



## Minutes of meeting held on 24.11.15

**Present:** Kevin Maughan, Dave Bartlett, Ken Winchester, Mike Newlove, Ying Lee, Christine Adey, Jo Clark, Jackie Ward

		Action	Due By
1.	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>David Brown, Lucy Goddard, Nick Goode, Barbara Lewczynska, Hitesh Shah, John Stobo, Alison Searle</p>		
2	<p><b>Minutes of Committee Meeting on 01.10.15</b></p> <p>Accepted</p>		
3	<p><b>Matters Arising not covered by an agenda item</b></p> <p>None</p>		
4	<p><b>JuniorLeague</b></p> <p>BE Junior Leagues – first round has been played with very positive feedback; Welwyn Hatfield won. Herts format is for U14 non-county players. The next 2 rounds will be held on 14th Feb &amp; on 8th May respectively. League players permitted to wear “Herts League” on the back of shirts at Finals. Thanks were again noted to John for organising this new BE initiative.</p> <p>National Finals on 11th &amp; 12th June – JS suggestion that county trials should be 2 weeks after this date to encourage the better league players to attend - date to be agreed with all squad managers.</p> <p>Each district is set up as a club, so there may be a cost to affiliate players that don't currently play at a club (expected to be a very small number). If necessary it may be possible to run this from the grant, but Matt Hammond from BE looking into whether this can be resolved.</p> <p>BE has offered Gail Emms to run a brief master class for the Junior League player – date to be agreed.</p>	SQUAD MANAGERS	
5	<p><b>Centre for Herts Badminton at Birchwood</b></p> <p>HBA has been looking around for a centre for badminton in Hertfordshire. BE will be focussing their capital expenditure on county badminton facilities after April.</p> <p>£1.4m may be available, but several sports are also bidding for a cut. Poss. options might be to expand Birchwood or Gosling– 4 extra courts would be circa £600k - £1m. NG will be attending a meeting tomorrow regarding the Rugby club bid. Allocation will be decided after 1st January.</p> <p>Unanimously agreed that we should support the proposal pending further investigation of the viability and likely impact upon both junior and senior badminton in Hertfordshire.</p>		
6	<p><b>Shires League Restructure Proposal</b></p> <p>Proposal is to split into 2 divisions, each split into 3 groups, with days where counties would play 2 matches.</p> <p>Discussed at length - CA to send a bullet pointed email with pros &amp; cons.</p> <p>Official complaint lodged by Sussex about behaviour in a Shire's League match. Mike has drafted a letter to reply.</p>	CA	



<b>7</b>	<p><b>Birchwood Summer Booking</b></p> <p>Agreed that last year's summer booking was successful, with a variety of tournaments, parent bookings, trials etc.</p> <p>Agreed that we should repeat the booking for next summer.</p>	KW	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>All up to date.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. County tracksuits Nobody present at the meeting to provide an update.</li> <li>b. Review of spending alternatives for this season: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sessions for younger age groups (U8 etc.) –still waiting for BE plan,so that we can align our own county focus - DBa to contact BE.</li> <li>• Discussed regular sessions for non-team county players.</li> <li>• Discussed setting up ad-hoc half day coaching sessions at Birchwood. One option is to use ex-internationals that are coaches –SR has been approached and has agreed in principle.</li> <li>• U18 B tournament suggested – DBa will organise.</li> <li>• U19 squad suggested to try and keep players once they have left the U17 squad – maybe possible to hold a session at Birchwood on available Sunday</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. Accounts software Agreed that the software is well worth the annual licence fee.</li> </ol>	DBa  BL DBa	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Vacant Committee Positions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Parent Representatives One Parent representative from each squad – still missing U11 and U17 reps</li> <li>b. Player Representatives Discussed options and suggested that a player rep should be elected amongst the squad and that they would discuss ideas/suggestions with the parent representative, to bring to the committee. To be communicated back to the initiating parent. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vice Chair</li> <li>• Minute Secretary – still vacant</li> <li>• Junior Club Representative – still vacant</li> <li>• School Club Representative – still vacant</li> <li>• College Club Representative – no colleges this season but HBA trying to get colleges involved.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>Posters to be displayed at tournaments requesting volunteers</p> <p>MN has prepared an email to be sent to squad parents about skills that could be useful to HSBA. To be circulated to committee prior to sending.</p>	JC  BL  MN	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Review of Child Protection Policy</b></p> <p>BL not present to report</p>		
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Tournaments</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Closed Being run very efficiently by BL. Need to insist on prepayment to try to minimise late dropouts, late entries and reduce the tournament administration involved.</li> <li>b. Open 06/12/15 - next tournament is an U17 Bronze - over 120 entries</li> </ol>		



<b>12</b>	<p><b>Website</b></p> <p>Graham has everything under control.</p>		
<b>13</b>	<p><b>Manager's Reports</b></p> <p>The U11,U13, U15 and U17 managers' reports were received.</p>		
<b>14</b>	<p><b>HBA</b></p> <p>Nothing to report as the next HBA meeting is due to take place next week.</p>		
<b>15</b>	<p><b>A.O.B.</b></p> <p>JW – bowling organised – U11 &amp; U13s can also be invited.</p> <p>JW – JS has issued an email for friendly matches (non-Shire's League). Suggestion that a list of players being considered should be circulated and that the teams be selected well ahead of the date so that players can make themselves available. JS to be approached.</p> <p>JW – still experiencing court congestion at U15 session. Need to keep an eye on the courts we haven't been allowed to book and report if they are not used.</p> <p>DBa – Inter-schools tournament on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at Herts Sports Village– any helpers would be welcomed.</p> <p>DBa – 8 Primary schools playing at Gosling tomorrow.</p> <p>KW – Mary Wikner &amp; Pat Walker have suggested a clarification of the wording the bursary information. Unanimously agreed. Needs to be sent to JS</p>	<p>MN</p> <p>JW</p>      <p>KW</p>	
<b>16</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Next meeting will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February, starting at 20:00 prompt.</p>	<p>KM</p>	