



	Hertfordshire (Bob Green – Baldock, Natalie Barton – Bright Stars, Dave Bartlett – Comets juniors, Mike Newlove – Swifts, Melissa Davey – DKWay, Doug Clark – East Herts CBN, Keith Burns – Abbey BC, John Stobo – Gosling, Ian Robinson – Broxbourne) We are waiting to hear from Anna Collis, Phil Adams and Frances Morrison. Three Rivers were winners last year.	
8.	<p>RIO/ICT Team Availability Issues</p> <p>KMat reported that this season had been particularly challenging trying to get first choice teams to play. For RIO, she had approached over twenty players, but only nine were available. The main reason given was upcoming mock exams, which in some schools had been scheduled for January. However, there appeared to be a lack of commitment in some players, with tournament play being prioritised over representing the county. A similar problem has been encountered in team selection for ICT. It was agreed that support for the county teams should be emphasised in the parents' meetings which are to be reinstated next season.</p>	KMat
9.	<p>Extra Coaching Session</p> <p>It was reported that the weekly coaching session was running well, with very positive feedback, and demand for places. Eight players are being coached on two courts for 2 hours. Expansion of the session was discussed, but a second, committed level 2 coach would be needed so that the coaching was not diluted.</p> <p>The next 10 session block finishes at the end of March and Bishops Hatfield school courts are not available once the summer exam season begins in April/May. It was agreed that we should hold a further 10-week session if an alternative venue can be found. Birchwood was suggested.</p>	NG/ KMat
10.	<p>AGM Arrangements</p> <p>To be held on Thursday 27th June 2024. Conference room at HSV to be booked.</p>	ZT
11.	<p>Squad Trials</p> <p>ZT to confirm that the courts at HSV had been booked for the trials on Wednesday 26th June 2024.</p> <p>At our last meeting the issues of the squad trials being over-subscribed, and of too inexperienced players attending were discussed. Some of the suggestions made were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • trialling for the U18s on a different night to free up more time • exempting the top players for each year group from the trials, subject to them committing to join the squads • inviting coaches to view squad sessions/matches • including a section on the trials form for the older players to list their recent tournament participation <p>It was agreed that KMat/NG/MN should meet to agree the format and structure of the trials and communicate this to the committee and squad management team.</p>	ZT NG/ KMat/ MN
12.	<p>Squads</p> <p>A search for a replacement U12 manager is still ongoing. Another level 2 coach is needed.</p>	KMat
13.	<p>Web Site Update / Social Media</p> <p>Steve Maidment from Goode Sports has started posting to our Instagram account. A new email account (news@hjsba.org.uk) has been set up for photos and news which forwards to Steve. Once Steve is confident with the new system, the email address will be advertised to players and parents.</p>	KM
14.	<p>Oaklands College</p> <p>DB had sent a coaching centre usage document to the college to support the development of a new 8 or 12 court hall. Timescales for the development are yet to be confirmed.</p> <p>Oaklands College is offering to set up a badminton academy subject to sufficient interest. It was agreed that we should send out a flyer to our 15y+ players in April. Flyer to be obtained and provided to KM.</p>	DB
15.	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Nothing to discuss further.</p>	



16.	Communications with Members Communications with schools was discussed. Currently BE send emails directly to schools but are not taking advantage of the validated email addresses that we collect as part of our schools' affiliation process. We are not able to share those addresses with BE due to GDPR, but we could send out information on behalf of BE. DB to discuss with IR.	DB
17.	AOB None	
18.	Date of Next Meeting 19:30 on April 18 th 2024, at 44 Fulling Mill Lane, Welwyn AL6 9NP.	KM

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