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## BRAINTREE & DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE

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**TO:** ALL BRAINTREE LEAGUE CLUBS  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**FROM:** NICOLA HUTCHINS, SECRETARY TO THE LEAGUE

**SUBJECT:** MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD AT GT LEIGHS VILLAGE HALL

**DATE:** 27 JULY 2022

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- The meeting opened at 8-05pm with a welcome from the Secretary Nicola Hutchins, apologies were received from Chris Fox and Earls Colne, Stanway and Halstead were not present. All other clubs were represented (Bishops Stortford – MG, LBC – NH/MC, Old Maldonians – RP, Pioneers – CH/CR and Sandon –DL. The Committee members present were Ian Marsden (President), Carl Raven – Vice Chairman, Michelle Clarke, Treasurer, Gina Smith (Tournament Secretary), Richard Pipe (KO Secretary) and Nicola Hutchins (League Secretary).
- The minutes from the previous AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were accepted and it was acknowledged that these were 3 years old. It was noted due to the exceptional circumstances of the Pandemic the season was extended and the AGM has not been held in May as per the Constitution. There are also minutes available from a committee meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 via Zoom.

### **Treasurers Report**

- As it is 3 years since the last balance sheet, Michelle had done an analysis using the bank statement which had a balance of £970-11 prior to the 2021-22 season. The Insurance was paid from this bringing the balance to £779.32. It was noted that some fees are outstanding from OM, EC, Stanway and Halstead and these will be chased.
- We are expecting the insurance to rise a small amount and the website fee will need renewing this season.
- A discussion was had around League entry fees and it was agreed to raise the league affiliation from £20 to £25 but drop the additional fee per team. The affiliation fee aims to cover the insurance costs.
- Nicola thanked Michelle

### **Tournament Secretary's Report**

- The tournament did not occur in 2021-2022
- There has been feedback that it was missed and it should be resurrected in a similar format – see AOB & Election of Officers

### **KO Competitions (Richard Pipe)**

- This season we ran the Danny Jones Mixed 4's competition
- 7 teams completed
- In the final which was reported as a very friendly and enjoyable evening Pioneers were the victors over Old Maldonians in a very close match
- Majority of handicaps were Ok, a few were a bit out but any feedback welcome

- Richard said he enjoyed running the KO and would love to see more teams entered, A's and B's for existing clubs – the meeting agreed that it could be opened up to neighboring leagues for a small fee.
- It would also be nice to have the trophy available on the night and we will endeavor to do that next year – **It was also noted that we are missing a trophy from the individual tournament – the Youth & Experience Mens**

Nicola thanked Richard for organizing the event this season.

### League Secretary's Report

- A copy of the League Tables is held with these minutes and copies were circulated to all clubs and published to the website. The tables are put on the website periodically during the season.
- The Committee was delighted to see the Junior Team entered from Earls Colne. The league aims to encourage younger players and players of all abilities, but we do hope that the matches are at a competitive level for those involved.
- Nicola received all score cards in reasonable time and had very few to chase and were well completed. Due to the delay in some clubs being able to arrange fixtures, not all lists were received which made it hard to track what was missing
- Some of the matches were very close this year as shown by the plots of home v away points
- The meeting agreed that a fixture meeting is to be held (8<sup>th</sup> Sept)

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chris, although not present as chairman was prepared to stand again, and Chris asked each of the officers and the meeting in turn if they were prepared to stand again and if there were any other nominations. Gina resigned from her position and at the meeting there were no further nominations. Those who were prepared to stand were elected unanimously by the meeting. The League does need to have a greater impact in the area and should look to the Chairman to pursue this.

The new Committee is as follows:

President	Ian Marsden
Honorary Presidents	Therese Hutton
	Melvin Hutton
Chairman	Chris Fox
Vice Chairman	Carl Raven
Secretary/League Secretary	Nicola Hutchins
Tournament Secretary	Vacant
KO Secretary	Richard Pipe
Treasurer	Michelle Clarke

- The Knockout & Handicap Committee was also willing to stand again,
- Further nominations were sought, and the Committee is keen to get representatives from all Clubs, it is unknown if Caitlin is able to help, however MG will approach Caitlin with the Individual Tournament and the KO and is also willing to help with handicaps.

Knockout Secretary	Richard Pipe
Carl Raven	Chris Fox
Michelle Clarke	Nicola Hutchins
Caitlin Hindstridge?/Melanie	Ian Marsden

## AOB

- The league/KO trophies are being engraved
- **Dates for diary's are;**
  - League entry forms by **16<sup>th</sup> August** (by any means) (£25 per BACS details on the form). Earlier would be appreciated so we can get an idea of the league structure. Forms have been sent by NH to all clubs
  - **Fixture Meeting Thursday 8th September** – most likely at Gt Leighs Village Hall but this will be confirmed
  - Season will run Sept – 30<sup>th</sup> April (School holidays 3-17<sup>th</sup> April)
  - Individual Tournaments – the feedback from clubs as alluded to earlier in the meeting is that people want the tournament to continue. As Gina is unable to continue as Tournament Secretary discussions that ran though the meeting are summarized as follows;
    - The Committee will look to run the most popular categories – Action Gina to see what these were over the last couple of years and potentially the veterans events may be reduced to one event with a different age limit. The Youth and experience events are believed to still be popular.
    - The event should be run by Committee and break the tasks down into a more manageable format e.g. one person to chase money, one person to organize finals bookings etc
    - Melanie will approach Caitlin to see if she is interested in helping
    - There will be a deadline for payment
    - A tournament meeting will be arranged after the fixture meeting
  - The Colchester League have approached our League with respect to encouraging ladies teams to enter – it was discussed that clubs don't have enough ladies to do that but maybe a 'Braintree League' team could be entered – NH to look at rules
  - Feedback from the Chelmsford AGM via Michelle – the league are returning to pre Pandemic timings, Reminded all that Safeguarding courses are available from BE and other sources. Hybrid shuttles are also available and seem a good compromise between feather and plastics
- If you have any information you would like to be put onto the website (or facebook page), contact the committee or Paul Butcher – [Paul.Butcher@badmintonbraintree.org.uk](mailto:Paul.Butcher@badmintonbraintree.org.uk)  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/badmintonbraintree>

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed:

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