

Rugby & District Badminton Association

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT 8:05 PM 13th JULY 2016 at DUNCHURCH SOCIAL CLUB

Attending

St Philips (Robert Fowler, Tracey Hope, Mark Hope), QDJC (Phil Pelton), Rugby Youth (John Wardropper), Hunters (Peter Pugh, Steve Turner), Lutterworth (Paul Hetherington, Darren Hawes), Trinity (Ben Clifton), Harris (Ajit Barot), RDBA (Simon Outhwaite).

1. Apologies

Bob Gale (Avon)

2. Minutes of last AGM

Last years minutes were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Chairman's report

Mark welcomed everyone to the RDBA AGM FOR 2015 – 2016

Last year Mark started with a “sorry” for the lack of a league website, which caused issues. This year he started with a “Thank You” to Rob Fowler for getting the new site up and running in time for the start of the season and this allowed us all to see who was doing what.

There were still some results missing and he would hope that this will be addressed by clubs this coming year.

The Britannic Tournament. 21st February 2016

What a fantastic success it was. We had 56 players turn out on the day, running 2 groups of 7 teams in a round robin format with ongoing handicapping. The results were excellent, although we know that we need to look more carefully at the handicapping of the top teams.

The feedback from the day was all positive and it seems we may have more players keen to try next year.

Mark wanted to congratulate Avon, coming into Rugby and winning division 3 in their 1st year. They should enjoy themselves more in division 2 this year.

Well done to Lutterworth, formally Claybrooke, for regaining their usual place at the top of division 1 and congrats to Hunters 3 and Trinity 2 for joint division 2 success.

Mark said he's beginning to realize that social events outside of a badminton court are not what people want. When he announced our presentation night, he only got 22 people keen to join in. Having attended the Coventry presentation night, it become obvious that we are not the only ones suffering with lack of interest. They have many more clubs than we do, but still only managed a small percentage of people turn out.

Mark asked if there was anything different we should be doing to allow us to present trophies in front of our peers and have some fun on the night?

He wasn't aware of any matches not taking place, being conceded, so well done to all match secretaries and to team captains for getting everything right on the night.

LEAGUES FOR NEXT SEASON, ON PAPER LOOK FAIRLY SIMPLE,
DIV ONE TRINITY 1 and 2, CLAYBROOKE 1, ST PHILIPS 1, HUNTERS 1 and 2.
DIV TWO ST PHILIPS 2 and 3, CLAYBROOKE 2, HUNTERS 3, AVON
DIV THREE CLAYBROOKE 3, HARRIS 1, ST PHILIPS 4, RUGBY YOUTH, HUNTERS 4,
QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE.

Mark said you may have noticed that the old Rugby Badminton website is up and running again. Thanks to John Wardropper for taking that on and that the site is being used for information, it also contains club information, events details. So, if you have anything that you want, outside of scoring and league tables, please forward it to John, or myself and it will be added to the site.

John is looking for someone to take over the running of that site, so please feel free to chat with him.

A few thank you's. I know it takes time to do what you all do.

Paul Hetherington/Darren Hawes for stepping up when Bob Howes quit Claybrooke, Ben Clifton for his prompt attention to anything badminton, Steve Turner for being on the ball and always winning my "deliberate mistake" competition, Pete & Rosemary for their commitment to Hunters and the league, Bob Gale and Don Page for getting Avon into our league and maintaining it for this year, Phil Pelton for getting QDJC up and running, Ajit Barot for keeping Harris going strong, John Wardropper for giving our young players a chance to get into Adult Badminton, and the many others who put their time and efforts into keeping this small league going. We are known as "The Friendly League" lets keep it that way.

5. Treasurers report

Simon explained that very little had taken place and there were funds available for any badminton related activity. (See attached Sheet)

6. Club Reps Reports

St Philips: Moved to Collingwood Centre, great venue, teams finished 2nd and 6th in Men's 1, finished 4th in Men's 2 and 4th in Men's 3. Much better in Coventry, with Mixed 1 and Ladies both going into the premier divisions. Mixed 2 also gained promotion.

