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EXETER BADMINTON CLUB AGM 2008/09 SEASON

Wednesday 9 September 2009 at Maynard's School. Minutes by Emily Macaulay.

1. Attendance (23)

Members: Tony Parker (Chair), Emily Macaulay (Match Secretary), Alastair Banks, Ian Halliday, Sandra Lear, Mark Trebble, Terry Parker, Dave Spencer, Ben Boyland, George Furzer, Lindsay Stringfellow, Neil Shire, Tom Phillips, Mike Dickinson.

Anticipated members: Suzanne Owens, Zac Phillips, Chris Bowker, Andre Jooste, Erika Jooste, Alex Bulley, Andy Sands, Mike Precious, Rob Robson.

2. Apologies (7)

Darren Russell (Secretary), Sue Banks (Treasurer), Graham Ewings (Welfare Officer), Steve Spencer, Gary Bourner, Julia Williams, Nigel Adams.

3. Confirmation of minutes of 2008 AGM

These were agreed as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the 2008 AGM

4.1 Club constitution/etiquette

Emily Macaulay informed members that a club constitution (based on a template) has been developed by the Committee and is available at club nights (or on request) for comments. If no amendments are made by Wednesday 23 September 2009 this shall be agreed. In addition a club etiquette document has been drawn up. This helps members (particularly new members and juniors) understand how the club works. The same timescales apply to this document. Once agreed both documents will be available on the website and all members will receive a copy of the club etiquette.

4.2 Club coaching court

Emily Macaulay updated members that this was part of a conversation about Saturday nights when no home match was being played. It had been suggested that one of the coaches within the club could run a "coaching court". This item will be discussed at later meetings. No action had been taken in the 2008/09 season.

4.3 Trips to national competitions

Emily Macaulay had emailed/displayed a poster for all about organising a trip to the All England Open in 2009. There was no interest so the trip was not run. A similar invitation will be circulated in 2010.

5. Chair's report

Tony Parker thanked the club for another successful year. Mixed A had won their league and this was marked. Tony Parker expressed his wish to see this season mark the start of a more inclusive club that was supportive of all. Tony Parker stated this was to be his last season as Chair and everyone marked their thanks for the tremendous dedication Tony has shown over a great number of years. The club agreed to make Tony a "life member". It transpired this was already the case, and it was noted a list of life members should be collated.

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6. Treasurer's report

In Sue Banks' absence an update had been provided to Emily Macaulay who informed the club that income for 2008/09 was £4,158.89 and expenditure was £5,480.50

This shows a loss of £1,321.61 in the season. However, we had an opportunity earlier in the year to purchase 100 dozen shuttles at £13 a dozen costing the Club £1,300 before they went up to £15 a dozen. Therefore the loss could be shown as only "21.61 as we have probably reduced the amount of shuttles we need to purchase for the coming season.

We only had one fine in the season due a mix up with a results sheet for Mixed B. Bank interest has not been so much this year as the rate has reduced steadily throughout and is now minimal. Additional expenditure incurred this year from the previous season was the hire of the hall on Saturdays which will also have an impact on the number of shuttles used but Tony Parker has been careful and during Summer Club nearly new shuttles were used for some weeks.

There were no questions raised in relation to the accounts. It was noted that Sue Banks would not be standing for re-election this season and the club recorded its heartfelt thanks for her years of work as the Treasurer.

7. Election of officers

7.1 Chair

As previously noted Tony Parker was not standing for re-election. Mark Trebble had been nominated and seconded. Emily Macaulay had also been nominated and seconded but chose not to stand if Mark was standing.

Mark Trebble was voted in as new Chair of Exeter Badminton Club with 11 votes. No abstains.

7.2 Secretary

Darren Russell had written to the Committee and informed them he would like to stand down if a replacement could be found. Emily Macaulay had been nominated and seconded.

Emily Macaulay was voted in as Secretary of Exeter Badminton Club with 11 votes. No abstains.

