



## Minutes of AGM held on 27.06.19

### 1. Attendees

Officers:	
Chair	Mike Newlove (MN)
Vice Chair	Nick Goode (NG)
Welfare Officer	Barbara Lewczynska (BL)

Committee members:	
Junior Club Representative	John Stobo (JS)
Publicity Officer/Newsletter Editor	Jackie Ward (JW)
Hertfordshire Badminton Association representative	Dave Bartlett (DB)

Squad Managers	
U18	Graham Clarke (GC)

Clubs:	
All Saints BC	Doug Clark (DC)
Swifts Junior BC	Ken Winchester (KW)
Much Hadham Junior BC	Neil Clarke (NC)

#### Non-voting Attendees Present:

Sue Clark (Much Hadham Junior BC), Paul Widdecombe (Hertfordshire Badminton Association)

### 2. Apologies

Role	Member	Proxy Voting Form Received
Secretary	Kevin Maughan	Yes
Treasurer	Ying Lee	Yes
Fixtures Secretary	Joseph Eluekunnel	Yes
Schools Representative	Ben Vranjkovic	Yes
U12 Manager	Steph Stockwell	Yes
U16 Manager	Hitesh Shah	No
U14 Parent Rep	Dominic Savage	No
Baldock JBC	Bob Green	No
Comets JBC	Gill Bartlett	Yes
Knebworth Junior BC	Philip Gray	Yes
Swifts Junior BC	Marion Conway	No
Haileybury	Andy Searson	No
Hitchin Boys School	Dave Smith	No
St Albans High School for Girls	Kirsty Eddison	Yes
The Royal Masonic School for Girls	Helen Whitton	No
Parent	John Sweetnam	n/a
Parent	Kalpesh Kothari	n/a
Parent	Minhal Chatoo	n/a

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### 3. Minutes of the last AGM

Minutes from the 2018 AGM were presented to the meeting. No matters were arising, and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

Proposed by **Dave Bartlett**, Seconded by **Doug Clarke**.

### 4. Young Coach and Young Volunteer of the Year

No nominations for Young Coach or Young Volunteer of the year had been received by the closing date. In the spirit of encouraging this award, MN suggested that the closing date should be extended and the awards re-advertised. This was agreed unanimously.

### 5. Committee Reports

The AGM reports pack, which contains the text of the committee members' reports, had been made available as a download from the HJBA website prior to the meeting. The report pack contains the following reports:

- **Chairman's Report (MN)**
- **Vice-Chair's Report (NG)**
- **Treasurer's Report (YL)**
- **Closed Tournament Secretary's Report (BL)**
- **Open (BE sanctioned) Tournament Secretary's Report (MN)**
- **Child Welfare Officer Report (BL)**
- **Newsletter Editors Report (JW)**
- **Fixtures Secretary's Report (JE)**
- **U10 Manager's Report (NG)**
- **U12 Manager's Report (AL/SS)**
- **U14 Manager's Report (MN)**
- **U16 Manager's Report (HS)**
- **U18 Manager's Report (GC)**
- **HBA Rep's Report (DB)**
- **Club Representative's Report (JS)**
- **Schools Representative's Report (BV)**

DB suggested (with reference to the schools rep report) that if the Schools rep could pass the names of the affiliated schools onto the CBN's then they could follow them up and offer support that may be available through the CBN network.

All reports were accepted by the meeting with no questions.

### 6. Treasurer's Report and presentation and adoption of Accounts

The treasurer's report and the increases in fees for next season were discussed. MN provided an overview of the increases. The association had made a loss of over £6000 this season, and this coupled to the loss of over £4000 last season meant that increases were essential.

Squad fees: the fees have been frozen for last two seasons and over that time court and shuttle costs have increased, and we have introduced additional coaching staff. These, and the start of the tournament refund initiative have meant that squad fees are no longer covering costs. Squad fees have been increased to £300.

ICT fees: the subsidy that HJBA has provided for players to attend ICT has been increasingly in recent years and needs to more reflect the costs involved. ICT fees have been increased to £250.

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Match Fees: two more Shires League teams have been entered, and with potential increase in cost of courts for matches due to the loss of Birchwood as a venue and increased shuttle costs, we need to re-introduce match fees. These have been set at £5.

