

## **Hertfordshire Badminton Association**

Minutes of the committee meeting held at 27 Mardley Hill, Welwyn  
on 22 May 2023

### **Present:**

Paul Kempster	PK
Dave Bartlett	DB
Doug Clark	DC
Simon Gouldstone	SG
Brian Jackson	BJ
Eddie Lintott	EL
Mike Newlove	MN
Jim Robson	JR
Steve Willis	SW

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Gill Bartlett	GB
Nick Goode	NG
Bob Green	BG
Colin Walker	CW

### **2. Matters arising from the committee meeting on 13 March 2023**

#### **a) *Social Tournament***

MN explained that the Tournament had taken place on 2 April with 29 entries. The cost had been in the region of £500 and he expected it to break even. It was suggested that at such events, and perhaps No Strings sessions, participants should be provided with a list of clubs with vacancies.

#### **b) *Web Site***

SG reported that he had heard nothing more from NG about his proposal that the HBA and HJBA sites should be upgraded and possibly combined.

SW asked if Masters could be given greater prominence on the HBA site. SG agreed to add a box to the home page. SW also asked if he could be given access to update Masters information and the meeting agreed to that.

### **3. Chairman**

PK reported that he had been unable to attend the last BE General Meeting and that the minutes had not yet been circulated. He mentioned that with a reorganisation of BE roles and Julie Pike's departure, there was likely to be a vacuum until a new Relationship Manager was appointed. JP had agreed to continue with some existing projects.

#### **4. Secretary**

SG had nothing to report.

#### **5. Membership Secretary and Treasurer**

CW submitted a written report, the main points of which were:

- a) Overall there were 54 affiliated clubs just one down on last year, whilst the number of affiliated members had increased due to more junior members.
- b) Overall HBA made a profit for the year of £968 after including the £700 donation from Stanstead Abbots BC which was shown as an extraordinary item and cumulative funds stood at just over £18,000.

The main reasons for the improvement over the previous year were reinstating the senior county affiliation fee to £3.50 and an £800 surplus from running tournaments, mainly from the Herts Open.

- c) The bulk of expenditure was once again spent on running the three Senior County and five Masters teams. The net cost of running the three Senior County teams was reduced from £1,750 to £1,319 reflecting the increase in match fees. However, there was a significant increase of just over £900 in the net cost of running the five Masters team. This was due to a number of factors. Firstly, in the previous year there was no Masters Challenge, whereas Herts entered three teams last year and the Badminton England fee was over £700. Herts also purchased 52 shirts at a cost of circa £22 per shirt; they were sold to players at £17 with the county subsidising the balance at a total cost of £238. Finally, the cost of shuttles increased by some £150 and we spent £82 on catering equipment to help provide refreshments after matches.
- d) As to next season, taking into account the healthy financial position he proposed no increase in county fees or Senior County match fees. However, we should raise the Masters match fee from £8 to £10 to bring it more into line with the senior county fee. We should continue not to charge a county league entry fee.

The meeting agreed those proposals.

#### **6. Senior County**

The first team had finished 8<sup>th</sup> out of 10 in the Premiership and was likely to remain in that division.

The second team had finished 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 8 in Division 1 South but had lost in the play-offs and was expected to remain in that division.

The third team had finished 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 8 in Division 3 South East and would be promoted.

#### **7. County League**

SG reported that GC had not yet published the results of his survey of participating clubs seeking their views on the structure the league should adopt next season.

## **8. Hertford Area League**

JR reported that the League had now been completed and that the League Republic software was working satisfactorily. The AGM had taken place on 15 May although the attendance had been low. It was too early to say how many teams would be participating next season or whether there would be any new entrants.

## **9. North Herts and Letchworth**

BG submitted a written report, the main points of which were:

- a) He was awaiting confirmation that Anna Collis would be running sessions with four senior schools before the end of the season.
- b) Anthony Searle would be running two sessions at Broom Barns primary school on 22 June for their national sports week.

## **10. South West Herts**

EL reported that the results and tables were now on League Republic.

