**ORPINGTON AND NORTH WEST KENT BADMINTON ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the ONWK AGM held on Monday 5th June at**

**Warman Trust Sports Ground, Barnet Wood Road, Hayes BR2 7AA**

**at 19.45**

Robin opened the meeting at 8pm.

Present: Robin Wells (Chairman), Jan Upson (Juniors), Janet Boswell (Treasurer), Brian Keegan (Tropies), Debbie Laskier (Secretary) and Wayne Philogene (Tournaments) and representatives from

Clubs.

**1. Apologies for absence were received from:** Sue Kieselack (Oakhill), Zena Wisdom (Park Langley) and Chris Adams (Match Secretary).

**2. Minutes of last year’s AGM:** the minutes of last year’s AGM were proposed by Derek Steer (Christchurch) and seconded by Jan Upson (Orpington Juniors).

**3. Matters arising from last year’s AGM:** Robin mentioned that there were two issues arising from last year’s minutes and they were Wayne’s tournament in August and that Chris was going to put a blank scorecard on the website.

**4. Secretary’s Report:** Debbie mentioned that Badminton England and affiliation fees had been paid and that she wanted to tighten the reigns with affiliation fees.

**5. Treasurer’s Report:** Janet mentioned that there was a loss of £505 which was partly due to the fact that 2 senior teams and 2 junior teams were entered into the inter-regional and not 2 senior and 1 junior team.

Affiliation fees remain the same as last year.

**6. Match Secretary’s Report:** Overall, the 2016 Summer and 2016/17 Winter seasons both ran without any incidents of significance. It was the second season of electronic scoring, and I think we can say it has been a complete success. In particular the number of "missing results" was at an all time low and all but a handful of matches were completed. Also, whilst there was the odd question about player eligibility (becoming more common as larger clubs enter multiple teams in the same division), I would say this was the first season where I haven't had to arbitrate a single disagreement about match a re-arrangement! It seems like everyone is doing their best to be accommodating, reflecting the changes we made to the "spirit" of the rules.

Finally, I would definitely like to say a big thanks you to all the club players and match secretaries that have helped me out over the past 7 years. When I took over the job everything was done with spreadsheets and postcards, and was very time consuming. We've since been able to modernise the league by introducing electronic scoring website updates, which would not have been possible without the support of the players and captains and which has cut the admin down to a few minutes each month. The start of season fixture meeting now also runs itself, so I would say that it could now be the easiest job on the committee! I wish everyone in the league the best and hope to see you again soon.

**7. Tournament Secretary’s Report:**  Wayne said that the tournament held last August at Castlemaine went well and that people got more games than expected and if more players had entered. If another tournament is held it will be open to ONWK players and Wayne is thinking of handicapping the next tournament.

Wayne is looking for a date this August and if this is not possible a date in August 2018 will definitely go ahead.

**8. Junior Affairs:** Jan reported the following:-

(Park Langley & Orpington Juniors)

There are currently 40 players in the PC.

ParkLangley (Club Pathway)

Approximate membership: 75

Orpington Juniors

For 2016/17 membership was 116 juniors with ages ranging from 6 to 18 years.

OJs will be holding their play-in for new members on Saturday 2 September at 3.30 p.m. in the Harris Academy Sports Hall, Tintagel Road, Orpington. Contact Jan Upson by email on janupson@orpingtonjuniors.com for further information.

2. Kent Junior Inter-Regional

The Orpington U19s came 3rd (out of 4) and the U15s improved on last year’s performance by coming 2nd (out of 4) The deciding match of the U15s was between Orpington and Tunbridge Wells (TW being the eventual winners).

Once again there was a good spirit and my thanks to Peter Oxley who organised the U19 team while I was busy with the U15s.

3. London Youth Games

The Bromley team is being managed this year by Peter Oxley and Brian Duarte. The qualifiers and finals are being held on the same day this year at Redbridge on Saturday (10 June).

4. Colin Boswell Cup

This will be announced at the Quiz Night/Presentation evening – we hope the recipient will be able to attend.

**9. Senior Inter Regional:** ONWK entered 2 teams this year.

The 2nd team was creditable runner up in Division 2 (on game countback) with a win over Rainham and close defeats to Medway (winners) and South Foreland . Managed by Paul Parham the team comprised Oneil Allen, Nikita Ghosh, Lee Jones, Matt Harvey, Adrian Healy, Judy Amato, Hannah Humberstone, Catherine Knapp, Paul Parham.

The 1st team won back the trophy it relinquished last year with impressive wins over Ravensbourne, North Foreland and Tunbridge Wells, dropping just 3 games all day.
Managed by Julie Russell the team representing the region was
Paul Freeman, Mark Law, Lydia Henderson-Boyle, Lawrence Nemostothy, Julie Russell,
Meera Sivakumaran, Shaun Parr, Erin Parkes and Anabel Hong

 **10. KBL Affairs:** There was only 1 Regional meeting this year, October 2016.
This was clearly too early in season to talk about KBL activities/teams successes etc so the meeting focussed on the Inter Regional rules/regs.
No minutes were received from the meeting so no further report shall be forthcoming from me.

Kent AGM this Thursday, Egerton village hall, details on KBL website.

**11. The Committee would like to clarify the situation with a club having 2 teams in the same division, and also the associated team nominations as follows...**

**Change Rule 5,  Nomination of players, 1st sentence**

**From.**

A Club entering teams in more than one division of any League will be required to nominate its players for all teams except the lowest;

nominations shall be sent to the Match Secretary so as to reach him/her prior to the Club's first match in that League.

**To.**

A Club entering more than 1 team in the same discipline will be required to nominate its players for all teams except the lowest;

nominations shall be sent to the Match Secretary so as to reach him/her prior to the Club's first match in that League.

**Change Rule 6, Promotion and relegation, last paragraph .**

**From**

One Club may have more than one team (e.g. first, second, etc teams) in the same Division. The members of all such teams must be nominated.

The Home and Away matches between teams from the same Club in the same division must be the first matches played, ie before playing any teams from other Clubs.

Matches played in contravention of this rule will be null and void.

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Both Rule Changes were agreed to at the AGM.

**12. Election of officers:**  Everybody was standing for re-election except the Match Secretary. Robin said that if nobody offers to be Match Secretary by mid-July an invite will go out for an EGM to disband the league.

**13. Any other Business:** Janet reminded everyone about the Quiz Night/Presentation on 23 June.

Chris is still going to be doing the website.

Wayne mentioned that the Summer League for this year was on the website but that the previous year’s results were not available to look at. Robin is going to speak to Chris for him to sort out.

Bexley Badminton Club, Welling is looking for any spare ladies to play in their team for the summer.

Robin mentioned that people are welcome to attend GB club night on a Friday at NW Kent College. Look at GB’s website for more information. The cost is £5 per visit.

Robin closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

ROBIN C WELLS

Chairman