

Parklangley Badminton Club

Meeting held on Thursday 1st December 2022

Attendees

Rod Forest (Chair)

Stephen Grindley

Nichole Forward

Alex Pastron

David Harger

Peter Smith

Tom Gerlack

David Tipton

Steve Macintosh

Debra Heron

Dave Cooke

Apologies

Rob Kettle

Membership & Section Numbers

Membership and section number were discussed.

Assessment Criteria for Club Nights & is the Play Up / In process working?

It was put forward that we do not currently have an appeals process, should we add this into the Club Badminton Rules; There have been only two one complaints in 20 years. There is a concern that the play-in process is discriminating against people moving up from other nights with players from outside being offered a space as there were no preconceived ideas.

There is a push to improve the standard on Monday and Wednesday nights with the improved standard filtering down to Tuesday and Friday to a lesser extent. It was argued that players struggle to improve as there is little opportunity to play against better players. It was agreed that the standard on each of the nights is very varied and should there be a general acceptance level

for each night and a structure around assessing players. Both Monday and Wednesday reps look at the standard of players from the middle section of the night, albeit subjective. It was also agreed that players not offered a place should be given feedback specific to them.

In conclusion, it was agreed that each night should adopt a process that works for its membership although it was agreed that players who are trying for a higher night should be made aware of the standard and what the expectations are to avoid any doubt. It was agreed that an appeals process should not be adopted although it should be revisited in the future should the need arise.

Election of Reps

Peter Smith was welcomed to the meeting as the new rep for Friday night.

Nichole F – Re-elected for C section

Stephen G – Re-elected for B section

Peg Board - Update

Dave Cooke did not have an update for this meeting and confirmed the refurbishment process is still being discussed. It was agreed that the players from the Performance squad who are invited to join Monday night after training should have a different coloured peg. This was agreed by DC. DC

Proposal for Honorary Membership

RF / DC updated the committee with regard to Honorary memberships which are not offered solely on length of time at The Club but would only be considered if the player has done something above-and-beyond. In these circumstances a proposal should be put to the Honors Committee with the details.

Badminton Hall- Update

Lighting- Dave C has confirmed the aim to replace the lighting on all 4 courts at the same time. This will resolve the issue where some courts are lighter than others.

The Viewing area – it was suggested that the green tinted screen on the window needs to be raised. The curtain also still needs to be re-fixed as necessary, however, there is still no resolution to the treatment of the viewing area and it will be looked into in early 2023.

Wall clock- It was suggested that a clock be found that will automatically update with it being relocated to the wall between courts 2 and 3. DC

Can 4 courts be available when 2 Teams are playing matches?

It was agreed by DC that 4 courts will be available from 8pm on a Thursday night when 2 matches are being played. Although the bar will stay open for match tea it was agreed that matches finish too late, especially for junior players who are being actively encouraged to represent The Club. This will be effective from 1st January 2023. DC

Date for Club Tournament 2023

In his absence it was agreed Rob K will be approached to find a suitable date for the club tournament, between May to October, avoiding the school summer holidays. It was agreed that the badminton tournament does not necessarily need to coincide with the tennis tournament. It has been agreed that the reps will decide the best format for each night.

DC / RK

Social Media Content

Mark Creffield currently provides content for the Badminton section. Please can all the reps and members be made more aware. The Club are going to send someone on a club night to take some photos. DC

Alarm Fire Exit doors to Badminton Hall

The fire doors in the badminton hall are broken and need to be replaced. At the time of replacement should they be alarmed so that they cannot be left open, which is causing them damage. It was discussed and agreed that the doors should be able to be left open especially during the summer months and that the alarm to the doors should only be operational when the alarm is set when the building is locked up. Note

Nominations for Chair

Stephen Grindley was unopposed in his application to be new Chair on the Badminton committee. He will take over from Rod F on 1st January 2023. The committee thanked Rod for his service and commitment.

For the sake of clarity it was confirmed that in future years should no one from the committee put themselves forward to be Chair Person the opportunity should be open to the membership with the committee making the final decision, in the event there is more than one application, as to who takes over.

AOB

Should there be a perk for reps? It was agreed that reps should not be rewarded.

Knock-Up shuttles are not always collected at the start of the evening. It was agreed that an email is sent out to the membership outlining the use of knocker shuttles and the collection at the end of the evening. **RK**

It has been suggested that Match Fees should be taken by Direct Debit using a spreadsheet, thus avoiding the need to download specific Apps such as Spond. This is currently being investigated **DC**

It was requested that all members are sent an email in June to remind them to put their names forward for matches **RK/SG**

There being no other business the meeting was closed with the next meeting being scheduled for **Thursday 9th March 2023**