[There is now a link to that site on the Leagues & Tournaments page of the HBA web site]

## **11. Masters**

SW reported as follows:

- a) The intention, at present, was to enter the same five teams, although a sixth was a possibility, and to enter the same team in next January's Challenge. The first practice had taken place and four sessions would be held before the start of the season in October.
- b) He would be implementing a number of measures to increase participation. Those included setting up a dedicated email group and making greater use of the HBA web site. Contacting members who might be interested in playing was being hampered by inaccurate BE records including anomalous dates of birth.
- c) He had attended the Masters AGM on 14 May 2023. One main issue was the decrease in the number of players throughout the country and the imbalance between men and women. Among the suggestions put forward was stretching the lower age group and having specific training sessions for Ladies, which had worked well in another county.

## **12. Tournaments**

EL reported that the Senior Silver would take place on 19 & 20 August with a probable need to limit the number of entries due to time constraints at HSV.

The Restricted Tournament would take place on 30 September & 1 October.

### **13. Development**

DB submitted a detailed written report which is appended to these minutes together with the minutes of the most recent EHCBN meeting. The noteworthy points were as follows:

- a) The restructuring of the BE Development Team had yet to be completed. Julie Pike had moved to a new position but would remain in touch until a successor was appointed.
- b) DB continued his involvement in the developments at Gosling and Oaklands College.
- c) The application form for funding from the Live Longer Better in Herts initiative had been circulated.
- d) National Badminton was now concentrating its efforts on counties other than Herts.
- e) Ian Robinson continued to be a particularly active coach.

### **14. Coaching**

BJ reported that the planned level 2 course had been cancelled for lack of participants and no further date had been scheduled. There should be a Level 1 course in September but details had yet to be circulated. He continued to regularly update the Facebook page.

### **15. Social Media/Publicity**

No report.

### **16. HJBA**

MN reported that it had been a good season with numbers maintained. Trials were due to take place later in May. In their respective competitions, the U17 and U19 teams had won with the U15 second.

He also mentioned a dispute with BE which intended sanctioning a DKWay U19 Bronze tournament on 3 December. HJBA's position was that it should not be allowed to run because it was within two weeks of the Herts U17 tournament on 25 November and in contravention of the HJBA's policy that tournaments should be four weeks or two age groups apart. It was agreed that HBA should write to BE supporting HJBA's position.

### **17. BE issues**

There were no issues raised.

## **18. HBA AGM**

The AGM was scheduled for 20 June at UoH. The format would remain unchanged although the attendance last year was disappointing and needed to be addressed. It was agreed to keep it as an actual rather than Zoom meeting and that, to encourage participation, the Herts County League should clearly be on the agenda.

## **19. Development Strategy**

There was a wide ranging discussion about the contents of Graham Cobb's strategy document although no definitive conclusions were reached. It was agreed that the document should not be circulated to clubs but that the underlying themes, the decline in the number of clubs and teams and the lack of competitive opportunities, could be opened up for discussion at the AGM. It was also suggested that any further action should be deferred until after the publication of BE's strategy.

## **20. Any other business**

There was no other business.

## **21. Future meetings**

AGM: 20 June 2023 at UoH

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# Development Report to HBA Committee Meeting 22 May 23

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## National and County-wide

### Report from Julie Pike (update edited by DB)

1. Disability Junior National Championships (17<sup>th</sup> June)
  - a. As part of this, BE has two training 'days' taking place across the East Region on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May. The training days will lead to a selection of a minimum of 4 players to attend the Junior National Championship in Sheffield on the 17th June. JP will be running the sessions.
2. Coach Education
  - a. Level 2 Course organised at Berkhamsted Leisure Centre: May- Sept was postponed. Due to lack of uptake. BE will need to move the course dates back. Any further promotion welcome.
  - b. Foundation Course organised for Beaumont School to take place on the 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> September – JP will circulate the live booking link once she has received it.
3. National Schools
  - a. The competition will return for the 2023-24, albeit with a different format due to budget restrictions. We have replied to the query, 19 May, from the new Development & Pathways Manager, Sarah Darragh, of the details of this well supported tournament in Herts and that we will support it in 2023-4. HJBA informed.
4. Development Restructure
  - a. The development team is currently undergoing a restructure whereby there will be less Relationship Managers but instead National Leads in Clubs, Young People, Adults, Volunteers and Facilities. JP has the new Clubs National role and will hand over to the new RM when recruited in about 2-3 months. The new structure has been forwarded.
5. JP's Hertfordshire Commitments
  - a. Racketpack Festival with Lisa Robinson (Sele SGO) on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May at Presdales School 10am-12pm (JP will be there from 9am to set up). IR has kindly offered to support and anyone else that wishes to attend is very welcome. Lisa has sorted out leaders from the schools so it will very much be run by them.
  - b. 7<sup>th</sup> July: Hertfordshire's Primary School Summer Celebration. JP attended last year with the support of Dave, Brian, and a team they were able to pull together. Despite it being very successful, JP is hopeful that, as we are getting racketpack festivals in to more SGO areas, even more schools will attend this year. Again any support is very

