

## Minutes of The Parklangley Badminton Club Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 @7:30pm

### Attendees

Rod Forest  
Dave Cooke  
Alexander Pastron  
David Tipton  
Dennis Ward  
Steve Mackintosh  
Agnes  
Steven Grindley  
Nichole Forward  
David Harger

### Apologies for absence

Deborah Heron  
Tom Gerlack

### Membership and section numbers

A 36/50 No waiting list  
B 54/65 No waiting list  
C 60/60 28 on waiting list  
D 50/55 21 on waiting list

### How to reduce the waiting lists in C and D sections

Rod presented the following:-

“We have a situation where we have vacancies in B section and waiting lists in C and D section. Is there any way we can release the log jam so that members move up from C to B which would allow members to move from D to C and reduce waiting lists?”

The only situations in which former members can jump the waiting list is if they are returning from injury or pregnancy. Section maximums are allowed to rise to accommodate them. Should we change this because of Covid.”

It was suggested a Rep from the night above should visit another night and invite players up, this was tried in the past and it was relatively successful.

It was suggested increasing D section numbers to 60, it was agreed this would be put in place and be reviewed and revoked if it caused a problem with the smooth running of the night. This would reduce the waiting list significantly.

Some Reps were concerned there is no demotion process in place

A group of players from Tuesday have been highlighted, who are friends and could be invited as a group to try Wednesday, they will speak with them as a group.

Is reducing the numbers on the waiting list was a priority over coaching

It was suggested quarterly assessment and re-grading might help reduce the waiting list

**Rob K** suggested we send people to the Wednesday Pay & Play option at Eden Park High School until a place becomes available

Introducing a fifth club night on a Thursday was suggested and play all matches on a Sunday

It was questioned how many players on each night do not attend, this was discussed and agreed that each section is going to try look at their list of members to see whether this may help ease the waiting list.

**Caroline**, the membership secretary, is concerned that play ins of new members are not working well. Have the reps any suggestions to improve the situation.

Caroline does not receive feedback if a player does not turn up, this was discussed and **Dave C** will let her know that if she does not receive feedback she can assume they did not turn up.

It was agreed that a new player must fill out the Direct Debit mandate at the time of being offered a space (available at the reception desk) to ease the burden in the general office.

It was agreed to set up a general google sheets waiting list to help communication between each section and Caroline.

It was agreed that players returning after a period of injury should be offered a place immediately on their original club night although this is to be subject to a two week play in assessment.

Presentation on an electronic peg board

Baxter presented an electronic badminton board - BadBoard

It was agreed that **Alex** and **Steve M** would look at the program to assess whether it is a viable option for the club and report back to **Rod**. If it was considered a good option it will be installed and tried out at club nights. It was questioned whether an electronic board was necessary if the current system is adequate. **Dave C** advised that if we do not agree to have the new board the current one would be made to look nicer in line with the new refurbished hall

#### Report from Rob Kettle

The shuttles are a mix of 20's and 30's. Rob has stockpiled shuttles due to the current shortage within UK. Rob advised things are returning to normal as the AS30's have been delivered. These are not to be sold in the shop and are only for club night.

Rob has not had time to prepare tubes of knock-up shuttles and suggested we use the bin of old shuttles in the hall as an alternative. It was agreed this was a good idea and the reps will filter the information to club night players. When Rob has a chance the knock up shuttles will be stored in the cellar on the left and to aske staff for them.

Rob gave an outline of the Club Champions Tournament. It was agreed the preliminary rounds would be held on Club night over a period of a few weeks through to the Semi Final stage. It was agreed the tournament would be held on the same day as the Tennis Finals and PL Club will make it a special day.

The lights in the hall continue to be an issue with the company who produced them going out of business. Cliff, PL maintenance, may have the skills to adapt the glare from the lights and it was agreed that this should be tried on one court until the problem has been resolved  
Performance coaching is very well attended with only a few places available in each section and some sections are already full.

The Christmas Adult coaching was cancelled due to a lack of numbers. Rob is confident that over a period of time this will change and will continue to schedule the coaching.

#### Giving lady members value for their subscription

Rod presented the following

“ It has been reported from lady members that they do not get as many games as men on a club night. The problem has perhaps been highlighted by the return to a normal club night from the groups of six but is probably caused by men preferring to focus on men's doubles rather than mixed doubles.

