

Minutes of the Chester and District Badminton League AGM

Wednesday 17th June 2026 7pm

Cheshire Sports Club, Balcony Bar

1. Apologies for absence

Andy Gibbons, Stella Maris

Jo Sanderson, Rossett

Barry Jones, Cap Vaux

2. Attendees

Julie Jones, DLCO. Alan Matthias, Rossett. Owain Astley, Eros. Heather Astley, Eros. Jane Noble, Eros. Ann Hipkiss, Connahs Quay. Louis Gilliland, Buckley. Oliver Topliss, Buckley. Alex Mutch, Buckley. Sara Lawrence, Christleton. Emma Hilton, Christleton. Sheila Henry, Cap Vaux. Jackie Perry, Frodsham. Greg Dunsheath, Frodsham. Mike Denham, CCO. Yvonne Mitchell, CCO. Anna Khan, CCO. Jay Tumati, Chester Wings. Mark Prior, Tarporley. Lyn Brown, West Cheshire. Jan Bridge, CCO. Helen Roberts, Delamere. Tony Churchill, Delamere. Amie Tsang, CCO. Derek Neary, Halton. Mike Allen, CCO(ish).

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Agreed

4. Reports

A. Treasurer

Full briefing given and discussed, Final results show a surplus from last year, slightly down on the previous year. Detailed breakdown available on request.

Approved

B. County matters

Full and detailed summary given and discussed. Highlights include, Cheshire financial balance at approx £28k, There was a yearly loss of £1700 from fewer competitions in Cheshire. County fees to increase

from £4.25 to £4.50. Cheshire are recommending all clubs to appoint a Welfare Officer. There is funding available to clubs for Club development.

A full County update and Match results available on the County Website.

C. Tournaments update

No Chester Tournament took place last year.

The League came second to Stockport in the Baxter trophy.

D. Match Secretary

Lyn Brown Reported,

There were 17 clubs represented in the Chester & District Senior Badminton League, with 46 teams playing across mixed, mens and ladies divisions (21 mixed, 17 mens and 8 ladies teams). A total of 248 matches were completed in the 25/26 season which is an amazing amount. Thank you to all team captains for entering the scores on the website and sending in score sheets in a timely manner. There were 5 concessions across the season... concessions are not encouraged and every effort should be made to play a fixture, even if teams cannot field a full team. Concessions could inadvertently impact on final table positions and hand teams 12 or 16 points who would not ordinarily have won those points.

The results and final league positions are all on the website. Congratulations to the following winners:

X1 Eros A

X2 Eros B

X3 Eros C

M1 Eros M1

M2 Rossett M1

M3 Westminster Park M1

M4 Eros M3

L1 Eros L1

L2 Christleton L2

Proposals for divisional structures will be drafted ahead of the fixtures meeting scheduled for 14th July and will follow the format as outlined in the league rules at 5.5 i.e. divisions of 6 or more teams will promote and relegate 2 teams... divisions of less than 6 teams will promote and relegate 1 team. However, this will be dependent on any resignations or new applications and the Exec Committee will formulate divisions for consideration and approval at the fixtures meeting.

The season was completed later than normal but in time for the presentation evening.... could clubs be mindful of this when setting dates and try and ensure matches are not arranged too far into April.

Finally, just to report I received a complaint concerning allegations of misconduct and unsportsmanlike behaviour involving two players from opposing teams. Both clubs subsequently agreed to address these issues 'in-house' under their own club's policies and procedures and it did not require the convening of the Disputes Committee. Can I take this opportunity to remind all clubs to encourage their players to play fairly and with respect, honesty and sportsmanship towards their own teammates and opponents.

E. Junior feedback

Emma reported that there were 16 teams in the junior League
Eros won the Inter County Cup held at Christleton.

5. Proposed rule changes

A. Proposed by Emma Hilton

A change to the format of the mens teams in the league

Teams to consist of 6 players rather than 4

Each player playing 3 matches (best of 2 only)

This format will give players the same (minimum) number of games they currently have .

Reason for proposal

Increase the opportunity for men to play men's league whilst also reducing the overall cost per player of the match.

This was discussed and voted on. Not Agreed at this point.

B. Proposed By Andy Gibbons.

Stella Maris to change venues for the coming season. From Christleton to Holywell High School
Same night Thursday, earlier start time of 7:30.

It's 18 miles from Chester Cross, so slightly further than the preferred 15 miles.

**Discussed and the distance from Chester is within that agreed for Cap Vaux.
Agreed**

C. Proposed by Louise Nesbitt

Election of Chairperson

It is proposed that the role of Chairperson be allocated to a club for the period of one year. This allocation would be random and would be a name 'drawn from the hat'. It is also proposed that the role of Vice Chairperson also be 'drawn from a hat'. After the one year the Vice Chair moves to the Chair position and at the AGM the remaining clubs that have not been selected go into a 'hat' to see who becomes the Vice Chair. This continues year on year. If a club leaves the league to avoid their responsibilities but then at a subsequent date asks to be included again they will automatically take on the role that they avoided before leaving. If a club refuses to do the role they will no longer be allowed to play in the league.

The reason for this suggestion is so that people don't feel like they are taking on a responsibility they can't get away from and this way a volunteer from a club would know that they only had two years before it became someone else's job. Also the role could potentially be shared within a club, for instance, by that club's committee.

Prior to the meeting Mike Allen agreed to assume the role of Chairman and Anna Khan the role of Deputy Chairman.

The rule change was discussed and voted upon, if at a future time there were no volunteers for either role the proposal would be adopted. This was Agreed.

6. League Officials and committee members.

Chairperson	Mike Allen
Vice Chairperson	Anna Khan
Secretary	Mark Perry
Match Secretary	Lyn Brown
Treasurer	Colin Fowler
Tournament Sec	Louise Nesbitt
County Rep	Derek Neary
Development Officer	Emma Hilton
Baxter Trophy Team Manager	Tom Longdin
Tournament committee	Louise Nesbitt Lyn Brown Mark Perry
Disputes committee	Mike Allen, Anna Khan, Lyn Brown, Ann Hipkiss
Presentation Night Organiser	Louise Nesbitt
Website Manager	Jan Bridge

7. Club applications and resignations.

NIL

8. AOB

Discussion about the use of Hybrid shuttlecocks. It was agreed that this would be discussed further at the fixture meeting with interested clubs reporting findings from summer league usage.

