



Corinthians Badminton Club

Minutes of AGM – 22 May 2014

The annual general meeting of the club was held at Ipswich School, Henley Road, Ipswich (Room 29) at 7.00pm. 14 out of the 57 members attended.

Present – Bob Chamberlain, Ian Young, Adam Rae, Brendan Goffin, Paul Finbow, Pat Chamberlain, Graham Mitchell, Neil Bonham, Karen Bass, Carolyn Mackender, Martin Waters, Gill Harris, Andy Jennings and Glenn Tooke.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Matthew Cross, Yvonne Cross, Adrian Cross, Louise Tooke, Alex Tooke, Sally Barker, Sue Mckinley, Lyndsey Rutherford, Maia Wright, Pete Taylor, Andrew Molloy, Duncan Chamberlain, Colin Henry, Sue Scott and Karen Jones.

2. Minutes of 2013 AGM

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 23 May 2013 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that were not covered by later agenda items.

4. Secretary's Report

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

Paul also reported on the meeting of the Suffolk Badminton AGM. Our three juniors (Matthew, Katie, and Claudette) were all mentioned for winning junior events this year. Suffolk Badminton also thanked Phil Gray and Sue McKinley for organising Suffolk Masters teams. We had a number of members who represented the County at various Masters events. Well done to you all.

Paul also congratulated Michael Laker on winning the Veterans Mixed Knockout at the finals night. We also had Glenn, Adam, and Gill who were also runners up on finals night. This was also the best year for entries into these knockout competitions from Corinthians.

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

5. Treasurer's Report

Adam presented his report. The accounts presented had not been audited by the Auditor (Steve Cox) yet.

The accounts showed that the club made a surplus of £656.00 in the year, which equates to about 5% of the turnover of the club.

Gill asked a question about membership fees. These were partly down this year due to several new players opting to pay guest fees, which were up.

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

6. Election of Officers

The following were elected:-

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

All appointments were uncontested and were carried unanimously. The Child Protection role will be undertaken by Bob. The role of team selectors would continue to be undertaken by the whole committee for 2014/15. This will spread the load and make it easier to inform players.

7. Playing arrangements for 2014/15

Club nights will continue on Thursday nights from 7.30pm until 10.30pm from September 2014 until March 2015.

The trial of separating playing standards from 9pm onwards had worked on some occasions. Glenn commented that this had worked well when sufficient good players were there.

Gill raised the issue of operating the peg board for choosing games. It was agreed that the Committee would issue some guidance for this, especially so that new members would know how to operate the board.

The first club night will be on 4 September 2014.

8. Fee Structure for 2013/14

Adam proposed that the subscription and voluntary donation for 2014/15 together would reduce to £55 per member. The match fee arrangements of £5 (split 50% match fee, 50% voluntary donation) would remain. Juniors would pay half the adult amount. This would hand back part of the surplus gained in 2013/14.

Graham proposed that the fees all remain the same. The original proposal to reduce the membership to £55 was voted on with 13 voting for and only 1 against. The membership fee will therefore reduce to £55 for 2014/15 season.

Bob reported that the main balance was held for the future development of the club (and was established due to the successful creation of the beginners / improvers section). The Committee suggested that we look into investing in a coaching course for interested players over perhaps a six week period during the 2014/15 season. Bob will investigate the options and will then gauge interest. The intention is that players taking up the offer of coaching will make a contribution towards the cost, with the club picking up the difference. This was agreed by the meeting.

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

Fees for the social badminton section would equally be £55, with half of the amount being a voluntary donation.

All players who either play matches or attend club nights more than five times will be registered with Badminton England. This costs about £14 and is included within the £55.

9. Any other Business

The league AGM is on 1st September 2014 at 7.30pm. Paul and Carolyn will attend on behalf of the club.

Pat asked whether we should invest in a video camera to help with coaching. This would be considered.

Glenn asked whether we should set up a junior club. The committee will consider the logistics of doing this.

The meeting closed at 7.54pm.

Paul Finbow
Secretary
Corinthians Badminton Club