



## **Corinthians Badminton Club**

### **Minutes of AGM – 21 May 2009**

The annual general meeting of the club was held at Northgate Sports Centre at 8pm on Thursday 21 May 2009. Fifteen out of the 28 members attended.

Present – Bob Chamberlain, Ian Young, Duncan Chamberlain, Adam Rae, Brendan Goffin, Pat Chamberlain, Paul Finbow, Dave Knight, Neil Bonham, Chris Goodman, Louise Tooke, Graham Mitchell, Paul Johnson, Maia Wright, Sue Scott.

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Linda Macfarlane, Chrissie Green, Carolyn Mackender, Paul Thomas and Sue Hunt.

Ian reported that Carolyn had indicated that she would be happy to be Ladies A captain for next season. Bob reported that Linda Macfarlane was also prepared to be Ladies B captain.

#### **2. Minutes of 2008 AGM**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 29 May 2008 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **4. Secretary's Report**

To be added when received from Ian.

Bob thanked Ian for his report, and recorded the Clubs thanks for his 52 years of being Club Secretary. Bob stated that the Club would like to make Ian a life President of the Club, in recognition for all his dedication and effort. This was seconded by Adam and was carried unanimously.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Adam introduced his report – See attached. The accounts presented are unaudited, due to the unavailability of the auditor (Steve Cox).

The accounts showed that the club made a loss of £533 in the year, but this should be reduced to £392 assuming a successful repayment of tax on gift aid from the HM Revenue and Customs.

Bob thanked Adam, and proposed that the meeting accept the Treasurer's Report. This was seconded by Ian and was carried unanimously.

## **6. Election of Officers**

The following were elected:-

Post	Nominated	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Bob Chamberlain	Adam	Brendan
Secretary	Paul Finbow	Bob	Ian
Treasurer	Adam Rae	Bob	Paul
Match Secretary	Brendan Goffin	Bob	Ian
Selectors	Bob Chamberlain	Ian	Adam
	Paul Finbow	Ian	Adam
	Brendan Goffin	Ian	Adam
	Carolyn Mackender	Ian	Adam
Child Protection	Neil Bonham	Bob	Brendan
Auditor	Steve Cox	Bob	Paul

It was proposed also that Linda Macfarlane would be asked if she would be happy to be a selector. Bob would contact her.

All appointments were uncontested and were carried unanimously.

## **7. Playing arrangements for 2009/10**

Adam reported that Ipswich School could offer us additional court time on Tuesday evenings, which would remove the need to play at Northgate on Fridays. This was thought to be beneficial to play only in one hall and to remove Friday matches which have proved in the past to be less popular. There was discussion of the effect on matches and Brendan will work with the committee to agree the best arrangements so that home matches do not always fall on Tuesdays. There was also discussion about improvements to lighting and shuttle speeds at Ipswich School. The Committee were asked to see what improvements could be made, but there was unanimous support for moving to Ipswich School.

The first club night will be on 3 September.

## **8. Playing Standards and recruitment of new members**

Adam reported on the successful lottery bid that he submitted on the Club's behalf. This is to fund the creation of an Adult learners/improvers section of the club. We received a grant of £4,982 to cover court costs, shuttles, equipment purchase, coaching and advertising. The Committee will meet regularly to work out the detail of how this money will best be

spent, and to ensure that all players (league and social) get the best out of the 2009/10 season.

#### **9. Fee Structure for 2009/10**

Adam proposed that the subscription and donation be increased by £1.50 each, thereby increasing the total charge from £49 per member to £52. Should members wish to pay in two instalments they should speak to Adam. Match fees would remain at £4.

Fees for the social badminton section would equally be £52, with part of the amount being a donation.

All players who either play matches or attend club nights more than five times will be registered with Badminton England. This costs nearly £12 and is included within the £52.

#### **10. Playford Trophy**

A discussion was held on whether the club would enter the Playford Trophy next season, particularly around the fairness of handicaps under the new scoring system. It was proposed by Graham that we do enter a team (seconded by Ian), and it was carried five votes to two, with eight abstentions.

#### **11. Any other Business**

The league AGM is on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009, at Ransomes Sports Club at 7.30pm.

A suggestion of getting Team shirts was discussed. This would be looked into and further information would be provided nearer to the beginning of the season.

The meeting closed at 9.54pm

**Paul Finbow  
Secretary  
Corinthian Badminton Club**

