



Minutes of EGM held on 23.01.17

Background

Our longstanding chair, Ken Winchester, stood down at the beginning of the season and we were advised by BE and Herts BA (our parent organisation) that we should hold an EGM to appoint a replacement. A valid request from more than 10 members (thereby complying with the constitution) was also received to hold an EGM for the following business:

1. Elect a chair
2. Elect a vice-chair should point 1 result in a vacancy for vice-chair

Paul Kempster (PK), HBA chair, agreed to chair the meeting.

Eligible Members:

Officers:		
Chairperson	Vacant	
Vice Chairperson	Graham Hall	Delegated (MDa)
Secretary	Kevin Maughan	Attended
Treasurer	Ying Lee	Proxy Vote Submitted
Welfare Officer	Barbara Lewczynska	Attended

Committee members:		
Minute Secretary	Kevin Maughan	Duplicate
Fixtures Secretary	Joseph Eluekunnel	Attended
Publicity Officer/Newsletter Editor	Jo Clark	Attended
Open Tournament Coordinator	Mike Newlove	Attended
Closed Tournament Coordinator	Barbara Lewczynska	Duplicate
Junior club representative	Melissa Davey (MDa)	Attended
Hertfordshire Badminton Association representative	Dave Bartlett	Attended
Committee Member	Marjorie Dixon	Attended

Squad Managers		
U10	Debbie Clarke	Proxy Vote Submitted
U12	Adrian Leung	Proxy Vote Submitted
U14	Mike Newlove	Duplicate
U16	Hitesh Shah	Proxy Vote Submitted
U18	Becky White	Attended
U20	Graham Clarke	Attended

Parent representatives from each squad:		
U12	Anshoo Dhelaria	
U12	Theepa Thaya	
U14	Micky Mahbubani (MM)	Attended
U14	Steven Aitken	Delegated (MM)
U16	Arun Gothandaraman	Attended
U18	Jackie Ward	Attended
U18	Simon Jarman	Attended

Assistant Coach/Squad Managers:		
U12	Nick Goode	Proxy Vote Submitted
U14	Graham Clarke	Duplicate



U16	John Stobo	Attended
U18	Kelly Matthews	Attended

Schools		
Aldwickbury School		Affiliated Too Late
Applecroft		
Ashlyn's School	Andrew Bannister	Attended
Bengeo Primary School		Proxy Vote Submitted
Bishops Hatfield Girls School		Proxy Vote Submitted
Green Lanes Primary		
Haberdasher Askes Boys		
Haberdasher Askes Girls		Proxy Vote Submitted
Hemel Hempstead School		Delegated (MDA)
Hitchin Boys School		
Holy Family		Proxy Vote Submitted
John F Kennedy Catholic School		
Ladbroke School		
Little Heath Primary School		Affiliated Too Late
Monks Walk School		Proxy Vote Submitted
Onslow St Audrey's School		Proxy Vote Submitted
Our Lady Catholic Primary		
Roundwood Park School		
St Albans High School for Girls		
St Albans School		
St Andrew's CE Primary School	Sue Clarke	Attended
St John's CE UA Primary School		
St Philip Howard		Proxy Vote Submitted
Stanborough School		
Templewood School		Proxy Vote Submitted
The Royal Masonic School for Girls		Proxy Vote Submitted
Verulam School		
Highfield *		Delegated (MDA)

Clubs		
Abbey Junior BC		
Academy Junior BC		
All Saints BC	Jim Robson	Attended
Baldock Junior BC	Bob Green	Proxy Vote Submitted
Bishops Stortford Junior BC		
Comets Junior BC	Gill Bartlett	Attended
Dane End Junior BC	Brian Jackson	Attended
Gadebridge Junior BC	Liz Bateman	Attended
Harpenden Junior BC	Arun Gothandaraman	Attended
Knebworth Junior BC	Philip Gray	Proxy Vote Submitted
Much Hadham Junior BC	Neil Clarke	Attended
St John's BC		



Stanstead Abbots Junior BC	Geoff Daniels	Proxy Vote Submitted
Swifts Junior BC	Marion Conway	Proxy Vote Submitted
The DKWay Badminton Academy	Steven Willis	Attended

* Highfield School has not submitted the BE approved HSBA school affiliation form, but was permitted a vote by the meeting chair (Paul Kempster)

Non-voting Attendees Present:

Paul Kempster (HBA Chair – present to chair the EGM), Doug Clark, Santhoish Thayalevedu, John Elliot, Daniel Davey

Background Colour Key:

