

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CIRENCESTER BADMINTON CLUB 2017-2018 SEASON HELD AT THE GREYHOUND INN, SIDDINGTON, CIRENCESTER ON MONDAY 30th APRIL 2018

Meeting Started 7:01pm

Present	Ian Barrett Jenny Dowling Lisa Hewett Pauleen Barrett Jon Jordan	Amanda Howell Julia Brook Holly Kennett David Creber Joanna Howe	Andy Howe Sally Everest Isaac Herbert Pete Chambers Elaine Conway
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1. Apologies for Absence

Bruce Gouge	Paul Harris	Alistair Berchier
Ross Burling	Satyan Iyer	Katie Ballard
Rob Delaine	Jacky Harvey	Ian Fletcher

2. Minutes of the 2016-2017 AGM. Having been circulated to all members prior to the meeting and were Proposed by Julia Brook and Seconded by Andy Howe as being a true record of that meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman as such.

3. Matters arising from the minutes. The timing of the AGM was mentioned but will be left for the new committee to decide the timing of future AGM's.

4. Secretary's Report – (Peter Chambers).

After having my hip replaced last year my ankles are now preventing me from playing on the hard floor at Kingshill which is why I am standing down as secretary and not re-joining the club.

Gloucestershire League

I attended the Gloucestershire League AGM and collected the 2017-2018 team registration documents. There was nothing much else to report from the meeting other than the league committee again stated they want to get rid of the printed handbooks at some time..

I registered the same 6 teams as last year for the club and attended the league preseason meeting to collect the handbooks and Badminton Gloucestershire registration forms.

Final Gloucestershire League tables have been now circulated and should be in front of you to look at.

Just after the season started Pittville entered an extra Mens and Mixed team in the leagues as Kingpins had withdrawn. This entailed a fixture rehash that I had to sort out.

I had 9 matches to rearrange this season 6 caused by opposition date and venue changes. Disappointingly I was asked to move 2 Ladies matches and 1 Mixed match at our request as we could not get the team we would have liked, whereas the only valid reason is hall unavailability.

General Notes

I was pleased to see this season there were 6 different people involved as League Teams Captains as opposed to last year when there was doubling up.

The Christmas party at the Stratton House Hotel on 8th December was enjoyed by all who attended. There was good food and a disco. Thanks to Jo for organising this.

A slight hiccup in the New Year with the Chairman and Secretary heaving all their toys out of the pram. All sorted 2 days later and normality was resumed. Whatever normal is!!

Kingshill Hall

The floor was a little slippery on occasion but usually sorted the week after, following an email to the school. Kingshill has continued to allow us to use the hall during the 2 half term breaks and the Easter break giving us an extra 4 nights at Kingshill when we would normally have gone to the Leisure Centre. There has also been a price increase in the hire charge.

Leisure Centre

Nothing to report, all ok that I am aware of other than a rise in prices.

Website

The website has drawn in 6 enquiries this season and 2 turned up to play. I turned away the remainder as not suitable for our club as they were either complete beginners or needed coaching we cannot provide but I did advise alternatives where I could.

Membership

We had 18 Men and 14 Lady Members this season. But Gareth left around Christmas time with family issues.

We have had a few visitors to the club this season which helps the financial position.

Cynthia and David Lee are shown as members as they need to be registered to a club to organise and play in the County Masters Leagues so they only pay us the B E, B G fee's and a small admin. fee so as I can register them. They are classed as non-playing members.

Trevor Telling.

Just a mention of the sad passing of Trevor Telling he was a very good player and long-time secretary of the club he was missed when he left the club, he is missed more now. He is at peace in his home village of Kemble.

And Finally

The usual thanks on behalf of all the club members to the Club Committee and the Selection Committee for their work during the past season. Also thanks to the Team Captains; Katie, Sally, Holly, Pauleen, Rob and Dave.

- 5. Club Captains Report** – (Katie B). I hope everyone has enjoyed a good season. The main thing here is to thank all the long standing committee members for all their hard work and perseverance over the years. The time has come for Ian, Jenny and Pete to hand over the reigns as the club starts a new chapter providing club nights and match play for people to enjoy.

Ian has been chairman for many years - and brought in the era of the quick AGM, they have become more of a social event, in other words, get the business over and have a nice meal at the Greyhound with friends. He's also done a great job looking after the shuttles and making sure they are there for club and matches, its quite a commitment to make sure it happens week in week out. I can't remember anybody other than Jenny being Treasurer so that has to be almost 30 years? The finances have always been in great shape - that says it all really! A big thank you for what could been seen as a thankless task - all the chasing and collecting of fees. And Pete - who took over as secretary when Trevor moved away - it was truly a hard act to follow but he has helped the club to thrive and pushed forward with modern technology - website, emails, diary etc. - well done!

