



Reports for Annual General Meeting 2012 - 2013

Chairman's Report

It gives me great pleasure to say that the year has been extremely successful for your Association.

After sadly losing the services of 4 key members of the Committee at the end of last season, the remaining members have found themselves working even harder on your behalf.

In particular, I wish to acknowledge and thank Kevin Maughan and Malcolm Fraser for taking on vital extra responsibilities which have kept HSBA on the straight and narrow.

I know you will also want me to thank each of our Squad Managers as well as other Committee members and helpers for their untiring assistance. Special mention and congratulations should go to Mike Newlove and David Brown in their maiden season as u13 and u17 Squad Managers respectively.

We also remain very fortunate to be able to depend on the expertise and knowledge of your Honorary Treasurer, Ash Kejriwal to whom we once again offer our sincere gratitude.

The Association additionally owes an enormous debt of gratitude to Simon English who, together with Barbara Lewczynska and Mike Newlove (who also run our other closed events), were responsible for raising vital extra funds from the Open Tournaments. This additional revenue, together with funds raised from the restricted competitions, enables us to maintain squad fees at a more modest level and to offer a comprehensive program of junior badminton opportunities. Barbara earns additional thanks for her continuing vital role as our Child Welfare Officer.

We are also enormously indebted to John Stobo who continues to astound us with his talent for producing an up-to-date and informative Newsletter that, once started, has to be read through to the final section.

Our indebtedness also extends to junior clubs, schools and private coaches which we recognize as providing an important lynchpin in keeping your Association together.

This year, an enormous amount of time has been expended to update the Constitution in order to better reflect changes at BADMINTON England and the views of the working party. Much credit must go to Gill Bartlett and Malcolm Fraser for their valuable contribution. I would also like to thank Dave Bartlett who continues to lend his expertise behind the scenes.

May I take this opportunity to remind you all that decisions taken by your Committee are based on maintaining the goodwill of all parents by ensuring absolute fairness to the wider majority.

We very much hope you have been satisfied with all the hard work undertaken by your Association and offer you our sincere thanks for your continuing support.

Ken Winchester
Chairman

Treasurer's Report

We managed to finish the year with a surplus of £1,195 (2012: £1,323). This was slightly greater than anticipated.

HSBA aims to minimise fees that have to be charged. The fee is set to try and end the year with neither a surplus nor a deficit. Although we broadly succeeded in previous years, it can be very difficult to always get this right. Our biggest expense is the cost of hiring courts. This, we have already been informed, will be rising again this year. The coaches (and tournament organisers) are the people who put in the greatest amount of time and effort into HSBA – without them there could be no HSBA. Their commitment extends not only to their, not inconsiderable, time (which they give freely on and off the court) but also to direct, out of pocket expenses (such as travel costs). We have never been in a position to reimburse them fully for these expenses. Any fee rise will be kept to a minimum whilst trying to maintain a break even position.

The committee is always looking for additional grants and sources of income that will enable us to provide better levels of training and contributions towards our costs.

Thanks to the hard work of everyone involved in HSBA (in particular the squad managers) we will continue to be an excellent badminton training body for Hertfordshire children.

The accounts this year were, once again, audited by Mr. Doug Stokoe. I would like to thank him for performing this task efficiently and, as with most people involved in HSBA, for no financial gain.

Ash Kejriwal
Treasurer

Accounts follow at the end of this document: the accounts have been audited – a signed copy of the accounts is available upon request

Development Squad Report

The County Development squad started the season with 12 players. As the season went on and the HBSA tournaments were played we picked more players, and ended with 18-20 players each Wednesday evening. The age groups ranged from 8-12.

We had a good season and played 7 county matches in all, 5 at home and 2 away in Surrey and Sussex.

We had some excellent fitness training delivered by the Herts University team and we hope to continue with next season. It helps us to establish a level to work with and develop the players not only in one squad but throughout the squads.

We had 3 coaches in total through the season. We hope pick up some more new younger players in the trials on the 30th June.

