



Minutes of EGM held on 29.04.19

Background

The committee decided last season that a working group should be set up to review and, if necessary, recommend revisions to our constitution, which was last updated in 2013. Since then, and particularly this season, the group has been working hard, in close collaboration with Badminton England (BE).

The constitution requires that the resulting update, which clarifies areas that were felt to be ambiguous, and adopts 'best practice' clauses as advised by BE, could only be considered for approval at an AGM or EGM. The committee decided that it would be best to call an EGM dedicated to discussing the constitution, as there were several changes, and this would provide more time to discuss them fully.

This meeting was held on 29th April 2019.

Voting Attendees

Chairperson	Mike Newlove
Vice Chairperson	Nick Goode
Secretary	Kevin Maughan
Welfare Officer	Barbara Lewczynska
Hertfordshire Badminton Association Representative	Dave Bartlett
U14 Parent Representative	Dominic Savage
Much Hadham Junior BC	Neil & Sue Clarke

Proxy Votes Received

Treasurer	Ying Lee
Fixtures Secretary	Joseph Eluekunnel
Publicity Officer/Newsletter Editor	Jackie Ward
Junior club representative	John Stobo
Schools representative	Ben Vranjkovic
U12 Manager	Adrian Leung
U16 Manager	Hitesh Shah
U18 Manager	Graham Clarke
U10 Parent Representative	Purvi Vaghela
U18 Assistant Coach/Squad Manager	Kelly Matthews
Hitchin Boys School	
Monks Walk School	
Onslow St Audrey's School	
St Albans High School for Girls	
All Saints BC	Doug Clarke
Baldock Junior BC	Bob Green
Chiltern Three Rivers Junior BC	Frances Morrison
Comets Junior BC	Gill Bartlett
Knebworth Junior BC	Philip Gray
Stanstead Abbots Junior BC	Geoff Daniels
Swifts Junior BC	Marion Conway

Non-voting Attendees

HBA President	Paul Widdecombe
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Meeting

The draft constitution had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. MN opened the meeting and explained the background behind the holding of the meeting before opening up the meeting up for discussion of the changes.

One key change was that the association will be renamed to 'Hertfordshire **Junior** Badminton Association' as it was felt that 'Junior' reflected better the Association's objectives than 'Schools'. PW questioned the cost of change as his experience in a commercial/local government environment was that it could be expensive. KM replied that the main challenge would be to update the email accounts and website to use the new domain that would be required, but these are managed by himself and Graham Clarke at no cost. Association documents and forms would need to be updated with the new name and logo, but updates will be required for the new season and the new details can be added at the same time as those changes.

KM passed on comments that had been communicated to him prior to the meeting. One of the objectives had been changed to:

- To assist the development of junior badminton within Hertfordshire through the provision of support to all Hertfordshire junior clubs and affiliated schools.

- and the inclusion of unaffiliated junior clubs was questioned. This was discussed and it was agreed that HJBA should be supporting all junior club badminton in Hertfordshire, irrespective of whether the clubs are affiliated to BE. It was noted that these unaffiliated clubs will not be members of HJBA and will not have any voting rights.

Another comment had questioned the requirement to pay membership fees by 31st August, a date far too early for clubs. This had been included specifically for squad members to enable HJBA to affiliate players to BE early in the season, required for entry into early BE tournaments. It was noted that only squad players fall into a category of membership requiring payment of a fee; clubs and schools are specifically excluded from paying a fee.

Voting

A vote was then carried out of those attendees eligible to vote. The proxy vote forms received were also counted and the result declared:

For adoption of the new constitution – 28 votes

Against adoption of the new constitution - 0 votes

- meaning that the new constitution was adopted with immediate effect.

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

Kevin Maughan
Secretary
Hertfordshire Junior Badminton Association