

## SOUTH WEST HERTS BADMINTON LEAGUE

### MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 13 JUNE 2019

#### LEVERSTOCK GREEN GUIDE HQ, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD HP2 4SA

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from:

Hawks, BSCA, BFF, Comets

Clubs represented were: Lockers Park, Cheverells, Vauxhall, Bushey Barons, Harpenden Racqueteers, Gadebridge, Herts Toppers, Owens, Kings Langley

#### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were reviewed.

Steve proposed that captains be asked to copy in (cc email) their relevant club contacts when submitting match results sheets, and in the case of any disputes League co-ordinators would 'reply to all'. The suggested reminder was not added to the bottom of each result sheet due to lack of space.

BFF and Owen`s joined the league.

Lynne Leigh decided to leave the committee in September due to injury. Barry took on the role of Ladies co-ordinator and Liz took on the Mixed.

There were not enough teams entered to run the Medley 4 league.

There were no comments or items raised.

#### a. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Proposed: Lockers Park

Seconded: Kings Langley

### 3. Accounts

The accounts were presented and discussed. 7 less teams entered compared to previous season. Although the league made a loss of £102.42 there is no proposal to increase the current team entry fee.

The website hosting was flagged as an increased cost. Liz to investigate the increase.

ACTION: Liz

After review, the accounts were duly approved.

Proposed: Vauxhall                      Seconded: Cheverells

Vote: All in favour

#### Changes to Financial Management of SWHBL

A. Fees for team entries may be transferred by BACS – account details on the team entry form. Such fees are to be transferred by the date for final entry on the form. If entry fees are transferred by BACS, then the entry form may be scanned and submitted by e-mail to nominated committee member. Cheques may still accompany forms sent in by post. This will be expanded to include trophy deposits in future years. This does not require a rule change.

B. Since the cost for trophies has increased considerably over the years, it is proposed that the trophy deposit be increased to £25 (currently £15 with replacement trophy cost typically £40-£50).

Post meeting note: Trophy deposit increase will be implemented starting next year.

There was no objection to the proposed trophy deposit increase.

### 4. Administration

Badminton England are changing the membership year again. Membership will now run from 1<sup>st</sup> November – 31<sup>st</sup> October. There will be no extra costs this season for the additional time ie

September to October. There are other changes to club threshold banding plus membership fees. Those with compete membership will now pay directly to BE, and not through their club.

There are 2 changes to the match results sheets. Each sheet now includes the following reminder: Results not successfully lodged with the league co-ordinator within 7 days will result in the home side losing 9-0. Following the change to the league co-ordinators, there is now a new email address for the Ladies results to be sent to.

Liz would be grateful if care could be taken when completing the team entry forms as it is not always easy to read the handwriting.

Please could club contacts ensure that the Directory is passed to captains etc so that they have the correct information, such as match start time.

## 5. Proposed Rule changes

### Proposed change to rule 34

A number of appeals were made through the year where there was no substantive rationale for the appeal. To reduce the number of appeals which have no real substance for appealing, the following rule change is proposed.

34. If a club feels they have a compelling reason as to why they have failed to comply with the rules, they can appeal to the League Chairman. This must be submitted in writing to the League Chairman within 14 days of notification of failure to comply with the rules by the League Co-Ordinator. **The appeal must be accompanied by payment of £10 administration fee.** The League Chairman will notify the committee members who will discuss and vote on the matter. The club will be notified of the committee's final decision within 28 days of receipt of the appeal. **If the appeal is upheld the £10 administration fee will be refunded. If the appeal is not successful the £10 will be donated to charity.**

Proposed: League Co-ordinator      Seconded: Gadebridge

Vote: In favour 8, abstain 1

## 6. Election of Officers

The present officers are prepared to stand again:

League Organiser	Martin Winstone
Treasurer	Christine Davies
League Co-ordinators	Medley & Ladies – Barry Impey Mixed – Liz Bateman Mens – Steve Dibben
Ordinary Members	Stephanie Bishop Brendan Olney

The committee would welcome volunteers to take roles on the committee.

Martin will be stepping down next season so a new League Organiser will be needed.

No volunteers offered to take on a committee role.

The committee was proposed:

New committee:

League Organiser	Martin Winstone
Treasurer	Christine Davies
League Co-ordinators	Medley & Ladies – Barry Impey Mixed – Liz Bateman Mens – Steve Dibben
Ordinary Members	Stephanie Bishop Brendan Olney

Proposed: Lockers Park      Seconded: Vauxhall

Vote: Carried unanimously

## 7. Date of Fixtures Meeting

The fixtures meeting will be at the Leverstock Green Guide HQ at 7.30pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

## 8. Any other business

#### Other Proposals not involving Rule Changes

A proposal has been made that the Mens 6 should be dropped from the league with an increased focus on Mens 4. The rationale for this is that this would introduce more divisions in the Mens 4 reducing the number of one sided matches currently taking place in both the Mens 6 and Mens 4.

The proposal was discussed with the general feeling that the Mens 6 will continue. The decision will be made based on the teams entered by the clubs ie if enough teams are entered then Mens 6 will run next season.

The clubs were reminded that Team entry forms to be submitted by 26<sup>th</sup> July complete with payment to Christine via the email address on the entry form. If teams would like to submit the entry form with a cheque, please contact Christine for address details.

Clubs were encouraged to enter as many teams as possible. 9 teams in a league is the worst number to have as leads to 2 divisions, 1 with 4 teams and the other with 5. The clubs have decided previously that they don't want to play each other twice so this means that the teams in the division with only 4 teams has a total of 6 matches.

Interest in Medley 4? Gadebridge, Vauxhall, Harpenden Racqueteers all expressed interest. Lockers Park may be interested but need to check membership.

Lockers Park had a ladies match which involved a situation where a team insisted in playing to 31 points instead of the 30 stated in the rules. Committee asked for team details so that they could contact them to discuss. Post meeting note: a committee member spoke to a club representative at the AGM.

#### 9. Presentation of League Trophies

The trophies were presented:

Mixed	Gadebridge
Medley 6	Lockers Park
Ladies	Harpenden Racqueteers
Mens 6 Div 1	Comets
Mens 4 Div 1	Herts Toppers
Div 2	Cheverells

#### 10. Close of Meeting

