# Minutes of the Leamington and District Badminton Association

# Annual General Meeting 2015

**Date**: Wednesday 20th May 2015 at 7:30pm

**Location**:

New Windmill Ground

Harbury Lane

Bishops Tachbrook

Leamington Spa

CV33 9SA

**Attendees**:

Majority of clubs were represented as well as the committee:

Chair: Ben Thompson

Vice Chair: Peter Eastbury

Secretary: Louise Adams

Treasurer: Steve Cox

Committee: Chris Osborne

Jon Hale

Tom Burdett

Mark Goodman

**Apologies:**

## Sparta submitted its apologies for not being able to attend the AGM. Other clubs not represented were Meadow Sports, Virgin Active and Warwick Gates.

Alison Broome of the committee also submitted her apologies for not being able to attend.

## Minutes of AGM May 2013-2014

Previously sent out on May 18th

Agreed with no comment.

Proposed by: Steve Best

Seconded by: Andy Woolfden

## Matters Arising:

None

## Chairman’s Report

Read out on the night (Attached)

Agreed by all

## Secretary’s Report

Read out on the night (Attached)

Agreed by all.

## Treasurer’s Report:

Sent out on 19th May to club secretaries (Attached)

Agreed by all.

## League Fees

Committee proposed to keep the league fees the same for 2015 / 2016.

Proposed: Mark Curtlin

Seconded: Gill Blundell

## Committee Member Elections (2015 - 2016):

**Chairman**:

Ben Thompson stepping down after two terms. Nic Lee prepared to stand as chairman.

Proposed: Hilary Budd

Seconded: Tom Burdett

**Vice Chairman**:

Peter Eastbury prepared to stand again - all in agreement.

Proposed : Ben Thompson

Seconded: Nic Lee

**Secretary**:

Louise Adams stepping down after two terms. Gill Blundell prepared to stand for secretary.

Proposed: Nic Lee

Seconded: Mark Goodman

**Treasurer**: Steve Cox - All in agreement

Proposed: Carol Gray

Seconded: Steve Best

**Committee:**

Nominations were requested from the floor for the committee if anyone wanted to stand? – None received.

Chris Osborne, Tom Burdett, Mark Goodman, Alison Broome and Jon Hale prepared to stand again.

Proposed: Kate Morris

Seconded: Carol Gray

## Rule Changes:

**PROPOSAL 1**

**Proposal by the Committee**

**Proposal:** *If a club fails to field a full team to any match (levels and mixed) then they will lose one point.*

*NB - If a non-eligible full team is fielded, the point will not be deducted.*

**Reason for Proposal:** Currently there is no penalty applicable if a club fails to field a full team to a match. Only if a club fails to field a team at all is a financial penalty applied. There have been multiple instances in the 2014 – 2015 season where a club has failed to field a full team and this proposal aims to encourage people to commit to matches.

**Votes:** For 11; Against 29 – motion not passed

**Amendment 1 (proposed on the night):**

*If a team is fielding a non-eligible player, they must declare who they are before the start of the match*

**Amendment 2 (proposed on the night)**

*If a player is playing up, they will class as ineligible so the match won’t count and this must be stated on the match card.*

**Amendment 1 - Votes:** For 17; Against 15; - motion not passed

**Amendment 2 - Votes:** For 22; Against 10; - motion passed

**Overall vote on the amended proposal** – Motion not carried

## AOB:

1. **Kate Morris (Warwick Bears**): Raised the start date of the season has been changed in the handbook by 10 days. This was voted on at a previous AGM and has been changed without being voted on again. Ben Thompson raised that this has not affected any results or disadvantaged any clubs however he did acknowledge it was changed in error without being voted on. League start date will revert back to 12th September as it was previously shown in the handbook.
2. **Mark Curtlin (Wellesbourne):** Raised the question as to how the committee can help to promote grass roots badminton. Ben confirmed that the committee wants to do this but doesn’t want to favour a particular club. It was agreed that the committee would decide on the amount of funds to be used (approx. £100).

Proposed by Ben Thompson:

All clubs will be invited to propose the reason why they should receive the funds to promote badminton to be decided by the committee.

**Votes:** For 29; 3 Against – Motion Passed

Proposed by Jo Pratt

All clubs will be invited to propose the reason why they should receive the funds to promote badminton, to be then circulated to clubs for them to vote on.

**Votes:** For 2; Against 30 – Motion not carried

Date of submissions and decisions to be confirmed by the committee.

1. **Mark Curtlin (Wellesbourne):** Vote of thanks to the committee for all their hard work. A special mention to Peter Eastbury for updating the website and all the dedication he has shown this season.

## Close

Thanks to all that attended today’s AGM, look forward to speaking with you all again towards the start of the season.

The meeting was drawn to a close at 8.40pm.