welcome – can we please put the date in your diary and JP will provide more information once she has received it!

6. For Information:

- a. Further communication with Mervin regarding a club for primary aged children in Bishop Stortford – he is looking to do the Level 2 with a friend (who still needs to complete the foundation course) and wants to revisit this at the start of 2024.
- b. 9<sup>th</sup> March ran a racketpack festival for year 3&4 with Alex Jennings (Knights Templar SGO) at Knights Templar Sports Centre: 8 schools in attendance, 81 children. JP discussed with him, as well as running this in the next academic year, to implement a year 5&6 tournament whereby the pupils play a mini games format.
- c. The Racketpack Festival ran successful at Presdales School, 19th May, – JP.

### **Potential New Local and National Tournament Sponsor Update - DB**

Goralmead tried to run a tournament at HSV 13 May but had to cancel. They replied to DB 'we find it slightly late on the day but much appreciated there's at least one response back from the Herts clubs. The tournament unfortunately had to be rescheduled due to two other clashing same day tournaments, one in Slough and other in Bristol and as a result participants reduced by far compared to past events in 2022 and Jan 23. As it stands, we are in discussion with a few other venues which are geographically in the Midlands region to ensure better participation. '

### **County Facility**

**1 Gosling Master Plan Meeting 27 March** – JP reported: we need to be part of that process, so please ensure badminton is involved in the master planning process:

- *Mid October should have final outcome of ski slope works - Jeff will be able to provide a more detailed update in March on how they are going to move forward with the master plan and following this look at consult with clubs and NGBs. The group to be updated around the outcome of the ski slope and how they are going to move forward with consultation of NGBs and clubs.*

JP will keep the new facilities manager, Michel Reid, appraised.

### **2 Oaklands College**

DB attended their Sports Industry Board consultation meeting 17 May. NG has an invitation to 'try the current courts' .

### **Living Longer Better in Herts with Badminton - DB**

Our CBNs, and HSP are completing the draft application to SE for £10k to get people 50+ active with one new No strings in each of Herts 10 LAs. ([www.livelongerbetterinherts.co.uk](http://www.livelongerbetterinherts.co.uk)). A County LLB Conference, 7 September, at HSV: DB and GB to lead badminton sessions on 4 courts.

### **National Badminton, DB**

National Badminton, Julie Bradbury, 16 April, said, "are now concentrating their efforts in other counties".

### **Sustainability**

DB completed the SE consultation form, 20May, on HBA's impact, and the opportunities for minimising CO2 emissions. As well as the obvious, that it is the facilities operators that can have the biggest impact, if SE enhanced new build school facilities to meet SE and BE standards then badminton players and club developers would not have to travel so far for buildings that meet these standards.

## EH CBN

**Meeting 3May23:** minutes below (and on website)..

### **Summary of tournaments this season (from 1<sup>st</sup> September)**

16/10/22 - National Badminton Super singles at John Warner, Hoddesdon - 15 juniors  
29/01/23 - Parent/ Child Tournament at Ware Drill Hall - 35 adults, 35 children  
12/03/23 - HJBA Club team tournament at Wodson - 68 juniors - Three Rivers Winners  
19/05/23 - Racket Pack event run by Julie Pike at Presdales - 70 juniors  
Coming events  
30/05/23 - National Badminton Super singles at Goffs Academy - ? juniors  
09/06/23 - Wodson Yr 5 Games at Wodson - ? juniors  
24/07/23 - National Badminton Super singles at Goffs Academy - ? juniors

Next Meeting: Wednesday 19 July 2023

## Herts West Badminton Development Group

Meeting **10May23:** minutes to follow: <http://www.hertsbadminton.net/herts-west-community-badminton-network/>

**North Herts CBN** – Bob G to report.

## WH CBN

### **Onslow St Audrey's New 4-court Facility**

DB and JP have offered support. WH BC SDO and HSP involved.

