

# LINCOLNSHIRE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION



**Minutes of AGM held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
at The Victoria Pub, Union Road, Lincoln LN1 3BJ at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Mike Willans, Cherry Dowson, Debbie Ward, Jayne Diggle, Les Diggle, Chris Mardon, Pete Crawshaw, Robin Jackson, Alan Ip, Mags Wilson, Vineet Mahajan

**1. Chairman's welcome and opening remarks**

Unfortunately Jason was unable to attend so Mike Willans kindly stood in as Chair

**2. Apologies** Jason Wood, Lyndsey Wood, David Mellor, John Kemp, Tom Woodcock

**3. Minutes** of the AGM 2018 were agreed as a true record by the committee.

Proposed Les Diggle, seconded by Jayne Diggle

**4. Matters Arising** The discussion at last year's AGM to look for a Head Coach for approx. 6 hours per week for £20 an hour should be discussed again at the next meeting in light of the new proposals by Vineet to pay all coaches as costs will need to be worked on

**5. Treasurer's Report** A spreadsheet showing income and expenditure for the last financial year was circulated. Chris Smith was absent from the meeting but submitted this report:

## Summary of Income to Expenditure Statement

Opening Balance	£11,489.77	(as of 1 <sup>st</sup> Jun 2018)
Closing Balance	£9,991.63	(as of 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019)
Loss	<b>-£1,498.14</b>	

## Main Observations:

The loss for this season should actually be a profit of £655.86 as the 2017–2018 ICT accommodation invoice for £2,154.00 was paid in this financial year – see below:

Opening Balance	£9,335.77 (this is what it should have been instead of £11,489.77)
Closing Balance	£9,991.63
Profit	£655.86

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Please see Income to Expenditure report for a full breakdown.

## John Hudson Account

Opening Balance	= £1,497.49	(as of 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018)
Closing Balance	= £1,499.72	(as of 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019)

## Financial Recommendations for 2019 – 2020

- All transactions should be made via BACS – this has several advantages over cash/cheques:
  - Cash/cheques need to be paid into the account – time-consuming
  - Money moving in and out of the account can be easily tracked
  - Parents/players have a record of payments made into the account (proof of payment)
- All subsidisation (senior/vets) by the LBA should cease if we start to pay coaches £10/hour.
- Payment for kit must be paid via BACS in advance, i.e. before the order is placed to Maurice Robinson

## Administrative Recommendations for 2019 – 2020

- 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 – invoices for current season must be processed by the 31<sup>st</sup> May. Where possible, ask the company/organisation to invoice me directly, so that they can be paid on time.
- Please email me if you pay monies directly into the LBA account.

I'm happy to stand again for 2019-2020

## 6. Affiliation & League Secretary's Report

Cherry said that there is one additional affiliated Club in the County this season, RAF Coningsby has been competing in the lower divisions of the Newark & District Badminton League. That means there are now clubs in Lincoln, Grantham, Sleaford, Spalding and Coningsby. There are just four affiliated junior Clubs, Lincs Juniors, St Andrews Juniors, West Grantham Juniors and South Kesteven.

It appears there is to be no change in Badminton England fees this season after last year's introduction of additional charges for clubs and county players. So club fees are £60 for up to 8 members, £80 for 9-20 members, £100 for up to 49 members and £120 for 50+

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members. Individual membership remains at £13 for adults, or £25 to include the compete fee enabling them to represent the County at any senior or masters age group, and £4 for juniors unless they play County or BE tournaments when it is £14.

The Lincs Combination Doubles League competed with five teams, Cross O'Cliff, Lincoln Albion, Crossed Rackets, Sleaford and Lincoln Westside. I'm pleased to say there is a new name on the trophy this time as Albion have taken the title. Hopefully this will be presented at the Presentation Evening.

## LINCS COMBINATION LEAGUE 2018-2019

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Points
Lincoln Albion	8	5	3	0	33	15	20
Sleaford	8	5	0	3	29	19	15
Cross O Cliff	8	4	1	3	26	22	14
Crossed Rackets	8	2	2	4	18	30	9
Westside	8	0	2	6	14	34	2

### 7. County Captain Report

Mike reported as follows. The 2018 Senior Restricted was played once again at The Priory Witham Academy, where it will be played again this year from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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	Ben Garnham
	R/Up	Brad Okopskyj
Ladies Singles	Winner	Chloe Sidwell
	R/Up	Megan Diggle
Men's Doubles	Winners	Paul Mayfield & Paul Sturton
	R/Up	Tom Woodcock & Ben Garnham
Ladies Doubles	Winners	Chloe Sidwell & Zoe Foote
	R/Up	Megan Diggle & Alice Fletcher

