



Corinthians Badminton Club

Minutes of AGM – 26 May 2011

The annual general meeting of the club was held at Ipswich School, Henley Road, Ipswich (Room 29) at 7.00pm. Twenty two out of the 50 members attended.

Present – Bob Chamberlain, Ian Young, Adam Rae, Brendan Goffin, Pat Chamberlain, Paul Finbow, Chris Goodman, Graham Mitchell, Paul Johnson, Sue Scott, Richard Spencer, Karen Bass, Sally Barker, Carolyn Mackender, Martin Waters, Nigel Frost, Gill Harris, Neil Bonham, Duncan Hills, Duncan Chamberlain, Nymone Dacosta-Jones and Andy Jennings.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Alan Waistell, Pete Taylor, Linda McFarlane, and Chrissy Green.

2. Minutes of 2010 AGM

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 20 May 2010 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Secretary's Report

Paul presented his report (copy of which is posted on the website).

Karen reported on the numerous social events that the club had organised during the year.

There was a discussion about team captains writing a short piece for the website on the team's performance for the 2010/11 season. Adam agreed to contact team captains and to get these posted on the website.

The acceptance of the Secretary's report was proposed by Adam, this was seconded by Chris and was carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

Adam presented his report. The accounts presented had been audited by the Auditor (Steve Cox).

The accounts showed that the club made a surplus of £318.87 in the year, very close to the £400 surplus that we had predicted. This is in contrast to the just over £400 we lost in the previous year, if you exclude the lottery money.

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

6. Election of Officers

The following were elected:-

Post	Nominated	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Bob Chamberlain	Paul	Neil
Secretary	Paul Finbow	Bob	Brendan
Treasurer	Adam Rae	Bob	Martin
Match Secretary	Brendan Goffin	Bob	Pat
Child Protection	Neil Bonham	Bob	Graham
Auditor	Steve Cox	Bob	Paul
Social Organisers	Sally Barker	Bob	Pat
Committee Member	Karen Bass	Bob	Pat
	Carolyn Mackender	Bob	Gill

All appointments were uncontested and were carried unanimously. The role of team selectors would be undertaken by the whole committee from 2011/12. This will spread the load and make it easier to inform players. It was also agreed that there would be a cut off date after which the teams will be published on the website and an email will be sent round notifying that the teams have been put on the website.

7. Playing arrangements for 2011/12

Paul outlined the plans for next season, including arrangements for hall bookings. This resulted from the decision by Ipswich School to increase the cost of the hall for next season from £28 per hour to £32. The increase in price was going to be to £34 per hour, which has caused some to cancel their hall bookings. This has resulted in more court time being available and the school reducing the increase to £32. We will continue to monitor hall prices and the availability of other venues, should the price continue to rise.

The opportunity to extend club nights was felt to benefit the club, so the meeting agreed to alter and extend the times of club nights to 7.30pm until 10.00pm from September 2011. This does have a cost, but this will be offset slightly by reducing court time on Tuesdays to only cover matches.

The first club night will be on 1 September.

8. Fee Structure for 2011/12

Adam proposed that the subscription and donation be increased by £3 each, thereby increasing the total charge from £54 per member to £60. This along with the changes in match fees will be sufficient to cover the additional costs of court hire. Juniors would pay half the adult charge.

Should members wish to pay in two instalments they should speak to Adam.

Match fees would remain at £4, but £2 would be a donation, in order that the club can reclaim gift aid.

Fees for the social badminton section would equally be £60, with half 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 about £12 and is included within the £60.

9. Team Selection Policy

Richard raised the issue of Club loyalty and how this is taken into account as part of the selection policy. The particular issue was about club night attendance and whether this should feature more in the selection policy.

Bob responded by stating that the selection process takes into account a range of criteria. However, teams at the top of the club have normally been picked on form / ability. The issues of loyalty can be interpreted in many ways, but club night attendance may not have featured heavily in the past.

It was agreed that the committee would meet and publish the selection criteria for the coming season.

10. Any other Business

The league AGM is on 5th September 2011, at Ransomes Sports Club at 7.30pm. Paul and Brendan to attend.

Adam will look at options for shirts etc, and the possibility of putting the club badge on players own shirts. We may have the opportunity for gaining sponsorship for part of the cost of shirts. This will be explored.

Olympic Games Badminton Tickets – We have been able to purchase a pair of Olympic Games tickets, through our relationship with Badminton England. We will run either a raffle or other process to allocate the tickets, and recover their cost (£78).

Duncan Hills, on behalf of the meeting, thanked the committee for its hard work and effort, in successfully running the club in the last year.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Paul Finbow
Secretary
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