

STEVENAGE BADMINTON LEAGUE 2012 AGM

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Held at Paynes Park Social Club, Hitchin
on Monday 18th June 2012 at 8.00pm.

'Extracts' (see full version on the website

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Attendance: 19 (16 voting) including three committee members and 1 representing St Johns A and B, and 1 representing Academy A, B and D. (Apologies/Non attendees: Norton and Baldock, Saracens, and Whitwell.) Papers available; attendance sheet, agenda, 2011 extract minutes, 2011 draft minutes, PROVISIONAL balance sheet, and Ladies Section, Mens Section, league tables. PROVISIONAL Presentation figures etc.

1. Apologies. As above.
2. Opening address and 2011 AGM minutes Jan Macfarlane **thanked all those present** for attending and their work as organisers/fixture secretaries during the season.
The 2011 AGM minutes were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Report. Ian reported on the distributed information. A loss was reported and disappointingly the Presentation Dance also resulted in a loss. Malcolm suggested a saving for the SBL to become affiliated to Badminton England with insurance being provided. **The balance sheet was accepted. No changes to 2011/12 subscriptions for 2012/13. (SEE AOB below.)**
4. Fixtures and 5. Results Jan reported on the distributed information (4 divisions, of 23 teams, 6 less than 2010/11. Academy C were a late drop out leaving only 5 teams in D3. There were **no conceded matches. Online scoring was in place** for the season 2011/12. Scoresheets should still be retained.
Full divisional honours as shown on the website;-
Winners D1: Masters, Runners Up: Cam Gears A; Winners D2: Vauxhall A, Runners Up: Strings A; Winners D3: Academy B, Runners Up: Datchworth; Winners D4: Vauxhall B, Runners Up: Academy D.
6. Ladies Section Chris Bullock reported on the **excellent 20th season** of the monthly matches. Full results and 2012/13 entry forms will be on the website. **Registrations required by 1st September as first games are 15th September.**
7. Mens Section Jan reported on the third enjoyable season of these Saturday afternoon matches which were matches consisting of a singles and two doubles and 2 matches per afternoon. Full results on website and 2012/13 entry forms will be on the website.
8. Plate, SBL CUP & TALOR CUP. Ken Abbott advised that **19 teams** (up 2 from 17 the previous season) entered in the SBL Cup with first round defeated teams entering the Plate competition. Finals results confirmed:- **Plate**, Academy B beat Codicote 6-0; **SBL Cup** Cam Gears A beat St Johns A 3-3 (on points for). **Taylor Trophy** Masters (Holders) beat Cam Gears A 4-2.
9. Tournaments. Jan reported on a sixth successful Junior Tournament and that the **Denise Peat Prize** was awarded to **Hee Li Leung** for his overall effort and sportsmanship. The men's singles did not take place because entries appeared to be affected by singles matches offered by the Mens Section. Both Mens doubles and mixed doubles were successful (with the ladies being catered for by the Ladies Section – see above).

10. Inter-league match – Marshall Trophy. Jan reported that following great efforts from both Stevenage and Letchworth Committee members in recent years and attempts to include all league clubs, the disappointing response in 2012 caused a postponement and it is hoped to change the format and make it a Marshall Trophy ‘Event’ open to all (league registered players) on **Sunday 30th September**.
11. Presentation Evening. This joint Letchworth/Stevenage leagues’ event took place on **Saturday 16th June 2012**. Very disappointing second lowest total of attendees (71) at an excellent venue but sadly not enough league teams supporting. The loss is expected to be £75 (**POST AGM NOTE: £75 LOSS CONFIRMED**) shared between both leagues with Spirella deposit hopefully returned (being £100). Both league committees will need to seriously consider 2013 event to make it successful.
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 and others for the work done by the Committee.
12. 2012/13 divisions. Academy were likely to only provide 1 team but Knebworth may provide a second team and Jan reported on some inquiries from new teams. Jan indicated that if there were 21 teams it was likely to be 3 divisions, if 24 teams, 4 divisions. Promotions/relegations could be **the ‘usual 2 up, 2 down’ but this cannot be decided until the number of teams entering the SBL was known**.
13. Any Other Business (i) Finances: Jan confirmed that the 30+ year-old SBL had been ‘inclusive, not ‘exclusive’ and clubs were encouraged to affiliate to Badminton England without the SBL being affiliated; this had the effect of encouraging new clubs/teams as they started competitive badminton and gave juniors a chance to try badminton for the first time competitively. Jan proposed a reduction in medal engraving costs. This was **AGREED**. (ii) SBL Cup: proposed that lower division sides receive ‘home draw’ in first round - **AGREED**. (iii) Fund-raising and presentation evening – various suggestions to be considered.
14. Close. There being no further business, **PRE-SEASON ENTRY FORMS (PROVIDING FOR DISCOUNTS FOR 2011/12 TEAMS WHO WERE AGM ATTENDEES AND ‘SECOND/ADDITIONAL TEAMS’) WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE PRESENT (FOR RETURN WITH FEES BY MONDAY 9th JULY 2012. Ladies Section forms were also available**
The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

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