



Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 29th April 2021 (online over Zoom)

Present:

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

	Item	Action	Due by
1	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Joseph Eluekunnel (JE) – Fixtures Secretary John Stobo (JS) – Clubs Rep Ying Lee (YL) – Treasurer</p>		
2	<p>Minutes of previous committee meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the last committee meeting (02.03.21) were accepted unanimously and signed off by MN.</p>		
3	<p>Shires League Organisation</p> <p>We have been asked to vote on the proposals for the organisation of the Shires League, starting next season. The two options are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Alignment with BE, so that a Shires League season would be from January to November Continuing to play Shires League matches starting in September and playing through to June the following year <p>Whatever option is decided it will be followed by a second vote to decide whether odd or even age groups are played.</p> <p>With Option 1, one possible format may include that Shires League matches would be played from January to May, with play-offs in June / early July. Finals would be played in September / October.</p> <p>Planning for the following season would take place in October / November, with the AGM and fixtures being arranged in November for the next season, which would start the following January.</p> <p>With Option 2, dates would remain very much the same as they have for years, with matches played from September to April, Play-offs from March to May; Finals from April to June; Plans for next season from May to June. The AGM would be held in June / July and fixtures made from July to September.</p> <p>It was felt that whichever option is adopted will require HJBA to align our season with the league; Option 1 would mean trials in November, and the season running from January through to December.</p> <p>DS reported that he had consulted with the squad managers and they were all in agreement that we should vote for Option 2. We have no desire to run squad training over the summer and keeping players match ready for the play offs and finals would be difficult.</p> <p>It was agreed that Hertfordshire would vote for Option 2. DS to communicate the decision to Ian Rizzotto, and request that the final decision be returned to us in time for our AGM, as if Option 1 is chosen there will need to be significant changes to our administration.</p>	DS	



<p>4</p>	<p>AGM Organisation</p> <p>It was confirmed that the AGM should be held online on June 24th, starting at 19:30.</p> <p>Committee positions were discussed. JS has notified the committee of his intention to resign as Clubs rep at the end of this season. BV suggested that he take over the Clubs rep role if a replacement could be found for the Schools rep. YL has notified the committee that she intends to resign at the end of next season; Marie Sadler has volunteered to take over from Ying, and will help Ying through next season. It was agreed that Marie should be co-opted onto the committee as Assistant Treasurer for the remainder of this season and all of next season, to allow her to move into the role. It was also agreed that Marie should be added as signatory to HJBA bank accounts.</p> <p>Young Player & Young Coach of the year – it was agreed that this would be deferred for a further season. Notification to be added to the website.</p> <p>Fees – final figures for the season are still being worked on by YL, but it was agreed that we should aim for a 5% uplift in fees unless there are other costs to consider.</p> <p>There is a possibility that the AGM will need to discuss the BE proposals on changes to the scoring system (5 games to 11) and membership options.</p>	<p>KM</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>HAPpy Sessions / This Girl Can Support</p> <p>a. HAPpy Sessions</p> <p>DB to discuss with Brian Jackson, with a view to offering the opportunity to participate to Herts coaches.</p> <p>Note: Subsequent to the meeting it was agreed among the committee that HJBA would provide 50% of the funding required up to a maximum of £160, with CBNs providing the remaining 50%.</p> <p>b. This Girl Can Support</p> <p>Information to be forwarded to CBNs, Ian Robinson, Doug Clark, Bob Green & Anna Collis.</p>	<p>DB</p> <p>DB</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Potential County Badminton Centre at Monks Walk</p> <p>We have been working with Monks Walk School (MWS) to assist their application for DoE funding and investigate whether we could raise funding to upgrade it to a 6-court hall for a county badminton and community centre - costing £2m extra (Draft Proposal, previously circulated). However, we seem to have come to the end of the line as far as the extra funding is concerned because the SE Strategic Facilities Fund requires the proposed facility to be designated a 'Strategic Facility' by the Local Authority. Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council (WHBC) has reserved Gosling as a 'Strategic' sports facility for 8 indoor courts to be built probably 2024. This could be used as our county facility and so BE Development Manager, Nick Rimmer, who sits on WHBC Strategic Facilities Committee, has asked that we compile a report showing how junior badminton would make use of 8 courts. Our input would be consolidated with the existing usage section incorporated into the WHBC Strategic Plan, sometime in August-September. BL/NG to coordinate the production of our response and circulate to the committee for comment.</p>	<p>BL/NG</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>Bill Goode's Bequest</p> <p>Rescheduled for 10th July. HSV is available, but requires BE to agree the proposed format before they will accept the booking. We are waiting for BE to confirm the regulations to be applied. Currently, 6 teams have entered, but more may enter now that the date is after lockdown.</p>	<p>NG</p>	

