



Minutes of AGM held on 30th July 2020

1. Attendees

Officers:	
Chair	Mike Newlove (MN)
Vice Chair	Nick Goode (NG)
Secretary	Kevin Maughan (KM)
Treasurer	Ying Lee (YL)
Fixtures Secretary	Joseph Eluekunne (JE)
Schools Representative	Ben Vranjkovic (BV)
Welfare Officer	Barbara Lewczynska (BL)

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

Schools:	
Haberdasher Askes School for Girls	Lauren Watts (LW)

Non-voting Attendees Present:

Ruchira Patel (Parent)

2. Apologies

Role	Member
Hertfordshire Badminton Association representative	Dave Bartlett (DB)
Comets JBC	Gill Bartlett
Swifts Junior BC	Marion Conway

3. Minutes of the last AGM

Minutes from the 2019 AGM were presented to the meeting. No matters were arising, and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

4. Committee Reports

The AGM reports pack, which contains the committee members' reports, had been made available as a download from the HJBA website prior to the meeting. The 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)**



- COVID 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)

All reports were accepted by the meeting with no questions.

5. Treasurer's Report and presentation and adoption of Accounts

The treasurer's report was discussed. There are significant concerns over the finances for next season, with uncertainty over how many, if any, tournaments we could run, and whether restrictions on numbers of players and spectators may result in losses. It was observed that the financial prudence over recent years has meant that the association has a buffer to deal with this and the feeling was that we should continue to run these tournaments to give junior playing opportunities.

Additionally, court costs may increase as we may need to find an alternative to Queenswood school to play matches.

It was noted that a significant paper profit has been made this season, but much of this was correcting over-provisions in previous years. Additionally, money was saved by the premature ending of training due to COVID. However, most of this will be spent either through providing rebates or free squad sessions at the beginning of next season.

It was therefore not expected that squad fees would be changed for the new season.

Proposed by **Doug Clark**; seconded by **Ken Winchester** and accepted unanimously.

6. Election of Officers of HJBA and Committee Members

The list of nominations had been previously circulated to the members; all of last year's committee had agreed to stand again this season. None of the posts were contested and so all candidates were elected unopposed:

Position	Candidate(s)
Chair	Mike Newlove (*)
Vice Chairman	Nick Goode (*)
Treasurer	Ying Lee (*)
Secretary	Kevin Maughan (*)
Welfare Officer	Barbara Lewczynska (*)
Fixtures Secretary	Joseph Eluekunnel (*)
Newsletter Editor / Publicity Officer	Jackie Ward (*)
Open Tournament Co-ordinator	Mike Newlove (*)
Closed (HJBA) Tournament Secretary	Barbara Lewczynska (*)
Junior Club Representative	John Stobo (*)
Schools & Colleges Representative	Ben Vranjkovic (*)



7. Appointment of Vice-Presidents

The constitution allows for Vice Presidents to be appointed at the AGM in recognition of their significant past and current services to HJBA and junior badminton in Hertfordshire. Their roles are honorary but they may be called upon in an advisory capacity by the committee should the need arise. It was confirmed that Vice Presidents do not get paid, or have any voting rights.

Megan Lumb, Malcolm Lumb and Marion Conway are our only current Vice Presidents and were appointed in 2011; none have been appointed in recent years.

Three potential Vice Presidents were presented to the meeting by the committee in recognition of the several years that they have each dedicated to junior badminton in Hertfordshire:

Pat Walker
Mary Wikner
Ken Winchester.

Their appointments were proposed by **Doug Clark**, seconded by **Nick Goode** and all were confirmed unanimously.

8. AOB

Lauren Watts – asked advice on playing badminton indoors again at school. MN explained the current BE instructions and directed her to the BE 'return to play' page (<https://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/return-to-play/>).

NG – asked about the squad tournament rebate fee. It was agreed that the scheme will not run in its current state in future, and the uncertainty of the finances mean that it should not run at all next season.

KW – emphasised the uncertainty facing badminton playing and the availability of facilities next season, and asked that we continue with a cautious approach to our finances next season.

DC – suggested that we consider inviting a guest speaker for next year's AGM.

The meeting ended at 8.03pm

Kevin Maughan
HJBA Secretary