Sangeeta Dhall
Development Squad Manager

U13 Squad Report

The squad remained consistent throughout the season, with number of players attending 22-24 on average out of a possible 28.

We finished 8th overall in the shires league matches (6 of them) lost 1, Drew 1, won 4, to get to the finals we had to play Nottinghamshire, & made it after some hard fought games 15-5.

The finals were in Walsall West Midlands, where after 3 rounds, 1 Loss, 1 Win & 1 Draw we finished 6th, very well done to all who contributed, certificates will be presented at the trials on the 30th June.

Having won our regional heat of the Team Challenge in November, we managed to finish 5th out of 10 on a Snowy day in Hatfield. Again well done to all who worked very hard on the day almost beating the old rivals Buckinghamshire.

Training has been supplemented by a team from the University, who have measured various aspects of each players ability, height, speed, flexibility, & produced a set of strength, Stretches & warm up routines Badminton specific, which the squad members are being encouraged to use & practice on a regular basis, this will continue next season assisted by University Team members.

Overall a successful season, which would not have been possible without the hard work & commitment of Jo Goode, Graham Clarke, Andy Gall & Ben Vranjkovic, my thanks to them for all they do.

Thanks are also due to Parents for showing up, helping where possible & generally being very supportive.

Looking forward to next season already.

Mike Newlove
U13 Squad Manager

U15 Squad Report

At the trials on 7th of June 2012, we selected 28 in the squad. Time and again we had some of the top players from under 13's come and trained with us. Few of our top players were given an opportunity to train with u-17's squad with David Brown. Andrew Baird was badly injured at the start of the season regarding his knee and could not compete and train with the squad. Lia Willis trained with under 17 for the season.

We also kept summer training for those who were going to stay with U15 and to those who were moving up from U13's after Easter.

This season we had moved from previous St Albans High school to Birchwood Leisure Centre with a lovely new floor and cheaper to hire the courts.

Team Challenge:

In November 2012 we played in the regional round at Brandon against Suffolk won 7-0, Bedfordshire won 5-2, Norfolk won 6-1 and lost to Essex 1-6. We came second in the regional and were through to finals.

The finals took place at HSV in Hatfield in March 2013. First round we played Cheshire and lost 1-6, with Sussex we lost 1-6. Notts we lost 2-5 and Bucks we lost 0-7 as we lost all the matches we played grouping of four positioning 9th to 12th.

We had already played Notts and lost in our previous round we did not have to play them, next up we had to play Devon and lost 3-4, Surrey lost 0-7 and the finally we were up against Dorset and were defeated 1-6. The squad player gave their best for the team challenge.

We took overall 12th place in the Team Challenge.

Shires League:

This was a big league group with 39 teams.

Throughout the season we had matches against Bedfordshire- won 12-8. Essex we lost 6-14, Cambridgeshire won 14-6, Middlesex we Drew 10 all, Suffolk we lost 18-2, and finally Bucks we won 11-9. As we had finished 9th on the league table we had go into play off and the match drawn was an away match against Derbyshire which we lost 4-16. We came overall 11th in the league table.

Eastern Region U-14:

This tournament hosted by Hertfordshire by John Stobo.

Took place on 17th March 2013 at HSV. We had matches against five other counties.

We had entered two teams Herts 1 and 2 . Herts 1 took the gold and Herts 2 took the bronze award.

Friendly Matches:

Friendly against Oxfordshire an away match, mostly giving our C and B team squad players chance to compete, that we lost 6- 19.

Eastern Region Single sex:

This tournament took place in Docklands in April 13 only for those who were graded G,H and I and ungraded for Girls and Boys own their own group. We entered two Boys teams and two Girls teams.

Boys A team came 4th, and Boys B team came 3rd place. The Girls A team won the gold and Girls B team came 6th.

Most Improved Player for the Year 2011/12:

Sophie Vernon. She received a shield with his name engraved on it for a year to keep. Sophie has worked very hard and performed very well in the tournaments.

