

Parklangley Badminton Club

Minutes

Date – 8th June 2023 Start 7:30pm

1. Attendees

- David Harger
- Steve Macintosh
- Deborah Heron
- Nichole Forward
- Beatrice Forward
- Dave Cooke (General Manager)
- Dennis Ward
- Alexander Pastron
- Stephen Grindley (Badminton Committee Chairperson)
- Jacqui Bance (Parklangley Chairperson)
- Peter Smith
- Tom Gerlack
- Rob Kettle (Head Coach)

2. Apologies

- Agnes Lantos
- Dave Tipton

3. Matters Arising

- **Lighting on Courts Update** – DC advised the committee the court lights are LED. LED lights fade as they age thus creating the situation where on court may be brighter than another. Discussion took place regarding replacing all bulbs at the same time DC advised this would not be a viable option as it would make the courts unplayable whilst the lights were being fitted. It was agreed that the filters should continue to be fitted. DC confirmed a date would be agreed during the summer holiday for the work to be carried out **(DC)**
It was agreed that the lights would then be reviewed in 12 months
- **Club Tournament Update** – The tournament entries and format have been processed with information forwarded to reps. RK has arranged for trophies for the winners and runners-up. **(RK)**

- **Roles & Responsibilities of Club Rep Update** – it was agreed that this information should be made available on the website. **(SG)** It was also agreed that the badminton section rules should also be available on the website **(SG)**
- Changes recorded to the minutes SG asked the committee whether to remove the term “Assessor” from the club rules when referring to play-in’s. The committee agreed it should be changed to Club night Rep.
- **Date to take Rod out for a meal Update** – SG will circulate some Thursday dates to the committee and choose a date suitable for the majority. **(SG)**
- **Waiting List Play-In Update** – A group session play-in is planned for after the club championships tournament. Dates to be agreed by Rob K **(RK)**
- It was suggested that a mark be put on the badminton posts to indicate the maximum height of a serve. RK suggested this was impractical and the club continue to use the below the rib serve instead, making it easier for players.
- It was agreed that Wednesday night will continue to have 4 courts as the membership numbers have increased.
- It was agreed the minutes would aim to be distributed no more than 14 days after a meeting.
- AP asked for an update on the refurbished peg board. DC presented a refurbishment of the existing board with a few changes such as peg size being larger and the names being laminated. It was agreed by the committee, after refurbishment it will be located on the same wall but at a slightly lower height making it easier for players to see.
- DC updated the committee on the viewing gallery suggesting that more vinyl be place on the lower parts to obscure the light from the upstairs area.
- Cliff is removing the rope attached to the clock and fixing it to the wall.

4. Membership and Section Numbers

- A = 44/50
- B = 64/65
- C = 60/60
- D = 57/57
- G = 12

AP asked if it was possible to send the list of section night members to all the reps before the meetings DC said this was not a problem and would speak to Caroline **(DC)**

5. Election of Reps

- There were no Reps up for election this will be reviewed at the September meeting.

6. Christmas - Club Nights Format

- Christmas and boxing day fall on a Monday and Tuesday. It was suggested that Wednesday 27th Monday and Wednesday sections and Friday 29th Friday and Tuesday sections. January will return to normal club nights, with a possibility that Monday night move their club night to Thursday 4th January. **(DC/RK)**

7. Report from Rob Kettle

- Rob updated the committee on the club championships preliminary rounds and the format of the finals. RK suggested running the singles rounds first, followed by level doubles then lastly mixed double. The courts have been booked until 6pm. DC agreed the club would provide refreshments for the competitors and guests. It was also agreed the kitchen would provide "Specials" on the day **(DC)**
- RK said the team practice sessions on a Thursday were well attended and the team captains could invite members who have expressed an interest in playing in a team.
- RK said the junior coaching program is well attended with a few gaps in the adult coaching program. Currently The Club is unable to find places for everyone wishing to join as sections are full and some with waiting lists.
- A discussion took place regarding the use of badminton courts for other events. **(DC/JB)** will look at other options although it was unlikely that things would change in the short term. Concern was raised regarding visitors / members using non-marking shoes in the hall especially for children's parties. DC advised that people are asked to wear non marking shoes at all times and the leaders make sure this is adhered to.
- A discussion took place regarding court booking by non-members and members. It was agreed an email would be sent to all members regarding inviting non-members to play, requesting they attend reception and pay a non-member fee to use the facilities. **(DC)**. It was also agreed that The Club would check the courts when one member has booked for several hours or several courts to ensure the rules are being adhered to **(DC)**

8. How to encourage more Female players to badminton

- It was agreed that a ladies badminton evening will be scheduled on Thursdays during August, with coaching to encourage existing ladies who wish to improve and potential new ladies to the club. **(RK/BF)**
- SG mentioned 5th July is World Badminton Day and The Club should do something to recognise this. It was agreed to invite ALL members to play

badminton. The Club will provide racquets and shuttles. Two coaches will be available to run the session **(RK/BF)**

9. AOB

- JB suggested a Club Racquetathon. The committee agreed it would be a good idea to bring the different sections together **(DC/JB/RK)**

10. Date of next meeting

- Date of the next meeting is **Thursday 14th September @ 7:30pm**