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Mixed Doubles

Winners

Tom Woodcock & Chloe Sidwell

R/Up

Ben Garnham & Kate Garnham

The weekend again ran very smoothly and thanks to all who helped. 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

1st Team played in Division 3 central and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> with 51 points, with Leicestershire 2<sup>nd</sup>'s 6 coming top with 63 points. So, promotion to Division 2 Central this coming season. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> teams finished 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> respectively in division 4 east. As I mentioned earlier the 2<sup>nd</sup> team were in contention for promotion going into the last weekend, but with other teams bringing in some ringers they had a tough weekend eventually lost out to other counties. This coming season will see the same format for our 3<sup>rd</sup> team, with players coming out of the junior system being picked alongside senior players. The 2<sup>nd</sup> team will again be a full senior side. Selection was a lot easier last season with the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> teams having consistent weekends. Massive thanks to Sam Allen, Natalie Hassall and Jack Holyoak for captaining and managing the teams last season. All ran very smoothly with all match fees collected, and for the first time in a lot of years seniors covering costs for match entries. Next season there will be no subsidisation for any of the senior teams. I'm hoping that we will still have the same 3 captains in Sam, Natalie and Jack this coming season. I haven't decided on a Player of the Year.

## Next season

I still have had nothing absolutely confirmed from BE with regards where or who any of the teams will be playing yet. As of yesterday, they are still working on venues and regional division numbers and teams. The main change will be an extra division at the top (Championship) and an extra division 5 at the bottom.

## Website

I'm very pleased with the way the website is going, with about 5000 views in the last year. I've got no major plans with regards the site apart from maybe changing the

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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.

And last but not least a huge thankyou to all who have helped over this last season. Thank you all for your support, I think it has tested our resolve a few times and no doubt will again in the future.

## **8 Junior Manager's Report**

Vineet reported that there had been a coaches meeting last week as follows.

Coaches present: John, Ben & Tom

I represented views of Pete & Matt as I had spoken to them personally.

Things Agreed:

1. Coaches for age groups for next season. Under 14: John & Ben. Under 16: Pete & Matt. Under 18: Tom & level 1 coaches
2. Payment to coaches at £10/hour. Travel expenses to continue.
3. Level 1 coaches to be paid £200 to support for level 2 coaching fees once they agree to deliver 20 sessions.
4. To find this session payments to increase from £4:00 per hour to £5:00 per hour.
5. Difficult to identify clear job role for Head Coach & match remuneration with current funding

Action plan:

1. Vineet to talk to Jack Railton, Kate Garnham & any other level 1 coach to discuss availability & commitment.
2. Vineet to speak personally to Paul to discuss job role & remuneration for Head Coach role.

Head Coach Role

Job plan:

2 to 3 hours per week

Attend at least 1 age group per week.

Oversee & support all coaches

Oversee Written weekly plans

Long term look into Gifted & talented sessions

CV to Chair LBA

Interview committee: Chair, Treasurer, Senior County Captain, Junior County Captain, Parents representative

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## 2019 Junior Championships

Discipline	Age	Winners	R/Up
Boys Singles	U12	Jasper Fox	James Thompson
Girls Singles	U12	Keeley Goude	Catherine Stone
Boys Doubles	U12	Sajin Jenopan & James Thompson	Shreyas Chingale & Akash Dharmavaram
Girls Doubles	U12	Keeley Goude & Catherine Stone	Yui Kiu Au & Megan Kipling
Boys Singles	U14	Harvey Dobson	Jasper Fox
Girls Singles	U14	Maddie Dobson	Coco Choi
Boys Doubles	U14	Harvey Dobson & Frankie wade	Shreyas Chingale & Abhinav Mahajan
Girls Doubles	U14	Yui Kiu Au & Coco Choi	Maddie Dobson & Alice Naylor
Mixed Doubles	U14	Harvey Dobson & Maddie Dobson	Andrew Stone & Catherine Stone
Boys Singles	U16	Thomas Armstrong	Max Giorgi
Girls Singles	U16	Alicia Ip	Leah Redfern
Boys Doubles	U16	Thomas Armstrong & Thomas Naylor	Ethan Curtis & Leo Garton
Girls Doubles	U16	Alicia Ip & Shakira Lee	Coco Choi & Leah Redfern
Mixed Doubles	U16	Leo Garton & Shakira Lee	Max Giorgi & Leah Redfern
Boys Singles	U18	George Railton	Ryan Chan
Girls Singles	U18	Alice Fletcher	Megan Diggle
Boys Doubles	U18	George Railton & Ryan Chan	Aidan Ip & Thomas Armstrong
Girls Doubles	U18	Alice Fletcher & Megan Diggle	Leah Redfern & Alicia Ip
Mixed Doubles	U18	Ryan Chan & Alice Fletcher	George Railton & Alicia Ip

