**ORPINGTON AND NORTH WEST KENT BADMINTON ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES OF THE 14TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE 2016 AT 7.45PM**

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

Robin opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present: Robin Wells, Chris Adams, Debbie Laskier, Janet Boswell, Jan Upson, Brian Keegan and Wayne Philogene and 20 members from 13 clubs.

**1. Apologies:** Apologies have been received from Jack and Doris Wheeler (President and Lady President ), Julie Russel (Trinity), Zena Wisdom (Park Langley) and Mark Lewis (The Team).

**2. Minutes of 13th AGM of ONWK BA:** The minutes of the 13th AGM which were proposed by Julie and seconded by Jan were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

**3. Matters arising from Item 2:** Robin raised a few points arising from last year’s AGM which were:-

Chris looked into organising an online facility to input match scores. The facility has been set up and is now up and running.

Robin mentioned that Wayne is hoping to run a tournament at Castlemaine Hall in Gillingham on the first Saturday in August (around 6th).

Doris had some heavy duty outdoor lights in the loft and Robin sold them on e-bay for £57 which was more trouble than it was worth.

**4. Secretary’s report:** Debbie reported that all Badminton England and ONWK affiliation fees were paid on time and that no one had to be chased up for payment. Debbie also said that there were 28 clubs.

Debbie had mentioned that she thought doing the administration online via email worked well and would like to keep doing this if everyone is happy.

Debbie mentioned that both Jack and Doris have been suffering from bad health. Both are recovering well now. I have emailed Jack and Doris Wheeler to say that I hope they both continue to make a good recovery.

**5. Treasurer’s report:** Janet mentioned that there was not much money going in or out of the account. One senior and 2 junior teams were entered into the Inter-regional this team.

Janet said that there was a surplus of £251.

Next year’s fees would remain at £10 per club and £10 per team.

The accounts were not audited but will go on the website once they were.

**6. Match Secretary’s report:** Chris reported the following:

 Summer 2015

 There were 3 divisions of 4 teams

 There were either not many games played or not all the results had been received.

 There were no issues

 Winter 2015/16

 There was one mixed team less but another mens team had entered the league.

 The electronic scoring was a big success and the results were updated quicker.

 Chris had looked into the features of the electronic scoring to see whether club’s teams

 could be put online for other clubs to check players and Chris said that it would make clubs’

 lives more difficult.

 Chris is looking into clubs putting teams on to onwk badminton website.

 Summer 2015

 Chris mentioned that although the deadline for entry to play In the summer league had passed he

 would be happy to accept entries at the AGM.

Chris said that the season had been pretty quiet overall and that the only problem was about re-arranging one match which was why the Constitution and Rules were going to be amended.

**7. Tournament Secretary’s report**: Wayne mentioned that he was holding a handicapped tournament at Castlemaine Hall, Gillingham on 6 August.

**8. Fred Tyler Knockout Trophy:** Robin mentioned that the Fred Tyler Trophy was not held again this year due to lack of interest. It was agreed that the Fred Tyler Trophy would be run again and that Robin would put the Rules on the website.

**9. Junior Affairs (incl Kent Junior Regional + Colin Boswell Cup)**

1.    Junior Clubs

Bromley Performance Centre (Park Langley & Orpington Juniors)

There are currently 40 players in the PC.

ParkLangley (Club Pathway)

Approximate membership: 75

Orpington Juniors

For 2015/16 membership was 100+ juniors with ages ranging from 6 to 18 years.

OJs will be holding their play-in for new members on Saturday 3 September at 3.30 p.m. in the Priory 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 and U15s came 3rd (out of 4) in each of their age groups.  We had some very good, strong players in the U19s and some good, but quite young players in the U15s (which will bode well for the next couple of years – depending on changes due to BE’s junior age group structure changes).

Unfortunately two strong boys who are eligible to play for Orpington decided to play for Tunbridge Wells instead (conflicted as they attend training at Hildenborough).

All played incredibly hard and there was a good team spirit.   The final two U15 mixed games of the day between Orpington and Medway got a little noisy with cheerleaders from each side willing their teams on.  All of which was in a friendly way and graciously clapping all winning shots.

 My thanks to Peter Oxley for his help on the day.

3.     London Youth Games

The Bromley team is being managed this year by Peter Oxley and Brian Duarte.   The qualifiers are being held at Redbridge next Saturday (11 June).

4.   Colin Boswell Cup

This will be awarded at the Quiz Night/Presentation evening.

**10.   Senior Inter Regional:** ONWK only entered 1 senior team (allowing Ravesnbourne to enter 2) .  Most of the players competing  are in fact eligible for either Region.

The team was again managed by Julie Russell and comprised Paul Freeman, Erin Parkes, Shaun Parr, Lawrence Nemostothy, Graham Carson, Meera Sivakumaran, , Kim Parr, Lydia Henderson-Boyle, Julie Russell, Phil Troke.  (4 current Kent 1st team players, 2 ex 1st team, 2 current 2nd team players, a Sussex 1st team and Surrey 1st team lady currently ranked #8 Nationally).

This squad  beat Tunbridge 9-0, Medway 7-2, but just lost 5-4 in the opening tie of the day to a very well drilled and tight Ravensbourne squad that also boasted a number of high quality players.  Congratulations to Ravensbourne, be prepared to give it back next year.

**11. KBL Affairs:**  There was only 1 Regional meeting this year, in November.  An ‘end of season praisee’ was received and is as follows. -DBS fees for volunteer coaches - possible subsidies from KBL to be available . This does not apply to full time Coaches  - New junior clubs set up can receive £100 start-up fees on application from KBL. This is to encourage growth. If your League supports the set up of a new Junior Club £100 will be given by to help.  -Shires match results show improvements from last season. New age groups ranges are being considered for this league  -Senior 1st and 2nd team have won their divisions –  1st won the plays off and secured promotion to Division1 South.  - KBL is Considering a Kent schools league.  - Links to national tournaments to be added to the website for next season - Juniors, seniors and masters all to have summer training sessions - Coaches to let Steve Hall know their details if they would like to be included in a coaching register to be published on the website - Masters – ICC. Kent has kept 3 teams in the Premier division. League, 40’s just missed out on finals losing in regional playoff to Essex (who won it).  The 70’s squad won both their League competition and the Challenge weekend. - BE are increasing membership fees next season by £1

**12. Committee Proposal to update the Constitution and Rules**: There was a lengthy discussion about the various proposals to update the Constitution and Rules which were accepted.

**13. Committee proposal to allow 1 lady to play in a mens match):** There was a discussion about the above motion and a vote followed which was 10 in favour and 2 against so the motion was carried.

**14. Election 14 of Officers:** The officers were voted in en mass again.

**15. Any Other Business:** The following points were mentioned:

Robin mentioned that there was going to be a joint ONWK/Ravensbourne quiz night and presentation on 15 July. There will be teams of 6 at a cost £5 per person but bring your own nibbles.

Richard Murphy mentioned the importance of playing the mixed in the composite in the correct order ie A and B should be first mixed as in some cases playing the C and D pair first and A and B pair second could result the final score of the match.

Chris is going to put a score card on the website

Robin thanked everybody for coming to the meeting and closed the meeting.

ROBIN WELLS

CHAIRMAN