I would also like to thank the team captains, Sally, Dave, Pauleen and - in particular Holly and Rob who came forward to do the ladies A and men's A - it really helps when the workload is spread around!

I hope some new people will come forward to take on the vacant committee roles - it's easy to stay on the sidelines and say 'I have a busy life' - most people can say that - and it is unfair just to sit back expecting the same people to run things year after year. Anyway - lecture over - please come forward - past committee members and current ones will be available for advice and guidance, it really isn't that difficult!

6. Team Captain Reports

Glos Mixed 1st – (Katie B). We managed to come third in division 2 after a very tight season. The team welcomed Gareth - he was a super addition to the squad - shame his children missed him so much he had to go back to the North East. So having lost a player, sent out a team with 2 missing due to illness and a snow cancellation we did well to end up safe - thanks to all the subs and in particular those who helped in the last match Tom, Lisa, Sally and Neil.

Glos Mixed 2nd – (Sally E). End position: Division 3, played 10, won 6, 50 points. 3rd position.

I think I speak on behalf of the whole team when I say that this was one of the most enjoyable seasons. The core team consisted of Sally, Sarah, Lisa, Neil, Tom, Dave and Satyan with thanks to Pauleen, Jackie and Isaac for all standing in.

All games were of a good equal standard with many matches being won or lost 5-4. Having reviewed this year's stats both Sarah and Sally have won 80% of games played and together they won every game. Our final league position was dependent on the last game of the season but unfortunately we lost so will remain in Division 3.

Glos Ladies 1st – (Holly K). The ladies went up to division 1 and are now going to get demoted back to division 2. Hopefully next season go straight back up, as the team is more than capable of getting promotion again and this time stay up. Thank you to all who played regularly and the players that stood in.

Glos Ladies 2nd – (Pauleen B). The Ladies B team comprises of....Sally Everest, Lisa Hewitt, Pauleen Barrett & Shona Mc Dougal. With help from Jackie, Jo, and Elaine

I would like to thank them all for their never going to lose attitude.

We ended up fourth out of six so will be staying in the league.

I must add that the last match against the Falcon ladies was going to be quite hard as they beat us 10 to 2 at home. As we drove over to play them on the night I said that the only way we would get any games off them would be if one of them was unavailable to play on the night and they had a stand in the couldn't play! ☺

Well guess what?? Their stand in had never played in a match! So in true sporting fashion we played on her all night! Ending up with a six all draw. This game helped to secure our league position.

Thank you all again ladies especially Shona as she has improved so much during the year.

Glos Men's 1st – (Rob D). No report.

Glos Men's 2nd – (Dave C). A good season ending up 3rd, considering the team was promoted to division 4 when it should have stayed in division 5. So well done all the people who play a part in the team.

7. Treasurer's report: (Jenny). The end of another busy season for members and committee members. The role of Treasurer has changed over the years in the methods of collecting the money from always paid by cash or cheque but now more often paid direct into the clubs bank account accompanied by an email to advise some money has been paid in and by whom.

I have been a member for 42 years and the Treasurer for the majority of that time firstly with Trevor Telling as secretary and then Peter Chambers. We have had various chairman and I think a chairwoman at one time. Ian as Chairman took on further duties and I can honestly say all have been a pleasure to work with (most of the time). Thank you for paying up promptly and making my role as treasurer easier and I present the latest balance sheet which as always is self-explanatory and shows that we carry forward to the 2018/2019 season a balance of £1232.15.

8. Subscriptions & Fees 2017-2018: No change (last increase 2007/8)

Senior Subscription £85-00, Student Subscription £50-00, Match Fee £3-00

Visitors £4-00 Late Sub. Fee £5.00

Proposed by Pauleen Barrett Seconded by David Creber and passed unanimously.

9. Election of Officers: As the Chairman was the first committee member to be nominated / elected and no one in attendance was willing to do this easiest of jobs a letter received from Paul Harris was read out.

"As we reach the end of this season there are going to be major changes at the club as three important committee roles have become vacant at the same time, which clearly leaves a little bit of a hole.

Having been chairman at Cirencester Tennis Club, I fully appreciate the work that the committee do so they all deserve a massive thanks from everyone. Without them the club would not be here. We owe it them, and also to ourselves as members, to step forward so we can all carry on enjoying our badminton.

I would be happy to take on the role of Chairman for a couple of years but I will only do so if the positions are filled around me by committed people. It will also require people to come forward to look after club nights etc. as by the nature of my work and tennis commitments I would not be able to increase my club attendance. I appreciate that members might feel that the Chair needs to be in attendance more than that. If this is the case then unfortunately I would not be able to commit, but I feel I have the knowledge and experience to guide the club into its next phase.

Unfortunately I cannot attend the AGM due to a tennis match (unless it rains) so I hope the meeting is positive and productive, and look forward to hearing the outcomes."