### U.18 SQUAD – REVIEW OF 2018/19 SEASON

Les reported as follows. First of all Jayne and I would like to say a big thank you for all the support you have given us during the 2018/2019 campaign. The Sunday trainings from September to March are in themselves a big commitment for both players and parents alike

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particularly those of you who live some distance from Lincoln and it is fair to say that the attendance level of players at trainings this season has been generally very good. At this point I must also mention our unpaid Coaches, Tom and Ben, who give up some of their valuable free time to coach you at our Sunday training sessions and Alex and Pete from the U.16 squad who have stepped in and helped out with the county coaching when Tom and Ben have been coaching at Shires matches. I am sure you will join us in saying a big thank you to all the coaches for their efforts and support.

Some of you will have had the chance to play Shires League Badminton during the season against other U.18 County teams. Our U.18 team played the following U.18 County Teams :-

**YORKSHIRE 2** - Home match - Lincs lost 7 - 13.

**YORKSHIRE 1** - Away match - Lincs lost 8 - 12.

**DERBYSHIRE** - Home match - Lincs won 16 - 4.

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE** - Home match - Lincs lost 5 - 15.

**NORFOLK** - Away match - Lincs lost 9 - 11.

**LEICESTERSHIRE** - Away match - Lincs lost 1 – 19 (to a very strong Leicestershire team).

A total of 17 different players represented Lincolnshire U.18 squad during the Shires matches including 4 from the U.16 squad and they all deserve credit for the way they conducted themselves at the fixtures in what was a difficult season. Again a big thank you to parents who transported their sons/daughters to the fixtures and Tom and Ben for providing the coaching at all matches.

I know some of you like statistics which I am not a great lover of but for those that do Lincolnshire U.18 team finished the season 26<sup>th</sup> out of 38 Counties. As regards Player Statistics Megan Diggle finished at the top of the list having played 20 matches and won 18. She was closely followed by Ryan Chan who played 18 and won 14 and both Alice Fletcher and George Railton who both played 24 matches and won 13. ALL the players who represented Lincolnshire did the best they could and are to be congratulated for their efforts.

I am very sorry to report that try as I may I could not persuade any nearby Counties to play 'Friendly' matches against us during the season. It is a fact that the Badminton Calendar is getting to the stage that it is difficult to arrange Shires matches let alone 'Friendlies' but I hope next season will be different.

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In December, 2018 the Coaches chose the players they wanted to form an I.C.T. training squad – 14 players in total from both the U.18 and U.16 squads – and the following is an overview of who attended and how the subsequent team of 10 players performed at the annual U.18 Inter-Counties Tournament in Nottingham.

## **I.C.T. 2019 - FINAL OVERVIEW**

This report relates to how the Lincolnshire U.18 I.C.T. squad performed at Nottingham University 15 – 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

The players were :-

**GIRLS** - Charlotte BARON, Megan DIGGLE, Alice FLETCHER.

Alicia IP and Leah REDFERN (both U.16 squad members).

**BOYS** - Ryan CHAN, Aidan IP, George RAILTON, George WOOD, and Tom ARMSTRONG (U.16 squad member).

## **COACHES**

Paul MAYFIELD – ran the pre I.C.T. training sessions and was present to coach at all nine matches at the event.

Tom WOODCOCK – coached at all matches on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> straight after coaching for a few days at another event just prior to I.C.T.

Ben GARNHAM - coached at the evening match on the 15<sup>th</sup> and at all matches on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April. Ben also helped out with the I.C.T. training sessions as did John MAYFIELD.

**MANAGERS** - Les and Jayne DIGGLE who stayed with the players in Halls of Residence for the duration of the tournament. Ben GARNHAM also stayed in Halls with the boys overnight 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and Tom WOODCOCK stayed overnight on the 15<sup>th</sup> April.