The rule allows, where ladies are in a significant minority, when selecting ladies' doubles, they can pick three from the first eight then they can pick the first lady outside of the eight. If a man wants to select a mixed game and there is only one lady in the first eight, they can select a second lady from the first twelve pegs. Arguably, all sections have ladies in a significant minority. Have all sections introduced this rule? Should we experiment with allowing ladies to pick a ladies doubles without any constraints.

A suggestion was made that ladies should be offered a space on club night ahead of men in an attempt to redress the balance and keep the ration of ladies/men equal to also ensure ladies have the same choice as men.

It was highlighted as a concern that men do not pick mixed games as a general rule and that ladies need to wait to get to the front of the queue in order to play a game.

It was agreed that ladies would be allowed to pick outside the rule of 8 in order to play a ladies game or a mixed game (if appropriate),

**There** was concern that ladies may not pick the next in the queue and prefer to play with someone who has just left the court thus exacerbation the problem, it was agreed they will not be allowed to jump over ladies in order to pick.

#### Limiting the length of court bookings to one hour during peak periods

Rod presented the following

During the autumn we identified that a badminton member was booking two courts on a Thursday evening for two hours at the first opportunity thus preventing other members booking. The courts were used by members and guests. The badminton rules say that the courts may not be blocked book after 4pm on weekdays and after 7pm on Sundays by members of The Parklangley Club. There is no definition of block booking but the badminton executive committee agreed that it should be anything more than one court for two hours. I wrote to the member advising him of the rule. He did not reply but now two members are booking one court for two hours. I am proposing that in future we define block booking as anything more than one hour on one court."

It was unanimously agreed that a member may only book a court for a maximum of 1 hour during peak time with immediate affect.

**Dave C** advised there would be a 3 week roll out due the constraints of the current booking system and to negate the necessity to cancel bookings already in place

### Election of Reps

Dave T was re-elected a Friday rep  
Tom and David H are new Tuesday reps  
Alex was re-elected a Wednesday rep

### Covid membership extension for badminton members

**Dave C** advised the badminton section would be entitled to 9 months extension on their membership upon renewal. This was calculated on full months from 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> being made up of 5 months in the summer, 1 month in the autumn and 3 months in the spring. **Dave C** thought this was generous and the majority of Reps agreed. It was also pointed out the free use of the courts and shuttles during the Covid period

**Alexander** considered this to be unfair and that members should receive an extension for the whole period the courts were not available for play

### Refurbishment of the Badminton Hall

Rod advised the gallery seating area is on hold as it forms part of the squash court and quiet bar development plan

### Team Selection

**Dennis** advised the selection was very difficult this year because of the unknown return to matches in general after Covid. The team selection committee said the easiest way was to enter the teams he thought was appropriate and then find the players to play in them.

**Rob K** found arranging fixtures was challenging as there was no face-to-face meeting

**Dave C** advised the collection of match fees by the club is somewhat challenging and asked whether this could be changed.

**Alexander** suggested using the current DD system and that captains would advise who played and therefore who to take the money from. It was recommended that fees be taken every few months to ease the burden in the office. **Dave C** is going to give the options some thought

### AOB

A concern was raised that the clay from the tennis courts in the badminton hall. **Dave C** advised this was as a result of the very windy weather and that a cleaner can be asked to wipe the courts

**Dave T** confirmed the Friday section can be increased to 60 players

It was also suggested anyone on the waiting list should not be offered a second night option

A motion was put forward to Dennis introduce play downs, this was seconded by some committee members. It was suggested we ask the current members whether it is something to be considered.

**Rod** suggested things will resolve themselves and players know their own level, it is B night that suffers the most as it appears to have the greater spread of player ability. There is concern that it may de-personalise the badminton section.

**Rod** requested **Dennis** write a proposal to be added to the agenda and discussed at the next meeting

**Agnes** gave a brief update on the ladies section on Thursday.

**Agnes** had difficulty booking a court for a coaching session with Wayne. **Dave C** will look into this as it may be a problem with Wayne's profile on Clubsys.

#### Parklingley Update

**Dave C** has requested more content from the badminton section for the newsletter and social media. Photographs and match results would be a place to start and any other news updates. There is a QR code in the bar to undertake a survey which **Dave** would like all members to undertake.

PL operates under LTA guidelines for safeguarding and welfare. All sections are covered under LTA insurance.

**Dave C** has asked the badminton section to attend The Club AGM so the meeting is represented by all playing sections.

All matters discussed and the meeting closed at 10:58pm

The next Badminton Committee Meeting is to be held on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May @ 7:30pm**

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