### **Monks Walk New 4-court Facility**

DB and JP have offered support. WH BC SDO and HSP involved.

**Birchwood Leisure Centre** – JP “need to keep an eye on plans here to ensure badminton not adversely affected”. Notes from WHBC Strategic Facilities Meeting 27 March:

*Recommendation 3A links into the future of Birchwood Leisure Centre which links into the strategic review of the Hatfield leisure offer as well as the local football facilities plan.*

*Looking at it in a minimum of 2 phases (outdoor and indoor).*

- *Outdoor: Funding is available to improve outdoor facilities and deliver football and other sport services. This can be delivered at a fast pace to an earlier timetable so they will be progressing this.*
- *Indoor: The long term strategy of what they do with Birchwood Leisure Centre needs a lot more thinking about due to costs likely to be involved in terms of renovating a site which was established in 1990 (40 years old by end of the decade). There is a much longer term discussion required around the leisure centre itself.*

*Recommendation 2A – There is a potential opportunity to develop a new Leisure Centre in Hatfield. This relies on a strategic review of the Hatfield Leisure offer. There is not much update on this as Hatfield Town Council is in the process of developing a neighbourhood plan which will touch upon local amenities.*



**Community use agreements** – worth noting which facilities are coming into use and to follow up on the action about letting WHBC know if there are any clubs using school facilities which doesn't have a community use agreement

*Recommendations 5 & 6 around Community Use Agreements*

- *CUA agreements on existing educational sites are all up to date and have been reviewed with the schools*
- *Work to be done with Bishops Hatfield Girls School as they are trying to get a CUA in place – Mylan hasn't had much luck with arranging a meeting with the school.*
- *Conversations need to be held with Onslow School as they are looking to upgrade their sports facilities so there is need to work with planners to ensure a CUA is within their planning obligations.*

**Junior Sessions delivered by John Stobo**

Howe Dell junior school ran throughout the Spring term, though with 6 children rather than the anticipated 10. Lois was keen to run again in the Summer term but it isn't happening, I guess for financial reasons.

Last term I was at Peartree as well for their Year 4 children, but it's quite a small school and we usually run the club there for just one term per school year.

This term I am running after-school clubs for Year 4 children at Applecroft and Commonswood schools.

Gosling sessions are going well, with 11 regulars which is fine for the 3 courts I am able to book.

**WH Tournaments organised by Ian Robinson this season (from 1<sup>st</sup> September)**

11/09/22 - Adult Singles at GLL HLC - 14 adults

09/10/22 - Essentials Beginners Course at GLL HLC for 8 weeks - 10 adults

04/12/22 - Doubles Tournament at GLL HLC - 15 adults

06/12/22 - Doubles Tournament at David Lloyd Hatfield - 8 adults

11/12/22 - Christmas Cracker at GLL HLC - 21 juniors

05/02/23 - Doubles tournament at David Lloyd Hatfield - 9 adults

26/03/23 - Comic Relief tournament at GLL HLC - 24 juniors

16/04/23 - Doubles tournament at David Lloyd Hatfield - 7 adults

Coming events

18/06/23 - Friendly Team match at GLL HLC - ? adults

02/07/23 - Essentials TACTICS Course at GLL HLC for 4 weeks - ? adults

07/07/23 - Event at Oaklands - ?

30/07/23 - Parent / Child tournament at GLL HLC - ? adults and juniors

**Dave Bartlett HBA Development Coordinator**

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**MINUTES of the**  
  
**East Herts Community Badminton Network Meeting**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023**  
**Byfords, Malting Lane, Much Hadham**

**PRESENT:**

**APOLOGIES:**

Sue Clarke (SC): Secretary	Julie Pike (JP), Relationship Manager, Badminton England (BE)
Doug Clark (DC): Chair	
Brian Jackson (BJ) Treasurer	
Jim Robson (JR)	
Ian Robinson (IR)	
Neil Clarke (NC)	