## **MATCHES PLAYED AND RESULTS**

### **MONDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**1200** - AVON v LINCOLNSHIRE - LINCS LOST 3 – 7.

**1520** - LINCOLNSHIRE v WORCESTERSHIRE – LINCS WON 6 – 4.

**1900** - WARWICKSHIRE v LINCOLNSHIRE – LINCS LOST 0 – 10.

**NOTE: WARWICKSHIRE WENT ON THE WIN THE EVENT OVERALL.**

### **TUESDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**0900** - LINCOLNSHIRE v WILTSHIRE - LINCS WON 6 – 4.

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**1220 - LINCOLNSHIRE v SUFFOLK - LINCS WON 9 – 1.**

**1540 - LINCOLNSHIRE v STAFFORDSHIRE – MATCH WAS DRAWN AT 5 – 5 BUT LINCS. WON BY ONE GAME AND ONE POINT.**

## **WEDNESDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**1140 - LINCOLNSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE - LINCS LOST 3 – 7.**

**1500 - LINCOLNSHIRE v CORNWALL - MATCH WAS DRAWN AT 5 – 5 BUT LINCS. WON BY ONE GAME.**

## **THURSDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**1140 - LINCOLNSHIRE v CHESHIRE - LINCS LOST 4 – 6.**

**OVERALL LINCOLNSHIRE FINISHED IN 20<sup>TH</sup> POSITION FOR THE TOURNAMENT OUT OF 32 ENTRIES.**

The team performed very well and there was a good team bond between the players. They all played their part for the team when asked to do so and supported each other during the matches. The three players from the U.16 squad I know thoroughly enjoyed the experience of I.C.T. and will be an asset for us for next year's campaign.

As regards player statistics the top performers were Megan – played 18 won 14; Alice – played 18 won 13; Ryan – played 18 won 12 and George Railton – played 18 won 10. Sadly Ryan, Alice and George Wood have played their last I.C.T. as they will be too old next year so it is right we say a big thank you for all their efforts for the I.C.T. team.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Lyndsey WOOD for sorting out the kit for the I.C.T. coaches, players and managers and also to Jo RAILTON who volunteered to help out with washing kit overnight so we weren't a 'smelly team' at the event.

Finally Jayne and I would like to say a big thank you to all the players, parents and coaches for your support before and during the I.C.T. event.

Many congratulations to all the winners at the U18 Champs and a big thank you to Mike Willans, Chris Smith, Tom Woodcock and Dave Burgess for their organisation and planning both before and during the Event. It was a long day but as spectators we were treated to some very good matches and I know there were some tired bodies when it finished.

Finally, Jayne and I would like to thank all the players, parents and coaches for their support and assistance during the season and we look forward to working with some of you in the future.

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## 9. MASTERS REPORT

Pete thanked both 40s and 50s Captains Cherry Dowson and Nigel Heather for their support throughout the season, they both do an incredible job.

### CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON 2018-19: RESULTS

40s in a box of 4 with..

Notts W1 L1

Derbyshire L2

Leics W2

Finishing third on count back to Notts.

50s in box of 4 with..

Notts L2

Leics L2

Norfolk W1 L1

Finishing third on count back to Norfolk.

60s had no team last season but happy to run friendlies in 2019-20 if a Captain can be found. Potentially entering the championship in 2020-21.

### County Challenge: Jan 12-13 2019

1 <u>Derbyshire O40</u>	12 6 6 0 0	22 - 2	45 - 6	1047 - 665
2 <u>Northumberland O40</u>	9 6 4 1 1	17 - 7	37 - 18	1048 - 851
3 <u>Staffordshire O40</u>	9 6 4 1 1	15 - 9	36 - 22	1099 - 983
4 <u>Nottinghamshire O40</u>	6 6 3 0 3	14 - 10	29 - 28	993 - 990
5 <u>Lincolnshire O40</u>	4 6 2 0 4	11 - 13	24 - 29	942 - 902
6 <u>Suffolk O40</u>	2 6 1 0 5	5 - 19	17 - 39	903 - 1059
7 <u>Norfolk O40</u>	0 6 0 0 6	0 - 24	2 - 48	460 - 1042

Thanks to Cherry and Nigel for organising the meal, accommodation and a brilliant weekend of badminton and lots of laughter.

We organised two Masters practices that turned out to be well attended and costs covered. These practices encouraged all age groups to play within a varied environment and helped with practice for pairings before matches and tournaments.

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2019 saw the introduction of the inaugural Lincolnshire Masters Mixed doubles handicap tournament held at NK on 12th May 2019. Congratulations to winners Andrea Hyslop and Alan Ip. Also many thanks to the handicap committee (along with myself) Alex Cruikshanks and Mike Willans plus the two ladies (Claire and Sam) who ran the desk. The feedback on the tournament was excellent and we hope to run this again in 2020.

The Masters Coordinators meeting was held on 18th May at MK (Badminton England HQ). Generally speaking the national divisions, championships and challenges went well with no major issues to report back to the LBA. Particular thanks to Robin Jackson who accompanied myself and supported the County at the meeting.

