

LINCOLNSHIRE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION



**Minutes of AGM held on Wednesday 13 June 2018
at The Victoria Pub, Union Road, Lincoln, LN1 3BJ at 7.30pm**

Present Mike Willans, Cherry Dowson, Jayne Diggle, Les Diggle, Sandra Burgess, Pete Crawshaw, Jason Wood, John Mayfield

1. Chairman's welcome and opening remarks

Jason offered to go over the previous minutes as we are currently without a Chair.

2 Apologies Dave Mellor, Chris Smith, John Kemp, Rod Tyler, Gill Anderson, Matt Attmore, Paul Mayfield, Sam Allen.

3. Minutes of the AGM 2017 were agreed as a true record by the committee. Proposed Les Diggle, Second by Mike Willans.

4. Matters Arising – Unfortunately the photographer didn't come back to LBA or the parents of the players with regards to promoting young athletes.

5. Treasurer's Report - A spreadsheet showing income & expenditure for the last financial year was given out. CS was absent from the meeting however submitted this report –

AGM Treasurers Report – Wed 13th June 2018

Income to Expenditure Statement (see attached)

Opening Balance	£12,506.33	(as of 31 st May 2017)
Closing Balance	£11,489.77	(as of 31 st May 2018)
Loss	-£1,016.56	

Main Observations:

- Junior income was down by **£1,862** compared to 2016-2017 season.
- The loss for this season should actually be **£3,170.56**, as an ICT accommodation invoice for £2,154.00 was presented for payment after the end of the financial year (31st May). This will now be included in the 2018 – 2019 season. The closing balance should be £9,335.77 – not £11,489.77

Please see Income to Expenditure report for a full breakdown.

John Hudson Account

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Opening Balance	= £1,497.01	(as of 31 st May 2017)
Closing Balance	= £1,497.49	(as of 31 st May 2018)

Financial Recommendations for 2018 – 2019

These recommendations are based around the losses incurred this season:

- Need to fundraise if the LBA wishes to sustain the current levels of subsidisation.
- Players in Senior Teams must cover all match fee costs.
- Vets match fees should be increased – £5 flat rate has been the same for many years.
- Reduce expenditure in all areas.

Administrative Recommendations for 2018 – 2019

- Please copy me in to ALL correspondence relating to all financial transactions.
- Original paper receipts required for sundry purchases.
- All invoices to be passed to me ASAP – all invoices for current season must be processed by the 31st May. Where possible, ask the company/organisation to invoice me directly, so that they can be paid on time.
- Try to reduce the amount of cash/cheque transactions – promote BACS.
- Please email me if you pay monies directly into the LBA account.

I'm happy to stand again for 2018-2019.

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6. Election of Council and other officers

POSITION	POSITION APPLICANT	NOMINEE	SECONDER
COUNCIL			
CHAIRMAN	Jason Wood	John Mayfield	Sandra Burgess
SECRETARY	Sandra Burgess	Cherry Dowson	Les Diggle
TREASURER	Chris Smith	Sandra Burgess	Cherry Dowson
BE REPRESENTATIVE	David Mellor & John Kemp	Sandra Burgess	Jason Wood
BE COUNTY COACH SECRETARY	Paul Mayfield	Pete Crawshaw	Sandra Burgess
AFFILIATION & LEAGUE SECRETARY	Cherry Dowson	Sandra Burgess	Jason Wood
JUNIOR MATCH SECRETARY/SHIRES FIXTURES	Jason Wood	Sandra Burgess	Cherry Dowson
JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP AFFILIATION	Sandra Burgess	Jason Wood	Jayne Diggle
COUNTY CAPTAIN/SENIOR MATCH SECRETARY	Mike Willans	Les Diggle	Sandra Burgess
JUNIOR CAPTAIN			
MASTERS CAPTAIN	Pete Crawshaw	Cherry Dowson	Jason Wood
HEAD COACH			
U12/U14 TEAM MANAGER	Matt Attmore	Sandra Burgess	Pete Crawshaw
U16 TEAM MANAGER			
U18 TEAM MANAGER	Les & Jayne Diggle	Sandra Burgess	Jason Wood

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FUNDRAISING OFFICER	Chris Coveley	Sandra Burgess	Mike Willans
CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER	Wendy Brown	Sandra Burgess	Les Diggle
KIT COORDINATOR	Lyndsey Wood	Sandra Burgess	Jayne Diggle
WEB SITE MANAGER	Mike Willans	Jason Wood	Les Diggle