ITEM	ACTION
1.	<b>Apologies:</b> See list above
2.	<b>Minutes</b> of the meeting of 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 were agreed
3.	<p><b>Update from JP on behalf of Badminton England</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JP sent a report to DC, BJ, SC and IR on 29<sup>th</sup> April. It included information regarding:</li> <li>Disability Junior National Championships (17<sup>th</sup> June) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As part of this, BE has two training 'days' taking place across the East Region on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May. Any support with promoting these, particularly the Hertfordshire session on the 21<sup>st</sup> May, would be much appreciated. This is an opportunity for anyone with a physical disability, including wheelchair users, to try their hand at badminton. The training days will lead to a selection of a minimum of 4 players to attend the Junior National Championship in Sheffield on the 17th June. JP will be running the sessions and whilst team selection is the final</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>It was noted that <b>IR</b> forwarded the Disability Document to EBAD and Ros Cramp from Herts Disability Sports Hub</p>

	<p>outcome, she wants to see as many eligible young people who want to give badminton a go as possible. JP also attached the press release to provide further information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coach Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Level 2 Course organised at Berkhamsted Leisure Centre: 7th, 14th May, 11th, 18th June, 24th Sept (currently has just two bookings. JP knows that there are a few more potential bookings but it is touch and go as to whether BE will need to move the course dates back. Any further promotion welcome.</li> <li>○ Foundation Course organised for Beaumont School to take place on the 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> September – JP will circulate the live booking link once she has received it.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• National Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The competition will return for the 2023-24, albeit with a different format due to budget restrictions. JP is unaware of the full details currently but she has had a couple of conversations with Tanya Angus who has been consulted and is talking with Sarah Darragh next week to discuss how the new format might impact Hertfordshire. There is a small fee per team and registration will be directly through Badminton England.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Development Restructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The development team is currently undergoing a restructure whereby there will be less Relationship Managers but instead National Leads in Clubs, Young People, Adults, Volunteers and Facilities. JP interviewed for both the Young People and Clubs National Role as she believes her skillset and knowledge of the game lends well to her being able to drive these areas forwards. Once the new structure has been finalised, communication will be made with Counties.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Hertfordshire Commitments (irrelevant of what happens with the restructure, JP will be fulfilling these) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Racketpack Festival with Lisa Robinson (Sele SGO) on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May at Presdales School 10am-12pm (JP will be there from 9am to set up). IR has kindly offered to support and anyone else that wishes to attend is very welcome. Lisa has sorted out leaders from the schools so it will very much be run by them.</li> <li>○ 7<sup>th</sup> July: Hertfordshire's Primary School Summer Celebration. JP attended last year with the support of Dave, Brian, and a team they were able to pull together. Despite it being very successful, JP is hopeful that, as we are getting racketpack festivals in to more SGO areas, even more schools will attend this year. Again any support is very welcome – can we please put the date in your diary and JP</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>IR</b> suggested that he may possibly shadow JP once that has been set up if he is able to. <b>BJ</b> is waiting for the link to be sent</p>
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	<p>will provide more information once she has received it!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Further communication with Mervin regarding a club for primary aged children in Bishop Stortford – he is looking to do the Level 2 with a friend (who still needs to complete the foundation course) and wants to revisit this at the start of 2024.</li> <li>○ 9<sup>th</sup> March ran a racketpack festival for year 3&amp;4 with Alex Jennings (Knights Templar SGO) at Knights Templar Sports Centre: 8 schools in attendance, 81 children. JP discussed with him, as well as running this in the next academic year, to implement a year 5&amp;6 tournament whereby the pupils play a mini games format.</li> <li>○ JP is on annual leave for the next fortnight, returning on the 15<sup>th</sup> May.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>SC</b> to “reach out” to Mervin to offer support as a CBN. <b>BJ</b> to send contact details</p>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Matters arising from minutes;</b>	
<b>a)</b>	<p><b>Live Longer &amp; Better in Herts with Badminton Project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In discussion about this project, all members of the committee were unsure about what is currently happening regarding this project, commenting that there doesn’t appear to be “much meat on the bones” as things stand</li> <li>• We were told to hold back on making preparations, but September was suggested as the starting date, and time is running out</li> <li>• DC has made a tentative booking for the Drill Hall in Ware, but is being asked to confirm arrangements</li> <li>• We are wondering if the application for the grant has been submitted and if the social prescribers are in place and ready to identify suitable people for the project</li> </ul>	<p><b>SC</b> to draft email to be sent to Dave Bartlett and Will Slemmings and circulate it before sending it on</p>
<b>b)</b>	<p><b>The 2023 HJBA Junior Club Tournament on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1-5pm at Wodson Park</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BJ received a review of the results from IR, and had used these to formulate a report for a newsletter for Dane End</li> <li>• The feedback regarding the tournament was positive in the main, and the organisation seemed to meet the purpose</li> <li>• The team from East Herts did not do badly, despite not having met each other beforehand, and it was noted that their confidence grew as the tournament progressed</li> <li>• The Three Rivers team were overall winners</li> <li>• Discussion ensued about the judgement regarding serves: “the serve must be hit in an upwards direction, with an underarm hitting action. The main rule here is that when you hit the shuttle, it must be below your waist”. It was noted that without technical backup this can be difficult to</li> </ul>	