Looking forward to 2019/20:

We are currently having issues with NK One that include costs and booking structures. We are currently trying to work alongside GLL to resolve our current problems. More news on this will be reported back at the next council meeting.

We now have the draws for the 40s and 50s for next season:

40s:

NORFOLK

NOTTS

LEICESTERSHIRE

50s:

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE \*\*

WARWICKSHIRE 1

LEICESTERSHIRE

\*\* We have traditionally found it difficult to fulfil the Away fixture in Wycombe and Bucks are already very twitchy about this happening for the fourth consecutive season. We **MUST** make this fixture a priority and fulfil the tie currently pencilled in for 17th November 2019 over four courts.

Both the 40s and 50s have been entered for the County Challenge in January 2020. I have requested that both teams are to play at the same venue, probably Worcester, fingers crossed.

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Fixtures are now currently starting to take shape for next season and hopefully we can resolve the issues with NK and maintain our partnership ongoing.

## 10. BE Reps Report

David Mellor sent this report.

Here is a brief report on the last BE meeting that John Kemp and myself attended at Milton Keynes.

1. A National Team League is to be launched with more information in October. The aim is not to disrupt local leagues but to support them. All five disciplines will be included.
2. If counties wish to be part of a trial project for Regional Hubs please contact BE. Eight areas are envisaged, with the East Midlands to include Lincs, Leics, Notts, Derbys and Northamptonshire. Each region would have a BE coach. Roll out expected Jan 2021.
3. Meeting broke up into three groups to discuss Relationship between BE and the County Badminton Associations (CBAs). The main headings were safeguarding, governance, equality & diversity

safeguarding - have counties adopted BE's policy, have a nominated Welfare Officer who is DBS checked and recorded on Go Membership?  
Are all county coaches on the BE coaching register? Is the safeguarding section on the county website linked to BE pages?

Governance - regional plan agreed by CBAs, are key roles in place with officers holding no more than two roles, is constitution reviewed every two years, are all clubs affiliated, are there links to BE website?

Equality & Diversity - adoption of BE policy, BE codes of conduct, BE disciplinary regulations?

As you can imagine John and myself were not best positioned to answer many of these questions, mainly because we are not involved in the day to day running of LBA. I explained to our group that due to recent resignations and just a few new committee members, we were not up to speed with recent appointments within LBA.

I also explained that LBA committee were struggling to fill key roles.

In view of the above lack of involvement that John and myself have on LBA matters these days and our advancing years, we would suggest the Committee considers appointing others to represent the LBA at BE meetings, rather than ourselves.

It's probably time to have new, young enthusiasts with fresh ideas!

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## 11. ELECTION OF COUNCIL AND OTHER OFFICERS

COUNCIL POSITION	POSITION APPLICANT	NOMINEE	SECONDER
CHAIRMAN	Jason Wood	Mike Willans	Cherry Dowson
SECRETARY	Debbie Ward	Cherry Dowson	Jayne Diggle
TREASURER	Chris Smith	Les Diggle	Pete Crawshaw
BE REPRESENTATIVE	Robin Jackson	Cherry Dowson	Pete Crawshaw
AFFILIATION & LEAGUE SECRETARY	Cherry Dowson	Jayne Diggle	Debbie Ward
COUNTY CAPTAIN	Mike Willans	Les Diggle	Cherry Dowson
JUNIOR MANAGER	Vineet Mahajan	Les Diggle	Mike Willans
MASTERS CO-ORDINATOR	Pete Crawshaw	Cherry Dowson	Jayne Diggle
SAFEGUARDING OFFICER	Mags Wilson	Les Diggle	Cherry Dowson
WEBSITE MANAGER	Mike Willans	Jayne Diggle	Les Diggle

### OTHER OFFICERS

U 14 TEAM MANAGER			
U 14 COACHES	John Mayfield & Ben Garnham		
U 16 TEAM MANAGER	Alan Ip		
U 16 COACHES	Pete Crawshaw & Matt Attmore		
U 18 TEAM MANAGERS	Les & Jayne Diggle		
U 18 COACHES	Tom Woodcock		
U 20 TEAM MANAGER	John Fletcher		

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## **12. Any Other Business**

Cherry had received an introductory email from our new BE Regional Officer Amelia Behrens who has replaced Halima Khan. It was agreed we invite her to the next meeting.

Les said he will be attending the Shires AGM.

We need to discuss the following at the next meeting. Head Coach - look at cost and funding with possible increase in fees. Need to have a defined job role. Look at fees needed to cover pay for coaches. Possible increase for coaches travel payments at present 25p per mile. Kit for Juniors, need to address payment system.

Suggestion that champs trophies and medals be given out on the day.