

STEVENAGE BADMINTON LEAGUE 2008 AGM

'Extracts'

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

Held at Paynes Park Social Club, Hitchin

on Monday 24th June 2008 at 8.00pm.

Attendance: 26 (19 voting – 1 representing both St Johns A and B and 1 representing both Icarus A and B) including three committee members and 1 guest representing Vauxhall BC, a possible new club to SBL.

*(Non attendees: **Highbury (previously Gosmore), Saracens and Whitwell.**)*

1. Apologies. Chris Bullock (Committee member), Highbury (previously Gosmore), Saracens and Whitwell.
2. Opening address and 2007 AGM minutes. Welcome to guest from Vauxhall BC and acknowledgement of the sad passing of Carl Couzens.
The 2007 AGM minutes were accepted.
Review of scoring requested at 2007 AGM resulted in **unanimous agreement to continue with rally point scoring**.
3. Treasurer's Report. Surplus mainly due to excellent Presentation attendance.
The balance sheet(s) were approved. No changes to 2007/8 subscriptions.
4. Fixtures and 5. Results. 4 divisions, of 26 teams, 4 more than 2006/7 when there were 3 divisions. Jan asked that score sheets contain the FULL FIRST NAME AND SURNAME of players at least once. To assist, the usual pre-season team registration form has a form on the reverse for team members and substitutes to be listed. Hopefully both sides of the form will be completed before being returned for 2008/9 season. Full divisional honours as shown on the website;-
Winners D1: Hitchin Town, Runners Up: Masters; Winners D2: Cam Gears B, Runners Up: Icarus A; Winners D3: Codicote, Runners Up: Onyx; Winners D4: Knebworth, Runners Up: Academy.
6. Ladies Section. On-going enjoyment of 'ladies' afternoons' on a monthly basis throughout the season with the Henriksson Tournament on the final afternoon.
The first date for the 2008/9 season is 27/9/08 and all other dates have been booked at Barnwell School and would be on the website soon.
7. SBL CUP & TALOR CUP. Ken Abbott advised that 19 teams (up from 13 the previous season) entered in the SBL Cup with seeding on divisional basis and first round losing teams entering the Plate competition. Finals results confirmed:- Plate, Academy beat Strings A 5-1; SBL Cup Hitchin Town beat St Johns A 4-2; Taylor Trophy Masters (Holders) beat Hitchin Town 4-2. **[2008-9 DATES – SEE WEBSITE]**
8. Tournaments. Jan reported on a second successful Junior Tournament at which the **Denise Peat Prize** was awarded to Renu Dhall. There were also 3 very successful tournaments, a men's and a mixed (with the ladies being catered for by the Ladies Section – see above) and in addition this year, a men's singles. **[2008-9 DATES – SEE WEBSITE]**
9. Inter-league match – Marshall Trophy. Because of the disparity in the number of teams between Letchworth (16) and Stevenage (26) it had been impossible to include all teams using the same format as in previous years. In a reversion to something similar to the previous format, the divisional winners and runners up were asked to provide teams for the Stevenage format (4 men, 2 ladies). Winners:- SBL 3-0 with D4 halved. Committee will look at the format again.
ACTION POINT FOR COMMITTEE.

10. Presentation. Greater success over and above 2007 and several other years in terms of attendance (about 140) and surplus (£500 total) shared between both Letchworth and Stevenage leagues. Responses to a questionnaire on the evening resulted in a wish to continue with quiz/disco format. However, there had been ‘uninvited guests’ and it was credit to all that good humour prevailed. However members of both league committees felt strongly enough to write to Arlesey FC and ask for reassurance that Arlesey FC personnel would prevent intrusion by ‘outsiders’ in future.
11. 2008/9 Committee. The Committee have had additional help from Dave Hancock in relation to the website and Mark Cook’s offer last year re Men’s singles. Richard Adams had offered to assist in any area that may help SBL and Ian said that the Junior Tournament afternoon was one in particular that needed additional presence and asked if Richard could be available on that day, already booked, Saturday 4th October. Richard was pleased to confirm his offer. The Committee confirmed their willingness to continue and it was agreed that **Ian, Jan, Chris Bullock and Ken Abbott would remain the SBL Committee**. Words of appreciation came from Janet Dinsey and others, followed by applause from those present for the work done by SBL Committee.
12. 2008/9 divisions. Jan believed that yet more teams might be entering the SBL for next season which would continue the 4 divisions in place for 2007/8. Also it was unlikely that Highbury (previously Gosmore) and Purwell B would continue. After discussion it appeared likely that there would be a ‘net gain’ of 2 teams (with likely additions from Academy, Knebworth and Vauxhall, 2). As usual **‘2 up 2 down’ depends on the number of/teams re-entering and at what level**.
13. Any Other Business
- (i) SBL rule 8 Jan raised an issue relating to the ranking of teams from the same club. *SEE FULL VERSION OF AGM MINUTES (FOR PROPOSED RULE CHANGES)*
 - (ii) Score sheet – order of players. *SEE FULL VERSION OF AGM MINUTES*
 - (iii) Website. *SEE FULL VERSION OF AGM MINUTES*
 - (iv) Online results. *SEE FULL VERSION OF AGM MINUTES*
 - (v) Refreshments *SEE FULL VERSION OF AGM MINUTES*
 - (vi) Score sheet - enlarged version requested and *SEE FULL VERSION OF AGM MINUTES*
14. Close. There being no further business, **NEW PRE-PRINTED (WITH TEAM’S NAMES ON) PRE-SEASON ENTRY FORMS** (PROVIDING FOR DISCOUNTS FOR 2007/8 TEAMS WHO WERE AGM ATTENDEES AND ‘SECOND TEAMS’) WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE PRESENT (FOR RETURN WITH FEES BY FRIDAY 11TH JULY 2008)**. Ladies Section forms were also available. (** On the reverse is a pre-printed blank listing for team nominations which will hopefully be completed and returned at the same time as the entry forms – BY 11TH JULY.)
- The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

POST MEETING NOTE: The Treasurer will be making a ‘personal’ donation in memory of Carl Couzens and will write to Carl’s family that the donation is on behalf of the SBL. If the 2009 AGM agrees then the Treasurer will ask for reimbursement from SBL funds at that time.

ISM (extracts)
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