

STEVENAGE BADMINTON LEAGUE 2011 AGM – DRAFT 3

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Held at Paynes Park Social Club, Hitchin

on Monday 13th June 2011 at 8.00pm.

‘Extracts’ (see full version on the website

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*Attendance: 18 (16 voting) including three committee members and
1 representing St Johns A and B,*

*(Apologies/Non attendees: Academy, Hatfield, Saracens, Ward Freman and
Whitwell.) Papers available; attendance sheet, agenda, 2010 extract minutes, 2010
draft minutes, PROVISIONAL balance sheet, and Ladies Section, Mens Section,
league tables. PROVISIONAL Presentation figures etc, Marshall Trophy figures etc.*

1. Apologies. As above.
2. Opening address and 2010 AGM minutes Jan Macfarlane **thanked all those present** for attending and their work as organisers/fixture secretaries during the season.
The 2010 AGM minutes were accepted.
3. Treasurer’s Report. Ian reported on the distributed information. **The balance sheet was accepted. No changes to 2010/11 subscriptions for 2011/12.**
4. Fixtures and 5. Results Jan reported on the distributed information (4 divisions, of 29 teams, + 1 from 2009/10. There was **one conceded SBL league match**. Full divisional honours as shown on the website;-
Winners D1: Masters, Runners Up: Cam Gears A; Winners D2: Academy A, Runners Up: Strings A; Winners D3: St Johns B, Runners Up: Datchworth; Winners D4: Ward Freman, Runners Up: Redhoods.
6. Ladies Section In Chris Bullock’s absence Jan reported on the **continuing popularity** of the monthly matches. Full results and 2011/12 entry forms will be on the website.
7. Mens Section Jan reported on the the second season of these Saturday afternoon matches.
One match was not played.
8. Plate, SBL CUP & TALOR CUP. Ken Abbott advised that **17 teams** (down 5 from 22 the previous season) entered in the SBL Cup with first round defeated teams entering the Plate competition. Finals results confirmed:- Plate, Academy B beat Redhoods 5-1; SBL Cup Cam Gears A beat Saracens 6-0 (but some very close games). Taylor Trophy Masters (Holders) beat Cam Gears A 4-2.
9. Tournaments. Jan reported on a fifth successful Junior Tournament and that the **Denise Peat Prize** was awarded to William Wade for his overall effort and sportsmanship. There were also 3 other successful tournaments, a men’s singles (numbers less, possibly reflecting singles matches being offered by the Mens’ Section) and doubles and a mixed (with the ladies being catered for by the Ladies Section – see above).
10. Inter-league match – Marshall Trophy. Jan reported that following even greater effort from both Stevenage and Letchworth Committee members to ring round in trying to obtain a pair from clubs, there were enough players for the match. donating the Trophy and engraving 48 medals each year, free of cost.
This meant a 6-5 (to Stevenage) overall Marshall Trophy result in the 11 years it has been played for. (The 2002 result is incorrectly engraved!)

The meeting voted in favour of the Inter-league match continuing.

11. Presentation Evening. This joint Letchworth/Stevenage leagues' event took place on Saturday 11th June 2011 with new day, venue and format. Over 100 attended including several 'juniors'. The profit was likely to be £200+ to be shared between the 2 leagues but to be finalised as it was hoped/expected that the Plinston Hall deposit/s would be returned (being £100+).
The success and feedback indicated that it was **likely that a barn dance would be repeated in 2012.**
11. 2011/12 Committee. Ian indicated that the Committee agreed to continue and it was **agreed that Ian, Jan, Chris Bullock and Ken Abbott would remain the SBL Committee**. Words of appreciation came from Elaine Drury, Chris Holley and others for the work done by the Committee.
12. 2011/12 divisions. Jan and some teams represented indicated that there might be a loss of 3 teams. If the same number of teams enter for 2011/12 season then promotions/relegations would be **the 'usual 2 up, 2 down' but this cannot be decided until the number of teams entering the SBL was known.**
(* * The Letchworth league were considering a change of format from 3 men, 3 ladies to 2 men, 2 ladies and the outcome of any decision/s at the Letchworth AGM might impact upon SBL teams, particularly Onyx for 2011/12.)
13. Any Other Business (i) Club representatives and transfer of responsibilities; Jan outlined difficulties where clubs/teams had different contacts from those originally named/at the start of the season. **Clubs were urged to ensure that Jan was advised so that the website could be changed as necessary and also that new representatives were passed/provided with all details given to known club representatives at the beginning of each season.** (ii) proposed rule change (addition to Rule 20), no match cancellation prior to 14 days of fixture date – after discussion it was **AGREED, NO CHANGE** to current rule but 14 days for Knebworth (because of Gosling Stadium cancellation arrangements).
(iii) proposed rule change (new Rule 21), teams from same club in same division must play each other 'home' and 'away' by end of November – after discussion this was **AGREED**. (Jan said she would try and arrange those fixtures early in the season to assist.) (iv) proposed rule (new Rule 22), at least 4 SBL league matches must be completed prior to Christmas each season (except if there are circumstances beyond a team's control AND with SBL Committee agreement) – after discussion this was **AGREED**.
Because of the above, the current Rule 21 will become Rule 23.
(v) match refreshments – Jan referred to an email from Knebworth. After discussion it was felt that there could be minimal provision by home teams but it was hoped at least a (cold) drink/juice.
(vi) The meeting was advised that the SBL might be providing 'on line scoring' in future with trialling expected to take place during the coming season.
14. Close. There being no further business, **PRE-SEASON ENTRY FORMS (PROVIDING FOR DISCOUNTS FOR 2010/11 TEAMS WHO WERE AGM ATTENDEES AND 'SECOND/additional TEAMS') WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE PRESENT (FOR RETURN WITH FEES BY FRIDAY 1st JULY 2011 – see 12, above).**
There was also a new form for those MEN interested in playing in the Mens Section in 2011/12. Ladies Section forms would become available in due course.)
The meeting closed at 9.45pm.