

Minutes of WH Community Badminton Network Meeting 25 November 21

Attendees Julie Pike. Apologies: Ian Robinson, Mike Newlove, Milan Johnston (WH SPO)

Schools

Monks Walk School's DfE Sports Hall Application

Over the past 2 years we have worked with the school via Mrs Tracie Smith, Admin., trustee, Richard Tucker, architects, LGH Ltd, Nick Goode, HJBA, and BE Development Manager, Nick Rimmer, to try to make this third bid to the DfE successful, and secondly to try to expand it from 4 to 6 courts. We obtained support from WH BC, HSP, local councillors and MP Grant Shapps. However, in April this year, in spite of the school with 1300 pupils still having a no more than a 1 court gym, the DfE again declined their bid. The Head has been in discussion with Grant to see what options there are.

Inter-Secondary Schools Tournament

The local round is in progress with the county finals on 9 December at HSV. Coaches and helpers signed up for mentoring the leader-scorers are: morning, Nick Goode, Ian Robinson; all day, Gill Bartlett, Julie Pike, Ken Winchester, Brian Jackson, Mike Newlove, Jason Lam (Herts Uni) and DB.

WH School Sports Partnership, new SPO

Sam Cooper is Regan's replacement - Sam.Cooper@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk and was invited to the CBN meeting. We have yet to meet to hear what Sam would like for badminton.

Herts Primary PE Conference Friday 14th January 2022

This event usually attracts about 350 primary teachers and we will promote the current BE offering with a net and kit for teachers to try.

Herts Uni

Jason Lam reports that the club is doing well and their teams are winning most of their matches: they have put in extra coaching sessions.

Community

No Strings

Gosling Sports Park Saturdays 11:00 – 13:00 Mark Wiltshire reports

The sessions are going well and are now on a firmer financial footing with the ability to book 3 months in advance. They have a Christmas Get—together 18 December and usual Christmas Meal in March.

Hatfield Leisure Centre, Ian Robinson reports

Monday 10-12pm No Strings with Phil Adams

Tuesday 6-8pm No Strings with Ku Qureshi

Wednesday 10-12pm Over 55s drop in session (unsupervised)

Thursday 10-12pm No Strings and coaching with Phil

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Saturday 9-9.45am Junior Beginners with Ku and Ian

Saturday 9.45-10.45am Junior Intermediates (Ku/Ian)

Saturday 10.45-11.45am Junior Advanced (Ku/ Ian)

All sessions have been well attended.

Ian has just completed coaching an Essentials course of which two players moved on to the Tactics course which finishes on November 29th.

Ian will be offering a new Essentials Beginners course on Sundays 10-11am from January 16th to March 6th, 2022. Please could you advertise this in your dispatches and on your media.

GLL had no confirmed responses in their search for a new badminton coach to cover the junior session on Tuesday 4.30-6pm (Previously Phil's Dynamic badminton) and the management were going to cancel the session permanently.

Herts Sports Village, Jason Lam reports:

Tuesday 10-12, 8 courts, well attended (~30)

Thursday 10-12, 8 courts, well attended (~30)

Thursday 5-7pm, 8 courts, well attended (~20)

WHBC Women and Girls Badminton Promotional Event 13 November

9 Adults attended the Women's session and 8 girls attended the SE and WH BC funded sessions at Monks Walk School. It was organised by Milan Johnston, WH Sports Partnership Officer and DB.



Coaches from Comets JBC were, Gill, Sarah, Oliver and Dave Bartlett.

Clubs

Comets JBC

We restarted 12 April (Sundays 2-4pm) and since September at 6-8pm numbers have grown back so much so that we now have 50 on the register, with about 40 attending the first hour (on 8 courts) and 26 the second hour (on 4 courts). We have requested 4 more courts from HSV for the 2nd hour owing 12 wanting to join, but it is unlikely. We thank Micky Mahbubani for his coaching over recent years: he moved to MK in September. Coaches are Gill & Dave L2, Ku, Khalid and occasionally Oliver, L1s taking the L2 (Coach) course, and Lisa and Sheenagh, L1. Those attending the L2 have rapidly gained in knowledge and experience: Assessment is 12 December.

About 8 members took part in the HJBA County B Grade U13, U15 and U18 tournament 21 Nov. with Ben winning U18 group and a couple of others runners up (waiting HJBA report). Thanks to Barbara for organising.

Swifts JBC

Friday 6-7pm Young junior beginners

Friday 7-8pm Older junior beginners and intermediates

Friday 8-9.30pm Advanced juniors

All sessions have been well attended.

Ian has noted that Simon Hart found the Level 2 (Talent) course fascinating, and Ku Qureshi has developed confidence in her teaching from the Level 2 (Club) course.