PW asked the committee to explain the refund scheme that was initiated this season. MN explained that the initiative was set up to encourage squad players to enter Badminton England tournaments, as it was felt by the coaching team that this was essential as part of their development. Squad players entering 10 BE tournaments or more (this could include Senior Bronze), and entering a minimum of two events in each of those tournaments could claim a refund of £150 on squad fees. The initiative runs from Sept 2018 to July 14th 2019. So far £3,300 had been refunded (22 players being refunded) and the closing date was still 2 weeks away, so more could be received. NG suggested it may be useful, by checking BE Tournament software, to confirm that more BE tournaments were being entered by the squad players, year on year.

## 7. Election of Officers of HJBA and Committee Members

The list of nominations had been previously circulated to the members. None of the posts were contested and so all candidates were elected unopposed:

Position	Candidate(s)	Nominated	Seconded
Chair	Mike Newlove (*)	Barbara Lewczynska (Welfare Officer)	Marion Conway (Swifts JBC)
Vice Chairman	Nick Goode (*)	Barbara Lewczynska (Welfare Officer)	Kevin Maughan (Secretary)
Treasurer	Ying Lee (*)	Mike Newlove (Chair)	Kevin Maughan (Secretary)
Secretary	Kevin Maughan (*)	Geoff Daniels (Stanstead Abbotts JBC)	Mike Newlove (Chair)
Welfare Officer	Barbara Lewczynska (*)	Jackie Ward (Newsletter Editor / Publicity Officer)	Joseph Eluekunnel (Fixtures Secretary)
Fixtures Secretary	Joseph Eluekunnel (*)	Kevin Maughan (Secretary)	Mike Newlove (Chair)
Newsletter Editor / Publicity Officer	Jackie Ward (*)	Barbara Lewczynska (Welfare Officer)	Kevin Maughan (Secretary)
Open Tournament Co-ordinator	Mike Newlove (*)	Kevin Maughan (Secretary)	Barbara Lewczynska (Welfare Officer)
Closed (HJBA) Tournament Secretary	Barbara Lewczynska (*)	Joseph Eluekunnel (Fixtures Secretary)	Jackie Ward (Newsletter Editor / Publicity Officer)
Junior Club Representative	John Stobo (*)	Jennifer Fereday (Harpenden JBC)	Sue Clarke (Much Hadham JBC)
Schools & Colleges Representative	Ben Vranjkovic (*)	Nick Goode (Vice Chairman)	Kevin Maughan (Secretary)

Candidates marked with (\*) were holders of those positions last season.

## 8. AOB

**Liz Bateman (by email)** – What does HJBA do for our junior members? I find HJBA is focused on the elite/competitive juniors through tournaments, squads etc. but I can't seem to find out what they do for the rest of the junior members?

Discussions re Liz Batemans questions were largely dealt with via the email sent by Dave Bartlett, which lists the ways in which HJBA supports junior badminton:

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1. Support for all schools (can be members) with schools rep.
2. Support for all Junior clubs with clubs rep.
3. HJBA 3 B grade tournaments
4. Support for Inter-secondary schools tournaments – finals at HSV December each year (for last 6+ years)
5. Support for new inter-primary schools tournament 5 July – unfortunately fire at venue (Oaklands college) cancelled event
6. InterDistrict tournaments run by John
7. Support for CBNs (you will have the financial amounts)
  - Autumn 2016 Liz had £860 from HW CBN for club development at Ashlyns (but it may have been mainly for 16+?)
8. Support through Micky for this year's Social Tournaments (age 16+) next in Watford
9. Promotion of BE junior and schools support (Racket Pack) at Herts annual (January) Primary schools PE Conference (300+ attendees) (for last 6+ years)
  - Follow-up coaching at schools' requests
10. Opportunities for coaches to observe/work with squad coaches
11. Financial support of Ray Learney fund for coaches
12. Input to BE performance and Strategy through HBA County Rep to Council

The meeting ended at 8.50pm

Kevin Maughan

HJBA Secretary

(from notes prepared by Barbara Lewczynska, with thanks)