

MINUTES of the East Herts Community Badminton Network Meeting

Tuesday 12th January 2021
By Zoom

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

ITEM	ACTION
1.	Apologies: see above. IR was asked to deliver some extra parcels for Hermes at short notice, and PW's father-in-law passed away on 4 th January and he is currently assisting his wife in the funeral arrangements
2.	Minutes of the virtual meeting of 3 rd November 2020 were agreed
3.	A welcome was given by DC to JP and NG for joining the meeting. DC, BJ, NC and SC introduced themselves to JP, giving a brief explanation about their involvement with the EH CBN and Herts Badminton Association
4.	Report from JP on behalf of Badminton England <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JP explained that she had been working as a Relationship Manager for BE for the last 2 and a half years, covering Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Kent. She will still cover Norfolk and Suffolk but since the recent restructuring process, has picked up Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. Aleisha and JP had a couple of handover meetings and she has been given some good notes so she hopes the transition should be a smooth one We were told that BE activities were pretty much on hold at the moment. There are on-going talks with the Government about what may be possible and when There are plans to hold the All England Open Badminton Championships "behind closed doors" as things stand JP said that she used to play badminton in the Yorkshire 1st team for a number of years, but is currently a badminton coach and tutor
5.	Feedback from NG NG noted that sports centres, gymnasiums etc. are currently in

	lockdown again, and he is waiting to see when it will be possible for them to re-open. Online fitness classes have been offered, but that is all that is currently viable	
6.	Feedback from committee members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested that IR should add any information to the minutes from this meeting once he has had the opportunity to see what has been discussed • BJ noted that the Friday evening sessions have been discontinued at Dane End at the current time • The junior club sessions that DC usually holds at the Drill Hall in Ware are also not running. DC is considering running the clubs through the summer months this year, rather than closing down after Easter • It was noted that we are all aware about the increase in the numbers of people that we know with a positive diagnosis of Covid-19. DC's daughter-in-law and grandson are amongst this group • Much Hadham Club held its last session before Christmas, and will not be opening again until February half-term at the earliest, depending on lockdown rules at the time • It was suggested that the EH Club members should be invited to meet up at the Drill Hall once the clubs are all open again. We were told that it may then be possible to hire the Hall on a Sunday afternoon, as the Gymnastics Club has moved to a purpose built facility at the old speedway track in Rye Park Hoddesdon 	
7.	Treasurer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no change in the figures given at the last meeting in November. To date IR has drawn £2,794.80 from the £10,000 grant, leaving £7,205.86 • The EH CBN has £8,436.64 in total. • Our bank balance is £8,433.46, and we have £3.18 in cash 	
8.	Any Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PW wished it to be noted that Presdales School in Ware have appointed a Premises Manager responsible for the Sports Hall bookings 	
Next Meeting: Tuesday 23rd February 2021 11.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. Probably via Zoom		