

Parklingley Badminton Club

Minutes of the meeting 9th March 2023

1. Attendees & Apologies

Attendees

Stephen Grindley - Chairperson

Dennis Ward

Dave Cooke - PL General Manager

Steve McIntosh

Rob Kettle

Tom Gerlack

Peter Smith

Kelsey Conway – PL Deputy General Manager

Alex Pastron

Beatrice Forward

Nichole Forward

Apologies

David Tipton

Agnes Lantos

Deborah Heron

David Harger

2. Matters Arising

SG formally welcomed Beatrice, as the new rep on a Monday night and Kelsey (DGM)

There was not further update on the refurbishment of the peg board

3. Membership and Section Numbers

A - 44 / 50 Waiting List 0

B – 61 / 65 Waiting List 0

C – 60 / 60 Waiting List 30

D – 57 / 57 Waiting List 18

G – 12

It was decided to look at ways to ease the waiting list for C & D sections, with all people being new entries on the waiting list. DC emphasised the importance of keeping coaching at PL, using other venues as a last resort. RK has invited all players on the waiting list to attend the adult coaching at Eden Park but has had little take up at present, although this could change. It was decided to organize a few play-in sessions on a Thursday, inviting all the players on the waiting list, to assess their ability and to ascertain which night they may be better suited to. It was agreed that reps from each night attend to help with the decision making and to also invite the coaches who know the players better and have more understanding of their ability. **RK / DC**

4. Christmas - Club Nights, Crossfire Tournament & Closing Early – Issues

It was mentioned that there was an issue over the Christmas period regarding club night on both Tuesday and Friday, highlighting a clash with a scheduled tournament and the early closing of The Club. DC apologised for the confusion and will make more announcements to the members in this regard. It was also agreed that the Christmas club night program should be decided at the next meeting when DC will have available the proposed Club Christmas closing times, dates and schedules of any tournaments booked to avoid a clash. **DC**

5. Report from Rob Kettle

Rob is very aware that the adult waiting list is very long, with that in mind he also mentioned that we are lucky to be in this situation and that we should not look at capping the waiting list numbers. The Adult coaching program started at Eden Park 3 to 4 weeks ago with between 6 to 10 players having already signed up for the term and a maximum number of 20 players with 2 coaches. The coaching is aimed at beginners / improvers. The email was sent to all people on the waiting list.

The junior coaching program is going very well with 50 children already signed up.

Rob mentioned the fact that courts are not always readily available mentioning children's parties taking up a substantial amount of court time. DC mentioned this is a good income source for The Club.

The performance centre is working well with many children attending tournaments and achieving medals. RK mentioned that the Under 10's is flourishing. Rob is encouraging the performance squad to post their achievements on social media and tagging The Club, who can then re-post the article/photo.

RK has booked courts on a Thursday over Easter for match practice and is confident it is going well.

RK also mentioned that the A section on Monday is welcoming the squad players and encouraging them to join in the session.

6. Election of Reps

Beatrice Forward has been elected A night rep

7. Role & responsibilities of a Club Night Rep

It was asked if this information could be available on the website, DC said he will make it available. SG / NF to update the contents. **SG / NF DC**

8. Format for Club Tournament 2023 – Update

It was agreed that where possible all games should take place on the day of the tournament, the only exception being if it is heavily oversubscribed and some preliminary rounds need to be played earlier.

The tournament will consist of 5 disciplines, being men's doubles (MD), women's doubles (WD), mixed doubles (XD), men's singles (MS) and women's singles (WS)

The closing date for entries is Thursday 13th April 2023

There will be 3 standards of play, names yet to be decided.

1. Top level, open to all badminton club members
2. Intermediate level, open to all badminton members who play on B night or below
3. "social level", open to badminton club members who play on a C & D night only.

For the doubles it was agreed players can enter as a pair or as partner required. Partners will be given depending upon availability and section played in.

It was agreed there needs to be a minimum of 6 entrants in the singles category to make it viable. It was also agreed, where necessary, ladies could play in the men's section if there are not enough ladies enter.

Trophies will be available for the winners of each of the disciplines (potentially 15). **DC/RK**

9. Circulation of the Minutes

It was agreed that the minutes should be proofread by SG before circulation, this would be done within 2 weeks of the date of the meeting. **SG / NF**

10. Lighting on all courts – Update

DC confirmed the broken light is to be repaired on 17th March 2023. The diffusers on the current lighting on courts 1, 2 and 3 will be installed in April, June and August. DC

11. Date to take Rod out for a meal

SG will speak to Rod to find out his availability and whether he has any restaurant / food preferences. SG

12. AOB

RK mentioned the courts are slippery. DC to investigate further.

DC has asked all members not to go onto courts early, especially if they are being used to coach children as this is a safeguarding issue. DC is speaking to members individually who have been highlighted. A request was also made that members are not rude to coaches using the badminton hall.

A request was made that DC ask the coaches to vacate the courts as soon as the session finishes and to encourage parents to leave the hall quickly.

AP mentioned the issue of players returning from injury and attending a lower night to help aid their return. It was confirmed that players returning from injury may only visit a different night, after 9:00pm if it is previously agreed with the reps on the visiting night. It was agreed that this would be recorded as an item for the minutes, however at a point in the future if this became a particular issue then an amendment to the rules would be considered.

AP also asked if there is a shoe policy, it was agreed that this be discussed at the next meeting.

NF passed on a message regarding encouraging more ladies to play badminton, it was also agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

It was noted that items for the agenda should be notified in advance to enable a full response to be considered prior to the meeting and to ensure that the meeting content is balanced and can be covered in the time available.

With there being no other business the meeting was closed

Date of the next meeting is Thursday 8th June 2023