Captains

OVER 40's	Nigel Heather
OVER 50's	Cherry Dowson
OVER 60's	

Coaches

U14	Matt Attmore, John Mayfield, Pete Crawshaw however will move if required
U16	Alex Cruikshank
U18	Tom Woodcock, Ben Garnham
ICT	

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7. League Secretary's Report

There have been a couple of changes to Club Affiliation in the county since last year, most recently Bishop Grosseteste Students Union have affiliated their Club as they wish to compete in the Newark League next season. That means there are now seven Clubs in Lincoln, two in Grantham, one in Sleaford, one in Spalding and Kesteven Ladies Club. Brigg Juniors have not renewed their affiliation which leaves four junior Clubs, Lincs Juniors, St Andrews Juniors, West Grantham Juniors and South Kesteven.

Last season Badminton England introduced a new charge for Clubs on top of individual affiliation and for the 2018-19 season all these fees are rising. Club fees will be £70 for up to 8 members, £95 for 9-15 members and £130 for 16+ members although discounts are available for electronic payment. For Club members, individual membership will be £13 for adults, or £25 if they play for the County at any age group, and £4 for juniors unless they play County when it is £14, again small discounts are available for online payments.

The Lincs Combination Doubles League competed this season with five teams, Cross O'Cliff, Lincoln Albion, Crossed Rackets 1 and 2 and Lincoln Westside. There were some very close matches as all teams were involved in one or more draw! Westside won the League and the trophy will be presented at the fun day on 8 July.

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Lincs Combination League 2017-2018

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Points
Westside	8	7	1	0	38	10	22
Crossed Rackets 1	8	4	2	2	25	23	15
Lincoln Albion	8	3	2	3	27	21	13
Cross O Cliff	8	1	2	5	15	33	5
Crossed Rackets 2	8	0	1	6	14	34	5

8. Match Secretary's Report

No report

Ethan lost his kit playing for county – can he have county top. Ethan will receive a county top free for next year.

Junior – nothing

Masters – copy and paste end of season report.

Pending stuff –

Masters Co-ordinators meeting – rule proposed to stop strengthens under age group by using better older players so asked to include spirit of games.

Captains MUST play in order of strength

If last minute short you can play a last minute unaffiliated player – only one wild card per team. They can play once more without becoming a compete player but they will not be allowed to play on the third occasion.

Pete has been in touch of NK with regards to dates when

Masters trials Sunday 23 Sept 2-4pm.

Hoping to have matches 2-4pm

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9. County Captains report (Including Junior, senior and Masters Report)

County Captain Report 2018

The 2017 Senior Restricted was played once again at The Priory Witham Academy, where it will be played again this year from Friday 28th September to Sunday 30th September. Courts are all booked, timings will be the same as last year. The venue works really well with us being able to leave all kit in the auditorium leaving the main hall clear of all bags and kit. The results were as follows.

Men's Singles	Winner	Harley Towler
	R/Up	Tom Woodcock
Ladies Singles	Winner	Chloe Sidwell
	R/Up	Meg Diggle
Men's Doubles	Winners	Harley Towler & Chris Smith
	R/Up	Tom Woodcock & Ben
Garnham		
Ladies Doubles	Winners	Chloe Sidwell & Zoe Foote
	R/Up	Natalie Hassall & Meg Hassall
Mixed Doubles	Winners	Harley Towler & Nikki Baxter-
Anderson		
	R/Up	Tom Woodcock & Chloe
Sidwell		

The weekend again ran very smoothly and thanks to all who helped over the weekend. I think I now have a set format for the weekend which will stay the same this year. Singles on the Friday up to and including the semi-finals. Then Singles finals on the Saturday morning, then playing the level doubles up to and including the semi-finals with Sunday being the Level doubles finals and mixed double to a finish.

Senior Teams

Ist Team played in Division 2 central and found it very tough this year finishing bottom out of 8 teams, not having a full strength side over all 3 weekend didn't help. I think we could have stayed in that division if we could have fielded our full team for all 3 weekends. I'm pretty sure

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the 1st team will be again in division 3 central and will be fighting for promotion again.

2nd & 3rd teams finished 6th and 8th respectively in division 4 east. Once again selection was an issue over a couple of the weekends, with a huge issue over the last weekend where we were only able to field 4 men in each team. This year will see the same format for our third team with ICT players being picked alongside players that have recently left the under 18 juniors with some experience from some senior players. The 2nd team will again be a full senior side if possible. We had a few selection issues at the beginning of the season which actually weakened the 2nd team again. Massive thanks to Sam Allen, Natalie Hassall and Paul Woodcock for captaining and managing the teams last season. I'm hoping that this year we will have 3 captains in Sam, Natalie and Jack Holyoak who captained the 3rd team from the 2nd weekend onwards.

