



Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 (online over Zoom)

Present:

Mike Newlove (MN) – Chair / Open Tournament Coordinator
 Nick Goode (NG) – Vice-Chair
 Ying Lee (YL) – Treasurer
 Kevin Maughan (KM) - Secretary
 Barbara Lewczynska (BL) – Welfare Officer / Closed Tournament Coordinator
 Dominic Savage (DS) - Convenor of the Squads Working Group
 Jackie Ward (JW) – Newsletter/Publicity Editor
 Dave Bartlett (DB) – HBA Rep

	Item	Action	Due by
1	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Ben Vranjkovic (BV) – Schools Rep Joseph Eluekunnel (JE) – Fixtures Secretary John Stobo (JS) – Clubs Rep</p>		
2	<p>Minutes of previous committee meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the last committee meeting (25.09.20) were accepted unanimously and signed off by MN. It was noted that subsequent to the meeting, COVID restrictions have necessitated the rescheduling of the Bill Goode Memorial tournament.</p>		
3	<p>Potential County Badminton Centre at Monks Walk</p> <p>DB & NG outlined the proposal to develop a potential County Badminton Centre at Monks Walk school by extending the school's bid for a 4 court hall. The school had applied for funding last year; the application failed but they were advised to re-apply this year. With the uncertainties of this year, it is unclear what chance they have of success, but if the bid is successful, the timescale to start of build is very tight, with building work scheduled to start in October. If we want to piggyback their project to build an enhanced facility, we need to be prepared. Our proposed upgrade would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to increase the courts from 4 to 6 - enlarging the court surrounds (i.e. increased floor area) - raising the roof to 8.1m - extending the balcony - adding a meeting room - increasing the cloakroom provision. <p>A very rough estimate for these changes has been obtained from the architects of around £2m (effectively doubling the cost of the hall). HSP have advised that there could be funding of up to £2m through Sports England if the proposal is supported by the Borough Council.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the necessity of enlarging the facility to 6 courts. It was agreed that the HJBA preference is for a 6 court facility as it would significantly enhance the possible use of the hall, for junior tournament and community use.</p> <p>The next stage will be to hold meetings with other stakeholders, such as Monk's Walk teachers and governors, councillors and council leaders, and to try to obtain written support from them.</p> <p>In preparation for this, a document is needed detailing our proposal. DB has provided a draft to KM to circulate to the HJBA committee for comments. As time is tight he needs responses by 08/03/2021.</p>	<p>NG/DB</p> <p>KM</p>	



4	Squad Organisation for Remainder of Season Squads will not be able to restart until 14/04/2021 at the earliest, and so we should consider whether it is practical / desirable to extend the summer term squad sessions until the end of June. Trials could be left until November as BE has changed the BE year to start in January. Proposal to be discussed with squad managers. Steph Stockwell has notified her resignation from her role as U12 manager due to her new job commitments. The committee thanked her for her hard work over the last few seasons. Finding Steph's replacement was discussed; it was agreed that NG would consider alternatives.	DS / MN NG	
5	Bill Goode's Bequest NG has been working hard generating interest in the tournament and has 8 county teams signed up. The April date that had been agreed for the team tournament at HSV had to be released, due to the uncertainties of COVID. Once the All England has run, BE will be able to look at fitting in tournament dates. We should try and rearrange to a weekend prior to the summer holidays.	NG	
6	COVID-19 Actions Nothing to report until clarity is received over the Government's Roadmap, but we will probably be running squads under the same process as after the last lockdown, using Playwaze.		
7	AOB a. County Shirts (NG) – shirts had not been handed out this season, but some have been paid for; these will need to be provided next season. b. Summer School (NG) – there may be a possibility to organise a junior summer school, as with COVID restrictions, children are less likely to be unavailable. c. Tournament Dates (BL) – BL is in the process of trying to fix dates for next season, on the assumption that we will be back playing. d. BE Webinar (DB) – DB noted that there was a BE webinar on 03/03/2021 about 'what clubs want'. e. Birchwood (KM) – KM asked whether there had been any progress in getting some of the block booking at Birchwood back. There had been no communication since last July; NG agreed to re-contact the council now that the Government's Roadmap had been released. f. AGM (KM) – could be held on the last Thursday in June; this would be the day after the last squad session if the proposal to extend squad dates is accepted.	YL NG BL NG KM	
8	Date of Next Meeting To be arranged once BE issues their updated 'Return to Play' guidance.	KM	

K Maughan
Honorary Secretary
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