We discussed this and carried on with and elected the various other vacant positions and gained volunteers for most of the other roles.

We then came back and elected Paul Harris to the Chairman position as we thought his conditions were met.

Elected as follows

	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
i. Chairperson	Paul Harris	Ian Barrett	Pauleen Barrett
ii. Joint Secretary	Joanna Howe	Peter Chambers	David Creber
iii. Joint Secretary	Jon Jordan	Peter Chambers	Julia Brook
iv. Treasurer	Isaac Herbert	Sally Everest	Elaine Conway
v. Club Captain	Katie Ballard	}	}
vi. Selection	Sally Everest	}	}
	David Creber	} Julia Brook	} Peter Chambers
	Amanda Howell	}	}
	Lisa Hewett	}	}

All were elected unanimously.

10. Key Holder Role: David Creber volunteered to have one of the Kingshill key fobs. The holder of the second key fob is yet to be decided.

11. Shuttlecock procurement: It was thought that Isaac Herbert as Treasurer was best placed to order and pay for the shuttles.

Storage and usage monitor: To be sorted between Isaac Herbert (Treasurer), Joanna Howe (Joint Secretary), key holder David Creber and the other key holder.

12. Rule Changes: No rule changes this year.

13. League Team entries for next season:

No Change - the Meeting agreed that next season we enter two mixed, two ladies and two men's teams in the Glos League. Proposed by Amanda Howell and Seconded by David Creber and passed unanimously.

14. AOB: (Non Club Members in Matches - Sally) Sally wanted to get the members views on using non club members in our league matches. This was discussed at length with the Chairman pointing out that it is against the clubs own rules to do it regularly but only in last minute scenarios. The members present at the AGM thought that there weren't enough club members to keep the 6 teams running smoothly and the use of non-members was essential. The new committee said they would hold an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) to change the rules to allow non-members to play in the league matches

(**Secretary AOB**) there needs to be a volunteer to oversee the purchase, periodical checks through the season and top up as required of the plastic water cups.

Just to say the future of the Google calendar, weekly venue reminder emails and notice on the pegboard which I set up all depends on how the new Secretaries want to run things.

The club website and URL is hosted on my web hosting service. In the short term the existing content will be reduced and any content the club requires, will have to be emailed to me and I will update the website accordingly. In the longer term the club will require to set up some web hosting and then I can transfer the website URL to the club and then the club can own, run and update the website.

On the home page of the Gloucestershire League website there is a list of individual club websites, one of which is ours and space to advertise a summer club. I will ask David Powell to add a Summer Club advert for the duration of the summer.

Lastly the winter club ended last Thursday 26th at Kingshill and the summer club carries on from Wednesday the 2nd May until the end of August 8-10pm at the Leisure Centre. The new winter season will probably start on the 6th September once we have the relevant booking forms.

(**Secretary Gloucestershire League AOB**)

The Match and Fixture Secretary presently held David Powell will continue for now at a cost to the League funds, so a volunteer is required to replace him. Are there any volunteers? There were none.

As I have stepped down as club Secretary I will also resign as a club representative on the Gloucestershire League committee so there is a vacancy for that as well, anyone interested? There were none..

The League AGM is on Wednesday 16th May 7:00 Hucclecote Community Centre someone from the club must attend to hand in team registration documents for next season.

There is a limited supply of handbooks of 2 per club this coming season to keep the league costs down and also less work for David Powell. If a club requires extra handbooks they can be bought at £2.50 each or they can be downloaded and printed off from the league website. This season I printed 5 off to give us a total of 7, one for each team and one for the secretary..

The League are thinking about player registration for next season, a bit like Badminton England. There are likely to be drop down selection boxes on the 'Enter a Scorecard' webpage to help David Powell get the correct names for each team and eliminate any chance of cheating. League team registrations are likely to be £5 this coming season. This will be decided at their AGM on the 16th.

Finally I would like to thank Ian for his hard work over the years with the shuttles, entry into Kingshill, the smooth running of club and match nights, his running of the summer club and his speedy AGM's.

I would also like to thank Jenny for her 30 odd years of being Treasurer keeping our finances in check and collecting money that some people did not want to let go of. She has helped to keep our subscriptions at £85 since the 2007-2008 season so 10 years with no increase.

Gifts were presented to the outgoing Chairman Ian Barrett and outgoing Treasurer Jenny Dowling by Peter Chambers on behalf of the club membership. A gift was presented to the outgoing Secretary Peter Chambers by Joanna Howe on behalf of the club membership. This was to show the clubs appreciation of the work they have done over the years.

Next season 2018-2019 should start on Thursday 6th September 7.00pm at Kingshill School to be decided when we get the booking forms from the school.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed **Chairman**

Dated