	<p>adjudicate. The merits of a forehand serve versus those using the backhand were debated</p>	
c)	<p><b>Update regarding Coach training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See previous notes from JP</li> <li>• The debate about the fallout regarding Level 2 training has not been resolved. BJ will report back as/when he hears anything</li> </ul>	
d)	<p><b>Sharing feedback from committee members and news about badminton across the county</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BJ and IR really enjoyed attending the All England Seniors Tournament held at Herts sports Village on 17<sup>th</sup> April</li> <li>• IR noted that after discussions about the Opportunities Fund with our HSP Active Local rep for Waltham Cross (Jess Baird), National Badminton (Julie Bradbury) he has secured a grant for 3 students from Four Swannes Primary (PE Lead Marcia Alcock) to have five months of coaching at Goffs Academy plus a racket. IR suggested that DC may be encouraged to get a grant for pupils from the Sele ward, but DC said that he is not interested in pursuing this at the moment</li> <li>• There is a Super Singles Event at Goffs Academy, Cheshunt, from 2-4pm on Tuesday May 30<sup>th</sup>, during half term. Entry is open to all at £17 per player. Register interest with <a href="mailto:hello@nationalbadminton.org.uk">hello@nationalbadminton.org.uk</a> . IR will provide chocs, certificates and medals or trophies, and will send an email nearer the time.</li> <li>• National Badminton are offering “Golden Tickets” to our players, who can bring a friend and then get 50% off their next subscription and their friends' if they join.</li> <li>• Ku Qureshi has asked IR for more opportunities for her to grow as a coach, so he has been her assistant whilst she leads on Saturday mornings at GLL Hatfield Leisure Centre</li> <li>• IR is running a Tactics course for intermediate players on Sundays July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.30-11am at the Leisure Centre</li> <li>• There will also be a mixed doubles team match on June 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday 9-11am ( 2 men and 2 women. £10 entry per player. Perhaps the CBN would like to enter a team of social standard players?)</li> <li>• Then on July 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday 9-11am, there will be a parent/child tournament open to all ( £10 entry per pair ) IR will be in touch nearer the time.</li> <li>• IR has begun working for Keith Burns at Abbey BC on Tuesdays 6-8pm at Beaumont School. He noted that it is an excellent venue, busy group, good pay and lovely children.</li> <li>• Anna Collis has left David Lloyd Hatfield to start a Taco and Waffle bar. DL have not offered IR any other hours or a pay rise.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lisa Robinson, based at Sele School, has finalised timings now for the Wodson Games on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June at Wodson Park There are two sessions: Session 1 - schools arrive 9am, 9.30 start, 12pm finish Session 2 - schools arrive 12.30pm, 1pm - 3.30pm As always there will be an opening ceremony, followed by a coaching session (45mins) and a competition session (50mins) in each sport. We are looking at presenting at the end gold, silver and bronze medals within each sport, as well as highlighting one pupil in each event that demonstrate the school games values of determination, honesty, passion, respect, self belief and teamwork. Lisa asked IR to arrange his sessions around the above so that there is a coaching session as well as a compete.</li><li>• IR was thanked for his support with this. Lisa has allocated 2 children from each school to do badminton, and said that she would confirm numbers once bookings close at the end of April</li></ul> <p>Timings for the day:</p> <table><tr><td>9-9.25am / 12.30-12.55pm</td><td>Arrival</td></tr><tr><td>9.30-9.45am / 1-1.15pm</td><td>Opening Ceremony</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">with country's flags</td></tr><tr><td>9.50-10.35am / 1.20-2.05pm</td><td>Coaching in Sport</td></tr><tr><td>10.35-10.50 / 2.05-2.20pm</td><td>Break (Feel free to</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">bring a snack – no nuts though please)</td></tr><tr><td>10.50-11.40am / 