



Hampshire Badminton Association

Annual General Meeting 2022

7.30pm Wednesday 12 October 2022

Westgate Badminton Centre

Agenda

1. Chair's opening remarks
2. President's Award - The Trevor Shanks Player's Player of the Year
3. Minutes of the AGM of 2019
4. Election of Officers
5. Election of vice-Presidents
6. Appointment of Accountant
7. Election of Badminton England Representatives
8. Decision on County Affiliation Fees
9. Club Membership Report (Secretary)
10. Treasurer's Report
11. Senior County Team Report
12. Junior County Team Report
13. Masters County Team Report
14. Hampshire Youth Badminton Trust
15. Any other business

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Minutes of the 27 June 8th 2019

HAMPSHIRE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Hampshire Badminton Centre, 27 June 2019

Trevor Darlington took the chair and opened the meeting.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks:

Trevor welcomed all those attending. Trevor described his first year as Chair as challenging but it was a year of successes.

- Richard Peters has taken on the role of managing the Centre and recently the County Development role too. His contribution is very valuable indeed.
- We said goodbye to Kat Hurrell, who joins the England setup at Milton Keynes. Ollie Bakzala has taken on the challenge of County Coach and he is now running the Performance Centre too.
- We have brought back the Senior County Club and given some priorities to the senior teams. Mark Pekham has taken the reins and we are seeing the results already.
- We hosted the English National Championships, with only 3 months notice. Ricahrd as project manager and a large number of volunteers ensured we earned the thanks of Adrian Christy, Chief Executive of Badminton England.

There is a good team in place. We have a committed Management Committee, and excellent volunteers on whom so much depends.

A special mention goes to Margaret Houlton, who gives so much of her time and runs the successful Masters teams and tournaments so well.

2. Presidents award

Diana Troke, our President, announced a new annual award "The Trevor Shanks Players' Player of the Year." Trevor was a true friend of the County and embodied the spirit in which we play this game in Hampshire. Diana welcomed Trevor's family to the meeting and was very pleased that his grandsons were able to receive the award on behalf of this year's winner, Steve Smith. Steve received the most players' votes of all the players who represented Hampshire in this season's Senior County Championships.

3. Attendance and Apologies

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Our Vice Presidents Alan Baker, Shirley Baker, and Jean Merrikin were present. Apologies were given by Hazel Mark, Janet Palmer, Denise Blayze, Arthur Bell, Jill Robertson, Marilyn Hunter, and Colin Byford.

Represented Clubs were BGB, Match Point, Solent Eagles, Winchester, Thorndon Junior, Caer Gwent, and Notorious.

4. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 27 June 2018

In a correction to the minutes, Hazel Marks' award was a Badminton England Award for her outstanding contribution to the sport.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes:

There were no items arising that were not covered by other Agenda items.

6. Election of Officers for 2019/2020

The following persons were elected to the Officer positions of the Management Committee by unanimous vote of the members present:

President: Diana Troke
Chair: Trevor Darlington
Secretary: Paul Jackson
Treasurer: Steve Harvey
Coaching Secretary: Mark Peckham
Fixture Secretary: Paul Fonseca

These elected officers will appoint other members of the Management Committee after this meeting.

7. Election of Vice Presidents.

The Vice-Presidents were re-elected en bloc by unanimous vote of the members present.

8. Appointment of Accountant

HWB (Hopper, Williams and Bell) was appointed as accountants with the approval of the members present.

9. Election of Badminton England Members Representatives

Diana Troke and Margaret Houlton were elected by unanimous vote of the members present.

10. Decision on County Affiliation Fees

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The Management Committee proposed no change to County Affiliation Fees which remain £0 for Racket Pack (u11) members, £2 for 12 to 18 year old juniors, and £6 for seniors. This was approved by the members present.

11. Secretary's Report

Paul Jackson presented the Secretary's Report, attached to these minutes.