Next season

I still have had nothing confirmed from BE with regards where or who any of the teams will be playing yet. But suffice to say that the senior ICC will stay the same as last season with regards regions and the divisions. The changes that I notified the council of at the last meeting will not be introduced until season 2019-2020.

I'm very pleased with the way the website is going, with about 4700 views in the last year. I've got no major plans with regards the site apart from maybe changing the theme so we can get a bit more width to the pages as the one we have is fairly restrictive as to what we can put on. But if anyone has any ideas about content or how it looks then please contact me for a chat.

Senior kit will remain as last season, if they want to purchase a top they can buy what the juniors are having. If I get some time during the summer I may look at it again for seniors. As the 17-20 kit went down well with all players.

And last but not least a couple of thank you's, to the council. Thank you for your support during this last season, I think it has tested our resolve a few times and no doubt will in the future. Mike Willans.....Senior County Captain.

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Junior Report

No report was submitted however it has been requested by a Parent that his son lost a badminton shirt while playing for County and it was asked if he could have a free shirt at the start of the season. the committee agreed that the player could have a free shirt.

Action - Chris/Lyndsey – please issue Ethan Curtis with a free shirt at the start of the season.

Masters Report

At the last Masters meeting that Pete attended he stated that they had proposed a rule to stop strengthening age groups by using better older players as this is not in line with the spirit of the game. It was also noted that players do not always play in ranking order and it was asked that players play in order of strength.

With regards to players, if teams are short at the last minute they can play an unaffiliated player – only one wild card per team. They can play once more without becoming a compete player but they will not be allowed to play on the third occasion.

Masters have entered an O40 and O50 in County championship and an O40 in the county challenge event.

NK have changed and fees for courts have increased so may need to look at alternative courts.

Pete stated the Masters trials will be held on Sunday 23 Sept 2-4pm. He is hoping to have all matches 2-4pm

10. Development Officers Report

Nothing to report .

11. BE Rep Report

Nothing to report

12. Head Coach Role

This was discussed at length.

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Pete was looking at taking his level 3 but cannot do all the weekends that they set out.

Some committee members were worried that we do not have the quality of players coming through the age groups to warrant a Head Coach as most U14's are only playing badminton once a week at county. It was stated that we don't have enough coaches going into schools to bring in the young players. Coaches are hoping we will get a good response from the trials in July.

After lengthy discussions 2 Proposals were submitted to the committee with regards to the Head Coach role –

Proposal A - Proposed to approx 6 hours per week and the role would take the role of junior captain too. The committee agreed that the Head Coach would need to be accountable and lead at least one group per session. A panel would need to be appointed re fees per hour. The suggestion was minimum £20 per hour plus expenses, negotiable based on experience. A panel would need to be appointed.

Proposal B – Put on hold.

The committee voted and agreed to go with Proposal A. This will be discussed in the July meeting.

13. Any Other Business

Mike has received feedback stating that the Champs are on too late as they take place when training has stopped. The committee discussed holding these in May but then Bank holidays and half term could prove this to be difficult.

Action - MW will check when other counties hold their county champs and report back.

MW discussed having professional links on the LBA website and asked if we should have a Lincolnshire Badminton partner page. It was discussed if we should have a reciprocal link or if we should charge for the link, the committee would need to vet the link. It was discussed that we could look at a one off fee for a year and there should be a limit for how many we have. We would need a disclaimer in case anything goes wrong. MW will look at different ways of doing this as it would help to promote Lincs badminton.

It was suggested that all age groups finished coaching after ICT. The coaches stated they would rather keep the U14 and U16 sessions the same as they currently are unless the Head coach wishes to change this.

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John Hudson Award as only U14 coaches were at the meeting this could not be discussed.

Action – Could coaches please discuss at the trials and decide on who should receive the award and notify the committee.

With regards to player of the year for each age group. LBA U 14 player of the year is Coco Choi, the relevant Coaches/Team Managers will decide on the U16 and U18.

Jason Wood will be at the trials session doing the registering of players and taking payment. Jason Wood will send out emails stating who has been accepted/declined once coaches have decided who they are taking.

Sandra will register players with BE, so please send her a spreadsheet with all the relevant details. I believe this is name, gender, BE number (if they have one), email address and DOB.

The dates of the next meeting are –

Wednesday 18 July 2018 at 7.30pm at The Victoria Pub
Wednesday 26 September 2018 at 7.30pm at The Victoria Pub

Meeting closed at 9.45pm