

# Cambridgeshire Badminton Association

(Affiliated to Badminton England)



**AGM 2020/21**  
**17<sup>th</sup> June 2020 - 7:30pm**

**Campbell Wilson**  
**Secretary**

Meeting opened at 19:38.

## Attending

### **Officers**

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Daniel Bates    | Chair, Publicity Officer                                    |
| Campbell Wilson | Secretary, Registration Secretary                           |
| Graham Barr     | Treasurer   |
| Neil Place      | Tournament Secretary, Match Secretary, Safeguarding Officer |
| Helen Taylor    | Masters Secretary   |
| Simon Parker    | Match Secretary (SCC) & Southern League Representative      |
| Philip Gray     | Coaching Coordinator  |
| John Pickering  | Committee Member  |
| Paul Abbott     | Committee Member  |
| Perveez Mody    | Junior Subsection Representative                            |

### **Club Representatives**

|                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Aspire                     | Philip Gray         |
| Cambridge City             | Sharon Chandler     |
| Cambridge University       | Ben Wharton         |
| Crossways                  | Sam Shepherd        |
| Ely Victoria               | Chris Meager        |
|                            | James Wilson        |
|                            | Matt Rowe           |
| Hurst                      | Philippa Millerchip |
|                            | Andy Blower         |
| Ramblers                   | Tom Grainge         |
|                            | Juan Arenas         |
| St Ives                    | John Pickering      |
|                            | Jacque Hill         |
| St Neots & St Ives Juniors | Sandra Dennis       |
| Swavesey                   | Simon Crick         |

### **County Members**

Stephanie Jong  
Adele Woodhams  
John Harvey  
Alex Wilson  
Olga Chernysheva  
Jonathan Shears

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

Paul Martell, Andrew Lee (Impington Badminton Club)

## **2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were accepted as correct.

## **3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

No matters arising from the minutes.

## **4. Annual Reports**

- a) Chairman
- b) Treasurer
- c) Registration Secretary
- d) Match Secretary
- e) Tournament Secretary
- f) Coaching Coordinator
- g) Masters Coordinator
- h) Junior Development Group

Annual reports were presented, attached to the minutes, from designated officers. Further details into each report can be found in the attachments. An overview of each role will be provided below.

The Chair provided a review of the season taking into account the impact of Covid-19. All targets from the previous year had been met including launching the Pathfinder project to increase the county coaching for both juniors and seniors. Both sessions have been very popular, and a proposal has been put forward to increase the number of junior sessions if a suitable venue can be found.

The Chair also gave his thanks to Helen Taylor for her efforts in securing funding from a local organisation which has been hugely beneficial to the county.

The Treasurer stated that the county accounts are currently in very good condition, a good turnaround from the previous year in which there was a deficit. The Treasurer again gave thanks to Helen Taylor for her efforts with the funding. The Treasurer noted that when you take out the funding grant and tournament income, the county has made a small loss. However, there is likely to still be some money gained from the final weekend of the SCC which has been delayed.

The Senior Bronze tournament which ran in July 2019 had lower court hire costs due to a partnership with the university. This is unlikely to be repeated in the future as the staff member responsible has since left the university.

Sandra Dennis informed the Treasurer that the court hire has yet to be invoiced for the junior Fun Tournament, and so the figures may change slightly.

The Registration Secretary gave an overview of the season from an affiliation perspective. Although there are some areas to be explored for development (club numbers for a select few clubs, number of female players), generally speaking the county is in a good place.

The Match Secretary gave a comprehensive overview of the incomplete season. The final round of SCC matches was not played in March due to Covid-19. The new dates have been proposed by Badminton England, with the outstanding 2019-20 date scheduled to take place in November, and the 2020-21 season being completed in February-April 2021. The same nominated teams for 2019-20 season must be upheld for the final weekend in November.

The County Restricted weekend has been given back to the county, although with current restrictions it will be difficult to run a competition.

Sam Shepherd asked whether there will be a change in selection criteria to reflect the current situation as it is currently heavily focused on the senior restricted. The process (particularly communication) of selection has also been identified as an area for improvement. At the moment the selection criteria will remain the same, but will be looked at for the following season.

