

MINUTES of the East Herts Community Badminton Network Meeting

Wednesday 26th June, 2024
Byfords, Malting Lane, Much Hadham

PRESENT:

Sue Clarke (SC): Secretary	None
Doug Clark (DC): Chair	
Brian Jackson (BJ) Treasurer	
Ian Robinson (IR)	
Neil Clarke (NC)	
Jim Robson (JR)	

APOLOGIES:

ITEM	ACTION
1.	Apologies: None
2.	Minutes of the meeting of 20 th March 2024 were agreed
3.	<p>We reviewed the information contained in the Regional Newsletter compiled by Liam Cooper on behalf of Badminton England. This was received by email by those present on 25th June, 2024.</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information about funding obtainable for club and county badminton activities e.g. a small budget for new projects is potentially available from Liam, the development fund (Liam is happy to support with an application for this). The Jigsaw Foundation and Postcode Places Trust were also both listed as good places to apply for grants/funding Club and Coach Conference on 12th -13th October, which will be held at the National Badminton Centre in Milton Keynes. Tickets are £20 each. It is unlikely that anyone attending this meeting will be going for a variety of reasons Liam wanted to wish those badminton players representing GB at the Olympics in Paris good luck in their endeavours There was a photo and write-up about the Live Longer Better initiative in Herts Members of BE can add the Badminton England Rewards Hub to their membership and save 15% on Days Out to places such as Warwick Castle, Sealife London Aquarium, Cadbury World, Legoland, Alton Towers and Thorpe Park and up to 40% at some cinemas
4.	Matters arising from minutes:
a)	<p>Live Longer & Better in Herts with Badminton Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IR reported that the sessions at Laura Trott Leisure Centre (LTLC) were going well. Initially there had been 11 people in attendance. There are now 6 regular attendees. 2 courts are booked to accommodate the group. They will continue

b)	<p>to run until September 16th. The participants have voiced appreciation for the initiative. They now play matches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clare Smith and 3 other Social Prescribers for the NHS for Hoddesdon and Broxbourne PCN, attended the first session, but have not returned since then • The sessions at the Drill Hall in Ware started on 17th April, and ran for 6 weeks. It was necessary to book the 4 courts each time, of which only 2 were used. This is not cost effective • 1 participant came as a result of the advert at the doctors' surgery. Most came having seen the advert in Tesco's • At most there were 5 or 6 in attendance. The 2 ladies who attended were happy to play a game between themselves but did not want any coaching input • One gentleman attended both the sessions at Laura Trott and the Drill Hall, and had learnt how to play the game from scratch • DC thanked IR, NC and SC for their back-up when he was unable to be there • It was generally felt that there was negative effort/cost benefit analysis in both areas covered by IR and DC. It was thought that people have many options in terms of choice of exercise, and are unwilling to commit to regular attendance • It was suggested that the sessions organised in the Watford area may well have been oversubscribed, largely taken up by the Asian community living there • It was noted that the Ladies Badminton Club in Much Hadham has recently closed. The cost of hiring the Village Hall is only £24 for the morning, but low attendance has meant that this cost is not covered • It was felt that our support of this initiative in some ways balanced out the focus we have otherwise given to juniors • BJ had compiled a spreadsheet outlining expenditure to date, but this needs revision, as no income had been passed on to him • IR will require 12 hours x £25 (Total £300) for his coaching fees for his additional work with Live Longer Better Over 50s at Laura Trott. The court hire at LTLC has already been paid for up to 16th September • DC would like to claim the costs incurred whilst printing posters to advertise the sessions • We will need to have a careful audit trail for how the money is spent. The deadline is at the end of the year • DC noted that he has some rackets that were purchased for this initiative, and feels that they should be allocated to the various junior clubs in our area <p>Update regarding Coach training and tournaments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BJ explained that there were 8 candidates for the recent Level 2 Coaching Course at Berkhamsted with 2 assessors. 7 were successful, with only 1 not passing. Mike Newlove, Chair of Herts Junior Badminton Association, is now a qualified Level 2 Coach, but BJ did not recognise 	<p>SC to check the situation regarding the recent U3A badminton initiative in Bishop's Stortford</p> <p>BJ to seek confirmation from Dave Bartlett about whether it is possible to transfer some of the funding from one CBN to the other in our area, and also to claim money for printing</p>
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<p>c)</p> <p>5.</p> <p>6.</p>	<p>any of the other participants as coming from Herts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BJ noted that a Foundation Coaching course has been set up for 28th September at Beaumont School. IR has some potential participants • It was emphasised that funding can be applied for to help with the cost of the fee • In answer to a question from IR, BJ explained that he is the Coaching Co-ordinator for Herts, but that BE have now taken over some of the responsibilities that he previously carried out • 18 pairs from across Hertfordshire are due to attend a parent and child tournament organised by IR at GLL Hatfield Leisure Centre on 30th June. Ages range from 7 years to 70. The winners will receive medals and runners-up will be given a box of chocolates <p>Parent/child tournament for EH CBN in October/November 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a problem with the Drill Hall being booked by a circus company between 26th October and 3rd November <p>Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is currently £1,389.30 in the bank, and £13.49 in cash. This is £1,402.79 in total <p>Any other business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NC noted his disappointment that there was no coaching session before the Primary Schools Tournament in March this year. It was suggested that perhaps we could arrange something similar in East Herts if it is not be arranged next year • Consideration will be given as to how this could be organised, and perhaps extended for a wider range of age groups • IR gave some feedback about 2 events he was responsible for organising • The invoice for £60 for representing the EH CBN at the Wodson Primary School Games has been accepted for payment by Lisa Robinson at H&W SSP. IR no longer wishes the EH CBN to swallow the cost. He appreciates the committee consideration of the matter • He has charged the H&W SSP for the Year 3 / 4 Racket Pack on May 22nd at Chauncy for 3 hours @ £25. The Year 5 Racket Pack at Presdales on 19th June was cancelled • 9 schools sent representatives to the event at Chauncy, and 24 at Wodson Park on 6th June • IR explained that Julie Bradbury (Director of National Badminton) is intending to organise a Roadshow at Chauncy School on 22nd November from 1 until 3pm, primarily to boost attendances at the clubs nearby. A nominal fee will be charged to EH CBN should any of the committee like to attend this event • There was a brief discussion about the email sent by BE about "Changes to your membership". The information 	<p>SC, BJ, DC and IR to circulate details about the Foundation Coaching course to club members of the appropriate age</p> <p>DC to liaise with Brenda at the Drill Hall to make bookings. 10th November was suggested as a possible date</p> <p>It was proposed that IR should ask for contributions before events take place rather than afterwards SC to contact Lisa Robinson to ascertain which local primary schools were invited to the event on 6th June at Wodson Park</p>
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	<p>states that BE is “introducing an auto-renew payment method and will be encouraging players to manage their own membership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The renewal window will open on 2nd September 2024, and BE will “be in touch nearer the time with information on how to renew” • Volunteer Coaches will be asked to pay £55, and Paid Coaches £77.50 	
<p>Next Meeting: Wednesday 11th September 2024 10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Byfords, Malting Lane, Much Hadham SG10 6AN</p>		