Club Membership numbers remain strong at all ages. There were 1837 club memberships affiliated to Hampshire Badminton Association, a slight fall from 1964 the previous season. Hampshire has 70 affiliated clubs, and 71 registered coaches.

The season official start date for memberships is to move to 1 November for this year and future years.

Compete upgrades must now be obtained directly from Badminton England by the player in question using the GoMembership system. Clubs can only obtain the basic Play memberships on behalf of their members. There are small increases in BE membership fees for players. Membership fees are now the same whether obtained through a club or directly from Badminton England.

Club membership fees have restructured slightly. Medium sized clubs see a small reduction in their fee. Larger clubs (50+ members) see a small increase.

From 2021 the Competition season will run according to the calendar year. To adjust, the 2019/20 season will run for 18 months, through to 31 December 2020. Prize funds have been increased, and a group stage is added to the Senior Silver format.

A National Team League will be launched in January 2021. Teams will play in local leagues and upon promotion play in regional, and then national, divisions. The winner of the National Premier League will represent England in the European Club Championships.

12. Treasurer's Report

Steve Harvey presented the Hampshire Badminton Association accounts, attached to these minutes.

This will be the last year where a separate account will be presented for the Westgate Centre operation within HBA's responsibilities. In future the Westgate operation and all other HBA responsibilities will be presented in a single account.

The accounts are once again effectively balanced. However, an extraordinary item of a VAT back-payment for maintenance and utility bills for the last 4 years of approximately £10,000 has affected the reserves.

13. Centre Manager's Report

Richard Peters presented his Centre Manager Report, attached to these minutes.

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Richard presented results of a survey of clubs he has carried out. The key issues reported by clubs include court time availability (especially where 5-a-side football is favoured by sports centres); a decrease in membership, especially in smaller clubs with no junior section; and the success experienced by some clubs when they move to a pay-and-play membership.

Richard outlined his development priorities for the coming year:

- More junior competition within the County, especially between junior clubs.
- A broader and more engaged workforce, especially of volunteers,
- A monthly newsletter as part of improved communication to, and between, clubs,
- A quarterly questionnaire to enable clubs to make their views known,
- More club visits to support their own development plans,
- A much improved website.
- A racket pack festival to bring the youngest players into suitable fun competition and into our Centre.

Richard presented the Nationals Report as attached to these minutes.

The Nationals was rated highly in feedback from players, spectators and officials. The format fitted our facility well, and ticket sales and other income was sufficient to cover all the costs of staging the event. Our thanks go to the Referees Eric and Helen Richardson, and to all the Hampshire volunteers who made the weekend run so well - despite the weather.

14. Other Committee member reports

The reports of the Committee members were taken as read, and are attached to these minutes.

Mark Peckham described a very successful year for our senior county teams. All three teams won promotion, something that has never happened before. A 4th team will be entered for next season, and our target of winning the Senior County Championship has got that bit closer.

Cristina Mitchel reviewed the Junior season. The results have been very good, especially in the Inter County Championships where Hampshire secured 4th place.

Margaret Houlton described a successful Masters season both for our teams and for some of our individual players and pairs at National, European and International levels.

15. Badminton England Relationship manager

Tanya Woodward presented her work through this year to the Members. Her presentation is attached to these minutes.

Tanya has given excellent advice and support to Hampshire's clubs. Tanya explained the position of Badminton England with respect to membership, participation at grass roots, development of the sport, and its financial stability. There continues to be significant support available to any club that seeks to develop its junior membership, its female players, its coaching, and its facilities.

16. Welfare and Safeguarding

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Jan Harvey, the County Safeguarding officer, emphasised the importance of the safeguarding protocol developed by Badminton England and as endorsed and to be rolled-out by Hampshire Badminton Association. All clubs will be contacted in the coming season to ensure the requirements of the protocol are being met.

17. Hampshire Youth Badminton Trust

The operation of the Trust and the value of payments it has made this year are described in the paper attached to these minutes.

18. Any other business.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9pm.

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Secretary
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