



Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 4th June 2020 (online over Zoom)

Present:

Mike Newlove (MN) – Chair / Open Tournament Coordinator
 Nick Goode (NG) – Vice-Chair
 Ying Lee (YL) – Treasurer
 Kevin Maughan (KM) - Secretary
 Barbara Lewczynska (BL) – Welfare Officer / Closed Tournament Coordinator (part time)
 Joseph Eluekunnel (JE) – Fixtures Secretary
 John Stobo (JS) – Clubs Rep
 Ben Vranjkovic (BV) – Schools Rep
 Dominic Savage (DS) - Convenor of the Squads Working Group
 Jackie Ward (JW) – Newsletter/Publicity Editor
 Dave Bartlett (DB) – HBA Rep

	Item	Action	Due by
1	Apologies None		
2	Minutes of previous committee meetings The minutes of the last committee meeting (23.03.20) were accepted unanimously and signed off by MN.		
3.	Actions arising not covered by an agenda item All the refunds for the cancelled U15 BE tournament have been made.		
4	COVID-19 Actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. AGM Following successful recent online club and league AGMs using Zoom, it was agreed that we should organise our AGM using Zoom. The date of 30th July was agreed. All current committee members confirmed that they are willing to re-stand for their positions. b. Squad Fee Refunds YL to calculate the level of refund due based on refunded court hire costs, reduced shuttle usage and savings of coaching costs. c. Tournaments / Court Bookings It is expected that no tournaments will be held until at least November. We currently have bookings at Stevenage LC for 20/92020, 3/10/2020 and 5/12/2020. It was agreed that the first date should be postponed with a view to re-arranging for later in the year. Stevenage LC should be warned that the other two dates are dependent on the COVID situation as to whether they will need to be re-scheduled. It is uncertain what Queenswood's response to COVID will be relating to external bookings and there is a risk that we will not be able to book for next season. BL to keep in touch with Queenswood so that we receive as much notice as possible should this happen. d. Trials These are not being held in June and will be rescheduled once the situation becomes clearer. Options would be to hold them on the first squad night, or on a weekend in September. 	<p style="text-align: center;">KM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BL</p>	



	<p>e. Financial Impact The impact of the loss of tournament income needs to be assessed and addressed. With the uncertainty over when and how tournaments will restart, it was agreed that the tournament rebate scheme would likely not achieve its objective of increasing tournament entries next season and could not justify the significant cost. It was agreed that the scheme would not be run next season.</p> <p>f. Other Actions DB informed the meeting that BE coaches have tested Air Shuttles (for outdoor badminton) and have found them acceptable. They are difficult to source at the moment but apparently can be obtained directly from Denmark. DB is investigating the option of setting up an outdoor session at HSV, which would involve 5 children per coach.</p>		
5	<p>Shires League Actions</p> <p>a. Age Group Arrangements It was confirmed that next year ICT will be held in April as normal, but will include this year's top age group. This arrangement will only be for next season and will be corrected the following year.</p> <p>b. Isle of Wight U18 Entry It was agreed that the entry of the Isle of Wight U18 team is acceptable to Herts.</p> <p>c. Shires League Entries NG confirmed that only one U12 team will be entered next season. It is still uncertain as to whether U14 and U16 B teams will be entered; this will depend on the standard of players available.</p>		
6	<p>Squad Management / Coaching Arrangements for 2020/21</p> <p>The squad management and coaching arrangements for next season were discussed and the following appointments were confirmed:</p> <p>U10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nick Goode (Manager) <p>U12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Steph Stockwell (Manager) - Nick Goode (Assistant Manager) - James (Coach) <p>U14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mike Newlove (Manager) - Graham Clarke (Assistant Manager - TBC) - Ben Vranjkovic (Coach) - Kelly Matthews (Coach) <p>U16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hitesh Shah (Manager) - John Stobo (Assistant Manager) - Ian Robinson (Coach) - Micky Mahbubani (Coach) - Khalid Qureshi (Coach) <p>U18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kelly Matthews (Manager) - Dave Westwood (Assistant Manager) - Ben Vranjkovic (Coach) - Conner Bambrick (Coach) 		
7	<p>Bill Goode's Bequest</p> <p>NG confirmed that 12 courts have been booked at HSV for 12th April 2021. Sanction for the</p>		



	<p>tournament date from BE will not be available until end of the year. Various formats were discussed, with one option being a team event, but it was recognised that this may be more of a challenge to confirm participants. Organisers of similar tournaments (e.g. Roger Cooke - 17-20 English County Challenge) to be contacted for advice. Small working group (NG/MN/BL) to be set up to discuss and decide format</p>	NG/MN/BL	
8	<p>Queenswood</p> <p>It was reported that half the money lost by HBA due to the invoice scam had been received back from Lloyds. It is likely that HJBA will be asked for a contribution to the loss as part user of the booking, but negotiations are continuing with Queenswood and Lloyds.</p>		
9	<p>Clubmark Application</p> <p>It was agreed that it was worth proceeding with the renewal, as it gives potential access to grants and also ensures that we are up to date with our documentation and coaching / safeguarding qualifications etc.</p>	NG	
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>a. Monk's Walk Badminton Centre (DB). DB reported that there has been no feedback from the Government yet as to whether the project will receive funding, but DB/NG are pushing for information. The current design needs to be upgraded from a 4 court hall to meet BE standards – quotes are being requested.</p> <p>b. Club Communication (DB). DB felt that we should be communicating more effectively with clubs. We should use Facebook for this and it was agreed that an email should be sent out to all clubs publicising our Facebook page. BV to prepare a suitable email and provide to JS and Simon Gouldstone for circulation.</p>	BV	
11	<p>Date of Next Meetings</p> <p>To be reviewed once the situation with COVID-19 becomes clearer.</p>	KM	

K Maughan
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