

## Badminton Committee Meeting Minutes 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### Attending

Rod Forest  
David Tipton  
Tom Gerlack  
Steve Macintosh  
Deborah Heron  
Alex Pastron  
Nichole Forward  
Dennis Ward  
Stephen Grindley

### Apologies for Absence

Agnes Lantos  
Franco Scilio  
Dave Cooke  
David Harger

Rod commences the meeting by outlining the rules associated with the election of a new chairperson, has expressed his desire to step down from the role after over 20 years and is willing to stay until the end December 2022.

The minutes of the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May were clarified regarding a potential regrading system and it has been agreed that except for "A night" we are predominantly a social badminton club.

Rod will speak with Dave Cooke with regard the refurbishment of the peg board after it was decided not to proceed with the electronic idea. **RF/DC**

The Parklangley Club AGM for 2023 will be held in March and it is the badminton section to decide the day, which will be a Thursday night at 8pm.

Jacqui Bance is the new club chairperson and we have requested a Q&A session with her at the next meeting. **RF/DC/JB**

The Committee have asked Rod for a job description which he will circulate prior to the closing date for nominations. It was agreed the next chair will be elected from the committee, and we voted on by the committee. **RF**

**It was agreed that all nominations for the Chairperson position be emailed to Rod Forest by 30<sup>th</sup> October. Rod will forward a list of proposed candidates to the committee to be voted on at the next meeting in December.**

Nichole "C section" and Stephen "B section" are up for re-election and have chosen to stand

Franco "D section" is up for re-election and has chosen to stand down – DT has 2 members expressed a wish to be elected.

"A Night" currently have 2 reps and with the increase in membership numbers should a 3<sup>rd</sup> person be considered making all the reps Male. It was decided to wait for 3 to 6 months for things to settle before deciding.

### **Membership & Numbers**

More members are attending on a Monday night, PC players can attend Monday section after coaching, there are currently 3 to 4 players who take advantage of this opportunity. It was asked if they could have a different peg colour

**RK/DC**

DT has asked to leave the membership capacity on a Friday at 57 as most members attend regularly, making the night very busy, this was agreed.

Caroline is very busy with managing the waiting list and is in the process of calling people to ask if they would like to remain on the list. NF discussed the problems with Tuesday waiting list and it has been agreed by all committee members that in all sections that when a place becomes available it should be offered to the first person who has played in and offered a place and not by length of time on the waiting list. It was also agreed that players who are unsuccessful when they are played in be removed from the list and can reapply after 6 months.

**RF/CR**

DT asked RK if there was a process of referring players who attend Eden Park School back to PL, RK confirmed there is a process and anyone of the right standard is asked to play-in for a relevant night, this is monitored by RK and Harry.

### **Shuttles & Knockers**

Each night is given a tube of used shuttles at the beginning of the night to use to warm up. This is working well. It is the responsibility of the reps to return a full tube of used shuttles to the bar for the following night to use. Only one tube of shuttles is issued at the beginning of the night with any additional tubes being signed for when collected. It was agreed that anyone can collect the tubes of shuttles unless they are asking for an additional tube above the normal allocation for the night when the rep must sign for them.

AP requested an email be sent to all members explaining the new system so they are aware that new shuttles should not be used to warm up and that shuttles should not be taken onto court unless the one they are playing with is no longer good enough. It was requested that members are made aware that a new shuttle is not needed at the beginning of each game and good shuttles be returned to the table for someone else to use

**DC**

RK orders shuttles well in advance but there is difficulty in sourcing them. He has a good supply chain but cannot guarantee Yonex will always be available and another suitable option may need to be used.

#### **Lighting on Court 4**

This was discussed at length following the installation of a light filter system. Although court 4 looks darker than the other 3 courts, there is in fact, less glare. It was agreed to install the same filters on all the courts and that with every court having the same lighting there would be no difference between the courts. It is the correct LUX level for badminton. **DC**

It was mentioned the curtain in the viewing gallery is broken and the idea of utilising the space for viewing should be pushed forward.

#### **Team Selections**

It was agreed the practice sessions in August were positive and new players have been asked to join teams. The teams for the next season are mostly sorted with one or two exceptions but the committee are looking at this. DW mentioned that no email was sent out this year to players asking for their forms. It was agreed that new players expressing a wish to play matches should be introduced to the team captains and a list of team captains be published and advertised in the badminton hall **SG/RK**

#### **Club Tournament**

It was thought that the summer was not the best time to hold the club tournament because of holidays, weather, and a clash with tennis for those players who are members of both sections. May, June, and December were considered as alternatives. It was also agreed that it should be advertised with more time for applications.

It was agreed to add this to the agenda for the next meeting

**NF/RF**

#### **Social Media**

DC has asked for more content from the badminton section for social media. It was decided this should be aimed at attracting more A and B night players as the other two sections are full. It was agreed to prepare content for a target audience. RK said the best way to attract players is word of mouth. NF suggested we ask DC for more clarity as to the type of content he would like to see. It was agreed to add this to the agenda for the next meeting.

**DC/RK**

#### **Club Nights over Christmas**

Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> December – No club Night

Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> December – C Section

Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> December – A and B Section

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> December – D Section

The following week as normal

#### **Match Fees**

It was agreed that a spreadsheet be sent to Caroline of all matches and who played. A direct debit would be set up to take the money from each player's account. SPOND was considered but it was agreed to go with the spreadsheet idea this season and look at it again if it does not work. It will be the responsibility of the team captains to prepare the spreadsheets, probably on Google Sheets so that players are fully aware and can question any mistakes.

### **Thursday Night Court Bookings**

There have been a few members who are consistently booking the courts on a Thursday evening. This is currently within the club rules. Any player bringing in a guest who is not a member of the club should pay a visitor's fee at reception of £5. It was thought that this rule is not always adhered to and that in order to discourage members from not paying it has been agreed that any member who does not ask a guest to pay and is challenged on the night pay an enhanced fee of £25 to discourage this from happening. It was requested that this information be sent to all members by email as not many members were aware of the rule

**RF/DC**

### **Honorary Memberships**

DT asked what The Club rules were regarding Honorary memberships. RF advised that a proposal should be submitted to DC for consideration.

### **Christmas Party**

DT asked for an email to be sent to all badminton members ASAP advising of the date for the badminton Christmas party, which is Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**RK**

### **AOB**

SM has asked for the clock to be relocated and changed to one that automatically updates with the time differences.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> December @ 7:30

### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Club Tournament
- Social Media Content
- Matters Arising – Christmas Club Nights