

STEVENAGE BADMINTON LEAGUE 2007 AGM

'Extracts'

(see full version on the website www.stevenagebadmintonleague.co.uk)

Held at Paynes Park Social Club, Hitchin
on Monday 25th June 2007 at 8.00pm.

Attendance: 24 (17 voting – 1 representing both Purwell A and B and 1 representing both Icarus A and B) including all four committee members.

(Non attendees: Gosmore, Saracens and Whitwell.)

Papers available; attendance sheet, agenda, 2006 extract minutes, 2006 draft minutes, balance sheets, Presentation figures etc, Marshall Trophy figures etc and Ladies Section report etc, league tables.

1. Apologies. Gosmore, Saracens and Whitwell (*received before meeting*).
2. Opening address and 2006 AGM minutes. **The 2006 AGM minutes were accepted.**
3. Treasurer's Report. Deficit mainly due to cost of subsidising a new Junior Tournament and end of season trophies and engraving. In addition to the usual cup competition/s there was also a plate competition for teams losing their first match in the SBL Cup. **For 2007/8 season it was agreed that Committee decide on appropriate medal provision/engraving with particular attention to affordability/cost. The balance sheet(s) were approved. No changes to 2006/7 subscriptions.**
4. Fixtures and 5. Results Jan asked that score sheets contain the FULL FIRST NAME AND SURNAME of players at least once.
Also Jan asked team captains to inform their team members exactly who they were playing for as some younger players 'just turned up' and played whenever they were asked. This was important in relation to registration of players for one club only and insurance.
Full divisional honours as shown on the website;-
Winners D1: Masters, Runners Up: Hitchin Town; Winners D2: Broadway, Runners Up: Cam Gears B; Winners D3: Whitwell, Runners Up: Purwell B.
6. Ladies Section It was another good and enjoyable season with 8 squads and 50 ladies. **The first date for the 2007/8 season was likely to be Saturday 8 September or Saturday 29 September, at Barnwell School.**
7. SBL CUP & TALOR CUP.
Ken Abbott advised that 13 teams (1 up from previous season) entered (but 2 forfeited games) in the SBL Cup with seeding on divisional basis and 5 first round losing teams entering the new Plate competition (as suggested by Simon Carter at the 2006 AGM). Finals results confirmed:- Plate, Lingwood beat Whitwell 6-0; SBL Cup St Johns beat Cam Gears A 5-1; Taylor Trophy Masters beat St Johns 5-1. **[2007 DATES – SEE WEBSITE]**
8. Tournaments. Jan reported on a very successful inaugural Junior Tournament at which the **Denise Peat Prize** was awarded to Steven Barnes. There were also 2 very successful tournaments, a men's and a mixed (with the ladies being catered for by the Ladies Section – see above). All results and some pictures are on the website. There is an additional question on the pre-season Entry Forms for clubs/teams to complete regarding the Men's Singles Ladder &/or a Men's Singles Tournament.
9. Inter-league match – Marshall Trophy. As per the last two years it was an extremely exciting finale and the last best of 3-game rubber in division/section one, being won by Letchworth. If Stevenage had won it they would have won the

Marshall Trophy – ie it was again, all on the last game of the last of the 18 rubbers!

10. Presentation(s). Ian reported on the success again of the (joint – with Letchworth league) 2007 Presentation. There were again over 100 people but with nearly 30 less than 2006 the profit to each league was obviously reduced.

11. 2007/8 Committee. The Committee confirmed their willingness to continue and it was agreed that **Ian, Jan, Chris Bullock and Ken Abbott would remain the SBL Committee. A vote of thanks from Carl and words of appreciation and support for continuity came from Caroline and others.**

12. 2007/8 divisions Jan hoped that based on conversations she had had during the season more teams may be entering the SBL for next season and if so then it may be possible to have 4 divisions (an increase from 3 (with 22 teams for 2006-7) that have been in place for some years). If 3 divisions continued it is **likely to be ‘2 up 2 down’ but as always it does depend on the number of/teams re-entering.**

13. Any Other Business

(i) Scoring; After a discussion of about 15 minutes **it was PROPOSED by Pat Miles and SECONDED by Carl Couzens that the SBL change to the new rally point scoring system.**

The voting was recorded as FOR, 14; AGAINST, 2; ABSTENTION, 1.

Gabor asked for a review and re-vote next year.

(ii) Service Rule/s It was brought to the meeting’s attention that the service rule’s had changed last year and in particular “Rule 9. Service” which can be found on the Badminton England website.

(iii) Men’s Singles Ladder SEE ABOVE

(iv) Refreshments (during rubbers) *SEE FULL VERSION OF AGM MINUTES*

(v) Website Jan apologised for the recent difficulties because the website email facilities had not been working but should be ok now. **Jan asked that clubs who wished links to their websites to be displayed on the SBL should let her know.**

(vi) Affiliation *SEE FULL VERSION OF AGM MINUTES*

(vii) Expenditure *SEE FULL VERSION OF AGM MINUTES*

14. Close. There being no further business, **PRE-PRINTED (WITH TEAM’S NAMES ON) PRE-SEASON ENTRY FORMS (PROVIDING FOR DISCOUNTS FOR AGM ATTENDEES AND ‘SECOND TEAMS’) WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE PRESENT (FOR RETURN WITH FEES BY FRIDAY 20TH JULY 2007) and also Ladies Section forms were available.**

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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