak, Westminster Park

Mark Perry, Secretary

3. League Feedback from Lyn Brown.

No major issues so far, Possible issue with court time availability and running out of time on the night. Does this need discussing further? Matches conceded, please follow rule book.

4. Financial update from Colin Fowler.

The league is still very viable and a full account to be presented at the AGM.

5. Cheshire County feedback from Derek Neary

Feedback report emailed previously and also attached.

Derek highlighted the sad loss of Roger Ewing earlier this year, a man who had greatly contributed to the Cheshire county over many years.

Baxter Trophy to be played this year, Tom Longdin to be approached to organise the team as per last year.

6. Club feedback.

Little being reported.

7. Junior feedback emailed by Emma Hilton and attached below.

Junior Badminton Feedback – 24/02/26

Generally, I would say we have seen growth in junior badminton over the course of the season so far, with both Christleton and Eros having thriving junior clubs.

Both clubs are actively utilising junior members within their senior teams, and this is encouraging to see.

I have scheduled 6 junior league fixtures this season. So far, we have only had 2 due to venue availability.

Getting teams for the upcoming fixture this weekend has been an issue, and this is due to the temporary closure of David Lloyd and county junior training being moved to a different venue outside of the area on Saturdays which has resulted in a clash for a few of the kids.

We have space for 16 teams to compete across 4 divisions and this weekend I will only have 12 teams competing. I have committed to the courts so unable to alter for this fixture but will look to resolve for the next fixture at the end of March.

We have lost Wiral social (2 teams) due to some of the players being too old and the others unable to travel, however these have been replaced by 2 teams from Millbrook juniors which has recently restarted.

If any clubs have any junior players that would like to take part in future matches, then we can put together a Chester junior team that can take individual players to make up a mixed club team. If any clubs are interested in this then please get in touch with me.

Looking at the financial side of the junior league, even with lower participation this weekend we have a small surplus of approximately £50. If for whatever reason, we have a complete disaster over the remaining weeks then we have the option to approach CCBA to support with any shortfall.

## 8. Proposals for the AGM.

Lyn Brown said that a few venues are being more strict with matches running over and matches have had to stop as the staff literally are taking the nets down as people are playing. There is a rule that says unfinished matches that start at the correct time can be finished at a later date by mutual consent but this does not cover availability of players who were in the original match. The league will look to introduce more clear guidance for next season via rule amendments. There was also some discussion (raised by Eros) about rotation of players within a team, when more than 8 are registered, to comply with the rule of number of matches missed. This will probably be discussed more at the AGM as it is

important players registered actually play so it is not seen as a tactic to strengthen a lower team.

Any other proposals to be forward to me no later than a fortnight before the AGM.

#### 9. Chairperson vacancy.

Louise is stepping down although she wants to participate in other league areas. we need a volunteer to fill this vacancy for next season. It would be advantageous to have a deputy Chair as well, someone to support the Chair and join the committee. If there is no volunteers there may be an issue running the league next season. The role could be filled annually or not depending on what suits clubs.

#### 10. Dates for the diary.

Presentation night, 5<sup>th</sup> June. At the Corner House Chester.

AGM, 17<sup>th</sup> June

Fixture meeting, 14<sup>th</sup> July

#### 11. AOB.

Colin Fowler is looking for good quality raffle prizes for the Presenation evening. Can you tap into your members who may be able to furnish prizes, events, or corporate treats? Please contact him direct with your offers.