2.20-3.10pm</td><td>Competition in Sport</td></tr><tr><td>11.45-12pm / 3.15-3.30pm</td><td>Presentations</td></tr></table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NC and SC said that will not be able to support with this, as it is the day before their son's wedding</li><li>• The U18 county match will be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June starting at 9am at Herts Sports Village: Herts U18 team has reached the Shires League finals. This will be a chance to see the best junior county teams in the country playing against each other, but more importantly a chance to support our Hertfordshire team</li></ul>	9-9.25am / 12.30-12.55pm	Arrival	9.30-9.45am / 1-1.15pm	Opening Ceremony	with country's flags		9.50-10.35am / 1.20-2.05pm	Coaching in Sport	10.35-10.50 / 2.05-2.20pm	Break (Feel free to	bring a snack – no nuts though please)		10.50-11.40am / 2.20-3.10pm	Competition in Sport	11.45-12pm / 3.15-3.30pm	Presentations	<p><b>SC</b> to ascertain whether or not St Andrew's Primary School in Much Hadham were informed about this</p>
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<p><b>5. Treasurer's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There is currently £747.72 in the bank, and £13.49 in cash. This is £761.21 in total</li><li>• It was noted that the account regarding the Parent or Grandparent/Child Tournament on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023 is as follows:</li></ul> <table><tr><td></td><td>Income</td><td>Expenditure</td></tr><tr><td>• 36 entries @ £2 per entry</td><td>£72</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Donation</td><td>£1</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Hire of Ware Drill Hall for 2 hours</td><td></td><td>£40</td></tr><tr><td>Purchase of prizes</td><td></td><td>£8</td></tr></table>			Income	Expenditure	• 36 entries @ £2 per entry	£72		Donation	£1		Hire of Ware Drill Hall for 2 hours		£40	Purchase of prizes		£8	
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	<p>Purchase of refreshments £9.50</p> <p>Total £73 £57.50</p> <p>The difference of income over expenditure = £15.50</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IR intends to make a Magic Little Grant Bid 2023. He has spoken to the Deputy Head (Tara Haddock) at John Warner School, Hoddesdon, and they have the following suggestion: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Organise an inter-house badminton competition at John Warner ( 4 hours @ £20 =£80)</li> <li>2. Purchase rackets as prizes (4 rackets @ £30 = £120 )</li> <li>3. Coaching session for the school team for the National Schools Competition (2 hours @ £20 = £40)</li> <li>4. Purchase of shuttles for the coaching and competition (5 x ½ dozen @ £10 = £50)</li> <li>5. 3-months membership subscription at National Badminton's John Warner after school club for 2 students at the school (2 players x £34.50 per month x 3 months = £207)</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p>TOTAL : £497</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was noted that EH CBN now bank with Lloyds. Much Hadham Badminton Club now bank with Virgin Money</li> </ul>	
6.	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graham Cobb, Herts County League Organiser, has written a document entitled "Hertfordshire County Badminton Association A Strategy in the Making". This was circulated by Paul Kempster, ahead of the next HBA committee meeting and the AGM due to be held in June 2023</li> <li>This document was sent to BJ, DC &amp; JR as members of HBA Management Committee with an indication that it was for use only within the HBA for the time being. Copies were passed on to SC &amp; IR by JR and DC respectively such that a CBN view might be developed in due course</li> <li>As this document was only circulated to the committee of EH CBN on the day prior to the meeting, nobody had the opportunity to read it in any detail</li> <li>It was decided that we would have an interclub tournament during the Autumn term.</li> </ul>	<p><b>BJ, IR, SC and NC</b> to forward their views about this document to DC asap</p> <p><b>SC</b> to put this on the agenda for discussion at the next committee meeting</p>
<p><b>Next Meeting: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.</b></p> <p><b>Byfords, Malting Lane, Much Hadham SG10 6AN</b></p>		