7.3 Match Secretary

As Emily Macaulay was now Secretary a new Match Secretary was sought. Sandra Lear was proposed and seconded.

Sandra Lear was voted in as Match Secretary of Exeter Badminton Club with 11 votes. No abstains.

7.4 Treasurer

As previously noted Sue Banks was not standing for re-election. Steve Spencer has been nominated and seconded, and is happy to voted in whilst absent.

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Steve Spencer was voted in as Match Secretary of Exeter Badminton Club with 11 votes. No abstains.

7.5 Other Committee Members

Debbie Stewart and Kay Brewer had both written to the Committee and informed them they would not be standing for re-election. Graham Ewings has informed the Committee he is happy to continue as Welfare Officer. Tony Parker has expressed a willingness to stand on the Committee as an additional member, as has Alastair Banks. It was noted that the constitution requires four 'other' Committee members so a further proposition was sought. It was agreed this could include new members. Suzanne Owens stated she was happy to stand.

Graham Ewings, Tony Parker, Alastair Banks and Suzanne Owens were voted onto the Committee.

8. Update from Exeter and District League

Emily Macaulay reminded the members that she was still the representative for the Club on the Exeter and District League Committee and had attended the league AGM. The only significant change this season is that a trial league structure for Ladies will be played. The ladies teams will all now be four players who each play with each other against their opposite numbers.

9. Fees for 2009/10

9.1 Adult fees/Junior fees

Sue Banks had provided the club with an overview of projected income/expenditure for the 2009/10 season to enable decisions about fees. All members, and potential members, discussed the varying costs. There was a strong feeling that additional match fees were not wanted. £105 per adult member equated (on projections) to a loss of £277.00 (based on 22 adults and 4 juniors). A recent count suggested 24 full members. It was noted that only 25 adult members would be required to break even.

It was agreed to set adult fees at £105 for the 2009/10 season with junior fees as £55. There would be no match fees on top of these charges. This would entitle all members to play on Wednesday and Saturday nights. It was noted this may need to be reviewed towards the end of the season, with a potential 'top up' required.

9.2 Student fees

There are a small number of members who are over 16 but are still in full time education. It was agreed this year a student fee would be introduced. Anyone proving they were in full time education would be entitled to the Junior fee of £55.

10. Team selection process

It was agreed a selection committee would be decided and this group would pick the teams over the next two/three weeks. The following members were agreed as the selection committee for the 2009/10 season:

- Mark Trebble
- Dan Harris
- Alastair Banks
- Julia Williams
- Emily Macaulay

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The list of team indications was discussed. It was agreed 3 Mens teams, 1 Ladies, 2 Mixed and 1 Knockout team would be entered into the league.

11. Website

Members were informed that the club website is now live (www.exeterbadminton.co.uk). Alastair Banks who has developed the site explained that regular updates were needed to push the site towards the top of the Google results list. Emily Macaulay stated that the results section could be updated regularly and would be requesting Captains let her know the results of their matches. There is also a news feature and members were asked to let Emily or Alastair know their thoughts on what should be on the site.

12. Any Other Business

12.1 Advertising

Lindsay raised the need to advertise the club having vacancies (particularly for women) in order to attract members. It was agreed the Committee would work on some posters.

Action: Emily Macaulay to draft some posters advertising the Club.

Alastair Banks informed the meeting that about five/six new members had come along after seeing the website.

George Furzer stated he may be able to get a small piece added into the Express and Echo as he was doing some work there. Ben Boyland also offered to submit a short advert with his regular league submission.

12.2 Match nets

Mark Trebble requested three match nets be purchased. This was agreed.

Action: Mark Trebble to purchase three match nets.

12.3 Saturday nights

Tony Parker informed everyone that Saturday nights started on 3 October 2009. Club night times are the same as Wednesday's and all members are welcome.

There being no other business the meeting closed.