Sponsorship:

Thanks to Ashway for their support for the discounted T shirts and the shuttles for the season.

John Stobo has been instrumental for the squad as he motivated the players to perform at their best and taught them well. John and I managed the Shires matches, the Team challenge, Friendlies and the squad nights. John has also produced lovely newsletter throughout the season and hosted the eastern region tournament for ER council.

Parent Rep:

I would like to thank two of our Parent Reps Sue Clarke and Richard Vernon for their role to manage the squad, Good spread for food in our shires home and friendly matches. They also organised Christmas bowling for the under 15 squad together with other squads and parents reps.

I would also thanks all the parents who supported their child to chauffer them to and fro from the Squad practice, shires matches, friendliest or tournaments and supporting Hertfordshire Badminton.

To all the players and squad members they have worked very hard to learn and achieve good results for the tournaments. I hope that they have all got something out of our Badminton training. I would like to Thank Mike Newlove for his constant support for under 15s.

The season for the year 2012-2013 went very quickly. I thoroughly enjoyed teaching and mentoring the squad nights, and like to thank John Stobo for his valuable time and effort to support HSBA. I would also like to thank our chairman Ken Winchester for supporting in the evenings at the squad nights.

Lastly I would like to thank HSBA committee for doing a wonder full job. Keep it up.

Hitesh Shah

U15 Coach and Squad Team Manager

U17 Squad Report

This was my first Season as Team Manager and Coach for the U17 Squad

We started the season very well with great victories in the Shires League finishing off with 5th place overall and qualifying for the Finals.

Finals Day with all the best Counties in the country attending and Herts beating Lancashire on the day to finish 4th overall just missing out on 3rd place by 13 points

Herts also attended the RIO Tournament in Yorkshire which was an excellent experience for the players and allowed some of the less experienced players a chance to compete at a high level due to some of the top players in Herts unable to attend due to exams.

The team played very well and finished a creditable 4th overall.

Later in the year the Team was off to ICT or is it ICC for the inter County Tournament this is a four day event run every year at Nottingham Uni and attended by all of the counties

We had some very close matches, winning and losing some by the smallest of margins but in the end finished 11th overall

I would like to say a big thank you to David Westwood for all his Help and support during Squad Training and at RIO and ICT

Also a big thank you to Geoff Daniels for all his Coaching at the Shires Matches, ICT and RIO. And again big thanks to Pat and Colin Walker for all their help and support throughout the season and especially for the 4 days at ICT

David Brown

Herts Team Manager and Coach

HBA Representative's Report

This has been as aver an interesting season with all activities continuing, membership still increasing slightly and clubs continue and still struggle with membership. The county teams have survived in their respective groups, the first team have maintained their place in the top group despite most of our ex international being absent. Once again we benefit from the fruits of HSBA with juniors playing a significant part in the senior county teams.

Sport England have agreed a new 4 year plan with BE and are putting some £18 million into badminton in that time. However all sports have been warned that performance in attracting new players to their sport will dictate if those monies will continue to be granted. So more efforts will be made, with less direct support from BE, by the willing volunteers to attract new players, and win back those that have previously played.

It is also hoped that a new initiative can be started to get badminton played in primary schools. We will be working with HSBA to provide a framework for badminton to give schools a way of spending some of the money that the government is giving to primary schools for sport. Many years ago a badminton league was

started in primary schools and this proved a springboard for HSBA to raise its standard which has been maintained ever since.

Working Party:

As a result of last year's meeting we have met with HSV in an effort to bring all the squad coaching together on a Wednesday evening at that venue, to allow greater flexibility, as well as reducing the number of evenings to clash with Performance centres. We have been told unofficially that this will take place for the winter of 2014. In addition new coaches have been attracted to the squads.

