

# MINUTES of the East Herts Community Badminton Network Meeting

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022**  
**Byfords, Malting Lane, Much Hadham**

## PRESENT:

Sue Clarke (SC): Secretary	Neil Gilmore (NG), Active Communities Manager for East Herts, Everyone Active
Doug Clark (DC): Chair	Julie Pike (JP), Relationship Manager, Badminton England (BE)
Brian Jackson (BJ) Treasurer	
Neil Clarke (NC)	
Ian Robinson (IR)	

## APOLOGIES:

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1.	<p><b>Apologies:</b> see above. This meeting was originally scheduled for 11th January, but was rescheduled for a variety of reasons</p> <p><b>Minutes</b> of the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 were agreed</p>	
2.	<p><b>Report from JP on behalf of Badminton England</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JP sent a report to those listed above by email on 7<sup>th</sup> January. It included information regarding:</li> <li>The Herts Foundation Course, which took place on 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> February. There were 24 participants, with 2 tutors overseeing them. 1 of these was a lady from BJ's club in Dane End, and she passed. BJ was unable to go to the course himself due to illness</li> <li>BJ, IR and JP attended and supported at the Herts Secondary School County Round on the 9<sup>th</sup> December at Hertfordshire Sports Village. It ran very successfully with a good number of schools, though the girls' competition was a little thinner on the ground due to Covid. JP has not yet heard anything regarding whether Badminton England will be in a position to re-introduce the National Schools Competition for the 2022-23 season. BJ suspects that it will proceed</li> <li>BJ attended the Hertfordshire Sports Partnerships Club Conference which took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> February at the Fielder Centre in Hatfield, and joined a Safeguarding session at no additional cost. He commented that the lunch was particularly good. IR was unable to go to the Conference but received a copy of the slides that were used during the event</li> <li>SC noted that she would be attending two "Time to Listen" Welfare Officer courses online on 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March.</li> <li>BE have recently introduced the requirement for all coaches to complete safeguarding training, alongside the</li> </ul>	<p><b>NC</b> to enrol on Safeguarding Course</p>

	<p>completion of a DBS check within the last 3 years, in order to take out Coaching Membership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dave Bartlett and Keith Burns have been selected to represent badminton clubs on the Hertfordshire Club Advocate Group.</li> <li>• The most recent webinar on BE's club webinar series was on 'Funding' and took place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 7-8pm. None of those represented at this meeting participated</li> <li>• JP highly recommended CIMSPA Digital Marketing Hub for great content on a variety of digital marketing options to increase engagement. She is currently working her way through the webinars which have some brilliant content. Time precludes those present at the meeting from following this up at the moment</li> </ul>	
3.	<p><b>Feedback from committee members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IR explained that St Augustine's Catholic Primary School in Hoddesdon had finally contacted him by 'phone after a long period of non-communication. He has been asked to spend an entire school day there, working across all age groups</li> <li>• IR has been in contact with Julie Bradbury, double badminton Olympian and current World Seniors Champion. She has advised him that agreeing to run one hour sessions is not profitable, and that he ought to be looking towards focusing on arranging half or full day sessions</li> <li>• We were told that IR is currently paying Paul Taylor (his assistant at Wizard Juniors at Goffs Academy) more than he is taking from the sessions in revenue</li> <li>• However, it was reported that the numbers of youngsters are good at both Goffs and John Warner. DC assisted for one of the sessions at John Warner when Paul was away, and this had been much appreciated</li> <li>• IR's coaching sessions at Hurst Drive Primary School in Waltham Cross have now come to an end. There has been no follow-up in the way of interest in joining a local club from the youngsters, although they had seemed keen at the time. It was noted that there appears to be a lack of sports leisure facilities in this part of the county</li> <li>• IR has received school interest from Wormley Primary, who would like a full school taster over two days. The taster sessions would be followed up by an afterschool club at the school to capture any enthusiasts. To cover the cost of coaching fees and shuttles, he would like the EH CBN to bid for a "magic little grant" of £500 from localgiving.org . Applications can be made from 16<sup>th</sup> March.</li> <li>• In terms of the Herts Junior Badminton Association Tournament that IR is organising for Sunday March 6th from 1-5 pm at Wodson Park, 14 teams have entered. These will be divided in to two groups of 7 teams if all goes well, so each team will get group 6 matches. Each match will consist of a boys singles, girls singles, boys doubles, girls doubles and a mixed doubles. Each of these games will be up to 11 points. The groups will be decided on</li> </ul>	

4.	<p>matches won. If there is a tie, then games won. If still tied, then points won</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After the group stage every team will play one last match to decide their final position: Group A 1<sup>st</sup> v Group B 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> v 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> v 3<sup>rd</sup> etc.</li> <li>• Each team should provide £20 entry fee on the day. The first, second and third team members will all receive medals</li> <li>• Players should be aged 13 or under and not currently playing for county teams</li> <li>• IR would really appreciate club representatives' attendance as team managers and scorers</li> <li>• SC explained that she will not be able to attend, as she needs to self-isolate for 3 days prior to her admission to hospital for an operation. NC will, however, be there to manage the team from Much Hadham</li> <li>• BJ had a little information to share regarding Dane End Club. During the storm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February there had been an 8 hour power cut in the village. Badminton Club, therefore, had been cancelled</li> <li>• The hall floor is currently being sanded before a new surface is laid. The floor is going to be marked professionally. This process means that the hall cannot be used for 2 weeks. BJ intends to approach Wodson Park to hire courts there. The Badminton Club is currently the only group using the village hall</li> <li>• DC reported that numbers of junior players have increased at both the Hertford and All Saints clubs, although individuals' attendance has been somewhat sporadic due to Covid</li> <li>• The lines on the badminton courts at the Drill Hall need to be remarked, and the floor surface improved. The cost of this process will be immense. The badminton clubs have been asked for a contribution, but they are not in a financial position to do so</li> <li>• New lights have recently been installed, and there is a marked difference in players' ability to see the shuttlecocks</li> <li>• No additional information was shared about the Much Hadham Club, although SC noted that she and Neil are entering a team from St Andrew's Primary School in Much Hadham for the Primary Schools' Tournament on 27<sup>th</sup> February</li> </ul> <p><b>Coaching</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BJ explained that a Level 2 training course ran at Berkhamsted recently. Only 3 out of the 6 participants passed</li> <li>• It was noted that there are 2 alternative specialisms to choose from when selecting a Level 2 course: Club and Talent. It is helpful to follow the one that suits your circumstances the best. One lady known to IR had been redirected to follow the Club Specialism. She is deferring at the moment</li> <li>• There was a discussion about the availability of coaching</li> </ul>	
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<p><b>Next Meeting:                      Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>  <b>10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.</b>  <b>Byfords, Malting Lane, Much Hadham SG10 6AN</b></p>		