The Tournament Secretary gave an overview of the tournaments that had taken place over the 2019-20 season. The Senior Bronze for July 2020 had to be cancelled, along with the junior bronze and junior fun tournament. The junior fun tournament will be rescheduled, whilst the senior bronze will be cancelled and run again in July 2021. The Tournament Secretary gave thanks to Jonathan Shears for volunteering to run the junior bronze tournament that had been scheduled.

The Coaching Coordinator gave an overview of activity from the previous 12 months, including Badminton England's updated coaching pathway and shuttle allocation to clubs.

Campbell Wilson raised the matter of the coaching courses that had been provisionally planned for summer 2020, stating that these will be rescheduled for early 2021.

Sandra Dennis has requested help in recruiting an assistant coach at the St Neots and Ramsey junior sessions. Due to the current situation, Christine has had to take a step back and Sandra is the only Level 2 coach running the sessions.

The Masters Coordinator updated the group with changes to regulations (age categories), as well as final standings for many of the teams. Congratulations were given to the Over 50s team who have secured promotion into the national Premiership division for the first time in the team's history. The Coordinator also requested that any players who would like to represent one of the Masters teams that isn't currently doing so should contact her directly.

The Junior Development Group representative stated that the Pathfinder project has been very successful in increasing the number of junior players receiving regular coaching, and increasing the number of players in the sessions. Unfortunately the ICT competition scheduled for April 2020 was cancelled, but Badminton England are looking at temporarily changing the age category for next year so that players at the top end of the age group don't miss out. The Junior representative also stated that the Team Managers will need to be looked at for next season.

## **5. Award of County Colours**

It was agreed that County Colours would be awarded at a later date as the season has not yet been completed.

## **6. Award of the Eric Raynor Trophy**

It was agreed that the Eric Raynor Trophy would be awarded at a later date.

## **7. Election of Officers**

The following elections were nominated:

### Officers – 2020/21

|                                       |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| President                             | Vacant          |
| Chairman                              | Daniel Bates    |
| Secretary                             | Campbell Wilson |
| Treasurer                             | Graham Barr     |
| Registration Secretary                | Campbell Wilson |
| Tournament Secretary                  | Neil Place      |
| Match Secretary                       | Simon Parker    |
| Masters Secretary                     | Helen Taylor    |
| Coaching Coordinator                  | Philip Gray     |
| Publicity Officer                     | Daniel Bates    |
| Safeguarding and Disciplinary Officer | Neil Place      |
| Representative to B.E.                | Daniel Bates    |
| Representative of the Southern League | Simon Parker    |

Nominations: Proposed by Daniel Bates, seconded by Simon Parker, unanimously passed.

## **8. Election of up to five Committee Members**

Committee members 2020/21:

Paul Abbott, Perveez Mody, Judith Ashman, John Pickering, Becky Donaldson.

Nominations: Proposed by Daniel Bates, seconded by Sharon Chandler, unanimously passed.

## **9. Election of Independent Examiner**

Sandra Dennis has agreed to continue as Independent Examiner. Unanimously passed.

Sandra stated that for the past two years the bank statements and ledger do not reconcile. She has requested a meeting with the Treasurer to develop a better system for auditing the accounts.

#### **10. To set the affiliation fees for Cambridgeshire BA**

It was agreed that there would be no change in the affiliation fees. They shall remain at £4 per adult member, and £0 for junior members.

Affiliation Fees: Proposed by Neil Place, seconded by Graham Barr, unanimously passed.

#### **11. Any Other Business**

##### Badminton England Update – Presentation

Campbell Wilson provided an update from Badminton England on Aleisha Challands' behalf. The update concerned the Covid-19 situation and the Return to Play. It was stressed that all clubs, players, coaches, and volunteers will have a part to play in ensuring that we return to badminton in a way that is safe and sensible. Badminton England are continuing to provide badminton-specific guidance relating to government updates, and all members should keep an eye out for updates on the Badminton England website and emails.

No other business was presented.

The Chair gave thanks to all for attending and for the support of the committee.

Meeting closed at 21:05pm.

#### **Enclosed Documents**

Annual Reports

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Badminton England Update Presentation