Malcolm Fraser
HBA Representative



Income & Expenditure Account for the year to 31st May, 2013

2011-12	Expenditure	2012-13	2011-12	Income	2012-13
Matches and Coaching			Matches and Coaching		
1,944	U11 Squad Courts	1,881.60	3,035	U11 Squad Fees	3,331.00
2,871	U13 Squad Courts	2,880.00	4,580	U13 Squad Fees	4,455.00
2,025	U15 Squad Courts	2,088.00	5,320	U15 Squad Fees	5,090.00
2,205	U17 Squad Courts	2,150.40	3,068	U17 Squad Fees	4,648.00
0	U11 Training Cost	0.00			
1,720	U13 Training Cost	1,200.00			
250	U15 Training Cost	0.00			
1,385	U17 Training Cost	1,350.00			
1,562	Summer Courts	1,574.80	1,953	Summer Fees	2,666.00
0	Habs Training Expenses	0.00	0	Habs Training Fees	0.00
0	Trials Courts	628.00			
2,786	Shuttles - Training & Matches	2,694.60			
863	Match Courts	1,856.50	1,257	Match Fees	1,025.25
210	Coaches Registration Fees	175.00			
17,821	Matches and Coaching Subtotal	18,478.90	19,212	Matches and Coaching Subtotal	21,215.25
Tournaments & Leagues			Tournaments & Leagues		
1,310	Courts	1,890.00	3,295	Entry Fees	3,798.50
347	Trophies & Medals	391.38	364	Entry Fees - Primary	0.00
296	Shuttles	481.20	0	Affiliations (Clubs & Schools)	0.00
0	Eastern Region Tournament	0.00	0	Junior League Entries	0.00
803	Shires League	312.00	354	Raffles	55.00
380	Other Tournaments	340.00			
1,308	RIO (York) Fees & Expenses	1,659.50	1,258	RIO York	1,080.00
3,144	ICT (Notts) Fees & Expenses	2,376.00	1,850	ICT Notts	1,100.00
7,588	Tournaments and Leagues Subtotal	7,450.08	7,121	Tournaments and Leagues Subtotal	6,033.50
Open Tournaments			Open Tournaments		
455	BE Costs Incl Medals U17	292.60	3,516	U17 Silver Entry Fees	3,144.00
0	BE Costs Incl Medals U13	165.80	0	U17 Bronze Entry Fees	0.00
			1,431	U13 Bronze Entry Fees	1,900.50
			0	U13 Silver Entry Fees	0.00
1,200	Courts	1,500.00	131	Raffle	225.51
747	Shuttles	1,129.50			
127	Printing	54.50			
178	Sundry Expenses	32.80			
2,706	Open tournaments Subtotal	3,175.20	5,078	Open tournaments Subtotal	5,270.01
Sundries			Sundries		
59	Affiliation BE	73.60	8	Interest	8.18
0	Website Cost	0.00			
28	Postage & Telephone	75.26			
53	Stat. & Printing (Incl. Newsletter)	352.15	720	T-Shirts	1,103.00
690	T-Shirts	1,113.00	0	Sale Donated Shirts	0.00
283	Bursary Payments	412.50	0	Donation	20.00
762	Misc. Expenses	320.31			
1,126	Travel Expenses	1,119.05	300	Misc. Receipts	115.00
0	Child protection Cost	0.00			
0	3 Plus Tournaments Payment	0.00			
3,001	Sundries Subtotal	3,465.87	1,028	Sundries Subtotal	1,246.18
31,116	TOTAL Expenditure	32,570.05	32,439	TOTAL Income	33,764.94
1,323	Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,194.89	0	Excess of Expenditure over Income	0.00
32,439		33,764.94	32,439		33,764.94



Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 2013

0 Petty Cash	0.00	14,900 Funds at 1/6/2010	16,973.23
5,303 Current Account	6,489.37	0 Deduct excess Expenditure over Income	0.00
11,671 Deposit Account	11,678.75	1,323 Add excess Income over Expenditure	1,194.89
0 Current Account	0.00	750 ICT Fund Reserve	0.00
16,973 Total	18,168.12	16,973 Funds Carried Forward	18,168.12