

STEVENAGE BADMINTON LEAGUE 2018 AGM – **agreed at 2019 AGM**

(www.stevenagebadmintonleague.co.uk)

Held at The Three Horseshoes, Baldock Lane, Willian, SG6 2AE
on Monday 25th June 2018 at 8.00pm.

Attendance: 16 (10 voting) including three committee members.

*(Apologies/Non attendees: **Chris Bullock (Committee member), and Saracens.**)*

Papers available; attendance sheet, agenda, balance sheet, Ladies Section, league tables and 2018/19 SBL entry forms etc.

1. Apologies. As above.
2. Opening address and 2017 AGM minutes. Jan Macfarlane thanked all those present for attending and their work as organisers/fixture secretaries during the season. As usual the 2017 AGM draft minutes had been available on the SBL website since last year. **The 2017 AGM minutes were accepted.**
3. Treasurer's Report. Ian reported on the distributed information which showed a total season deficit of £82.92 and a closing balance of £724. With the new format, Medley divisions there were additional trophies and Jan confirmed she had a good stock of medals. Committee expenses were reduced from previous season. **The balance sheet was accepted. Ian proposed that 2018/19 SBL fees remain unchanged from 2017/18.**
Ian reported that sadly Phil Hobbs of Norton and Baldock passed away during the season and **Ian proposed, in line with previous donations, that £25* should be donated to the Stroke Association** <https://www.stroke.org.uk/about-us> (* £1 for each SBL team, 'rounded up'); this was **AGREED.**
4. Fixtures and 5. Results. Jan reported on the distributed information for both the Mixed 6s and the new Medley 4s. Divisions 1 & 2 of the Mixed league consisted of 6 and 5 teams respectively and the new Medley league had 2 divisions of 5 teams each. There were no conceded matches. Full honours as shown on the website;-
Winners MIXED D1: St Johns, Runners Up: Academy A; Winners MIXED D2: Academy B, Runners Up: Redhoods; Winners MEDLEY D1: Academy A, Runners Up: Cam Gears A. Winners MEDLEY D2: Academy B, Runners Up: Icarus (who had returned to the SBL this season). Presentations of Trophies and medals were made at the AGM to winners and runners-up representatives accordingly. There were no SBL Cup or Plate events this year.
6. Ladies Section. Jan reported on another successful (25th) and enjoyable season with eight squads playing seven matches each. Matches were played over 7 Saturdays at Barnwell School and the winners were not decided until the final Saturday. Enigma won the league with Annie's Lassies as runners-up. Full results and 2018/19 entry forms will be on the website.
All ladies section players must be registered with the SBL (mixed team) captain BEFORE the first matches due in the 2018/19 season.

[No Mens Section in 2017/18.]
7. Tournaments. Jan reported on an 11th successful Junior Tournament with 3 boys' groups and 1 girls' group. The **Denise Peat Prize** was awarded to **Samuel Wylie** for his overall effort and good sportsmanship. There were no other tournaments in 2017/18.
8. SBL CUP. Jan reported that it is proposed to have an SBL Cup played for on one afternoon, **Saturday 26th January 2019 at Barnwell.** It will be a team event, not a knockout tournament. Hopefully it will attract 6 – 8 teams consisting of SBL registered players playing for their registered clubs and consisting of 1 mixed pair, 1 mens pair and 1 ladies pair (ie 6 players in a team), playing

each of the other teams. Entry will be £30 per team and entry will be accepted on 'first come (with £30), first served' basis.

9. 2018/19 Committee. **Jan, Chris, Trevor and Ian agreed to continue.** Matt Glew thanked committee members and the meeting showed appreciation as well.
10. 2018/2019 League Format and Divisions. Jan reported that one team may join the SBL and it was hoped that the SBL would have at least the current number, of 21 teams and the meeting supported the same 2 formats, Mixed 6s and Medley 4s continuing. Entry forms for both the Mixed 6s and Medley 4s were given out. Jan stressed the need for **completed forms to be returned by the stated date of FRIDAY 13TH JULY** so that fixtures can be completed as soon as possible and to assist other local leagues. It was hoped and assumed that the Letchworth League would be continuing but there is no date yet for their AGM.
11. Shuttles. The meeting was reminded that at the 2017 AGM, ***IT WAS AGREED*** that when stocks of *Mavis 370s* were used up by clubs, the SBL league (plastic) shuttle would be the *Mavis 600 – colour either yellow or white but blue/medium speed*. Various comments were made by those present about disappointment with Mavis 600s, not lasting as long as Mavis 370s and thus increasing costs for clubs. Knebworth in particular had written to the manufacturer about shorter life of the shuttle. After discussion **IT WAS AGREED** to continue with Mavis 600s and that the SBL committee (Ian) should write to the manufacturers to express disappointment on behalf of the SBL clubs.
12. GDPR – General Data Protection Regulation. Jan reported on this and advised that Badminton England's guidance for clubs was lengthy and not particularly clear. Jan confirmed that there will be a statement on the SBL website and only the first name and a telephone number of club contacts will be shown on the 'public' part of the website. Appropriate additional data will only be on the OLS part of the website which requires password access by SBL 'authorised' club contacts. Email addresses will not be shown elsewhere on the SBL website or passed on by Committee. Effectively the limited available website data is as it has been previously.
13. New/proposed serving rule. This was briefly discussed but as it was only being trialled and not being implemented, no change to existing service rule/s need to be considered at this time.
14. Close. There being no further business, **PRE-SEASON ENTRY FORMS (PROVIDING FOR DISCOUNTS FOR 2017/18 TEAMS WHO WERE AGM ATTENDEES AND 'SECOND/ADDITIONAL TEAMS') WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE PRESENT (FOR RETURN WITH FEES BY FRIDAY 13TH JULY 2018. Other forms etc will be available on the website.**

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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