Club member numbers are still good at around 30. Membership fee £120.

Lutterworth: Paul said that the club membership is around the mid 20's. They don't have enough Ladies but are looking at marketing. Current membership fees around £100.

Trinity: Ben said that they have moved to the new leisure centre which has a very light hall, with and "off white" walls. Membership around 20, with fees just over £100.

It will be difficult to reschedule matches once booked, due to hall use.

Trinity are looking at switching to feathers.

Hunters: Peter said that they have had a successful season with the teams. They have lost some players but gained others and they maintain the mid 20's attending their summer club.

Bilton hall is under new management and the floor has already been improved. Peter said that he had received good feedback on the Britannic Tournament.

Steve said that they were experimenting with feather shuttles, Yonex AS20's and are awaiting feedback on them.

Harris: Ajit said that they are a small club with only 5 members, with a "mid 50's" age. He asked for assistance from other clubs if they had players who would possibly not play matches for their own club, but could perhaps play for Harris. They practice twice a week and want to maintain a place in the league.

Juniors/Rugby Youth: John said that they had a very healthy membership of around 90 players, split 50/50 girls/boys. The under 17's and under 13's had just won their respective tournaments. They have 8 players in the 11 – 18 county squad.

Deirdre has recently stepped down from helping out but has been replaced by Sue Gallagher.

7. Election of Officers

League Chairman	Mark Hope
League Secretary	Mark Hope
League Treasurer	Simon Outhwaite
Junior Secretary	John Wardropper
Match Secretary	Rob Fowler
Committee Member	Steven Turner

8. Leagues for 2015 - 2016

Agreed changes to rule on “2 up 2 down” with discretion being used to determine what's best for the league.

Ben (Trinity) was a little concerned at Trinity 2 going into Division 1 but is willing to stay with it for now.

Div 1, Trinity 1, Lutterworth 1, St Philips 1, Hunters 1, Hunters 2, Trinity 2

Div 2, Avon, St Philips 2, Claybrooke 2, ST Philips 3, Hunters 3

Div 3, Hunters 4, Claybrooke 3, Harris 1, St Philips 4, Rugby Youth, QDJC.

Phil (QDJC) said that they may be able to put in a 2nd team, but would let us know as soon as possible.

The fixtures meeting has been fixed as 14th Sept 2016 at 8pm at the Dunchurch Social Club.

9. Any Other Business

Mark gave out individual trophies to Steve Turner, Callum Gallagher, Wing To and Phil Pelton for winning the Britannic Tournament. Division 1 and Division 2 trophies were presented to Lutterworth and Hunters. The division 3 trophy will be given to Avon in due course.

Peter Pugh was concerned at the lack of reports going into the local papers. Mark said that he had got 3 reports in this year and Peter had also got reports in.

Ben said that he had had problems getting score sheets in from some captains.

The clubs would like to see a “Men's” Tournament in October. Mark to discuss with Rugby School.

Rule changes to remove “press officer” and to “have meeting when necessary” were accepted.

Phil has asked if a player could switch clubs during a season. It was suggested that this could only occur on 1 occasion through the season. Ben said that it should be reviewed as a “special Circumstance” and the league committee should make the decision. This was agreed.

On the Harris “loan player” idea. We should be as lenient as possible and loan players who are only division 3 standard. Anyone who plays a match in division 2 or above should have games forfeited.

Ben said that Trinity now have 3 ladies who are really keen to play league matches. Could other clubs look at fielding a Ladies teams in other leagues.

John Wardropper needs someone to take over the running of the regenerated RDBA website. Ben said that he may be interested. Paul said that he would ask a Lutterworth club member too.

Steve asked if we could have a list of historic winners of league/tournament trophies. Mark will try to pull some information together.

Phil asked that adult players who may benefit from coaching, should be directed towards Queens Diamond Centre. Steve Turner would also help with coaching dependent upon time constraints.

On the subject of “social events”, Phil said that Friday nights are not good for anyone. Darren suggested an afternoon barbecue. John asked if it was just the date/time of year causing problems. Rob said that we haven’t had a social event now for 2 years.

Meeting closed at 9-15pm.