Green	Attended the meeting and eligible to vote
Grey	A Proxy Voting form had been received by the secretary prior to the meeting either expressing a preference, or delegating that preference to an attendee at the meeting
Red	Ineligible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - duplicate role on the committee - the constitution specifies that committee members holding more than one role only receive a single vote for their committee positions. They are eligible to additional votes if they also represent clubs/schools. - not affiliated in time for the meeting

Meeting

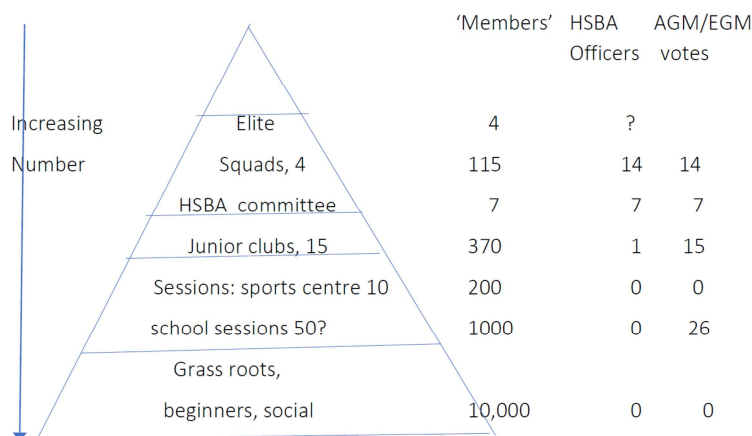
PK opened the meeting and explained that two candidates were standing - Graham Hall (GH) and Mike Newlove (MN). Although the constitution allows for further nominations at the meeting, none were forthcoming.

Melissa Davey, who had nominated GH, gave a short presentation, explaining that she had known Graham for four years and felt that he had the required skills to be a very successful chair. Graham had also provided an extensive document, previously circulated, to support his nomination.

Dave Bartlett, who had nominated MN, gave a presentation showing badminton participation in Hertfordshire (below), explaining Mike is currently involved at all levels, giving him ideal experience to chair HSBA, as the organisation currently has a responsibility for junior badminton from grass roots through to elite players in Hertfordshire:

- a BE registered and insured coach, he has helped at Swifts for many years
- U14 Squad Team Manager
- Treasurer for several years of Welwyn Hatfield Community Badminton Network who has been active in promoting badminton to all levels with the schools, sports centre sessions and clubs
- Has shown that he is not only aware of the importance of the bottom 3 levels (below) but has shown commitment to actively support them driving enjoyment and success for our juniors of all abilities.
- Helped obtain BE grant (Sep18) of £5,448 of which £4000 is for junior badminton particularly in WGC
- Helped with a bid this month for £3000 to Hatfield Community Sports Fund for junior badminton in Hatfield
- Years of experience on HSBA committee.
- A true professional team player able to reconcile differences and move things forward.

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The voting slips were then collected from those present. PK inspected the proxy vote forms received and accepted that they were valid votes. PK then counted the total votes and declared the result:

Mike Newlove - 36 votes

Graham Hall – 11 votes

- meaning that Mike was elected as chair for the remainder of the 2017/18 season. As Graham had been unsuccessful, he continues in post as vice-chair and so the second vote was not required.

The official business of the meeting having been concluded, the meeting was then declared closed.

Q & A Session

Following the meeting there was a very interesting Q & A session covering several topics. The main points of discussion were:

- The lack of communication from HSBA to clubs, schools and Community Badminton Networks (CBNs). It was explained that HSBA had not had a club rep for several seasons, but that Melissa had taken on that position at the last AGM in June, and was still new in role. It was hoped that the vacant role of schools rep would also be filled shortly - a volunteer had come forward but a committee meeting was needed to discuss the offer.
- Job descriptions for all HSBA roles should be available, so that the members know what to expect of their committee.
- Additional/some support was needed for clubs.
- There were several comments/suggestions made during the session:
 - Examine the Aylesbury league as a possible model for a league in Herts, where matches are held in the same venue on a Sunday morning, and players and matches are graded
 - Arrange badminton open days around the county, using county players
 - HSBA should not become an organisation that just focusses on elite players
 - Look at ways to communicate best practice within the CBNs
 - Look at the main sources of county players and concentrate more HSBA effort there
 - HSBA should be able to provide a player pathway through the juniors continuing into the seniors. This is an area that we have improved but need to develop further, especially extending down the senior county teams to overlap with the juniors better. This was lost when we pulled out the senior county 4th team some years ago.

K Maughan

HSBA Secretary