

Sutton & District Badminton League

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Friday 15th September 2023, 8.00pm

New Malden Sports Club, Somerset Close, New Malden KT3 5RG

The Chair was taken by Neil Bartlett (Match Secretary)/Stephen MacNamara (Treasurer).

- 1 Apologies for absence: Chart, C&P, Hayes, Limpsfield, Storm, Wimbledon.
Not present: Bookham, King Penguins, Sutton Shuttlers, Surbiton Deaf.
- 2 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 6th September 2019
These had been circulated and were accepted as true records.
- 3 Matters arising
None.
- 4 Finance
Stephen reported:
We made a loss.
Spent more on trophies and engraving as it included three new trophies and two years worth of engraving.
With a bank balance just under £700, no need to change entry fees.
- 5 Matches Report

	2022-23	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	Comment
Clubs	22	26	27	26	27	28	
Teams	72 (80)	76	80	76	75	72	
Matches	280	376	418	376	368	310	
Matches in May	7		11	3	9	3	
Matches, 2 Pairs	2		3	5	11	12	
Invalid Player	0		26	1	3	0	
Walkovers	29		26	32	36	24	14 David Lloyd
Not Played	4		1	0	9	3	
Moorman entries	0 (6)	COVID	0 (8)	8	9	3	

The large number of walkovers continues to be a problem.

Most Valuable Players.

Ladies – Anne-Lise Garcin and Wendy Field (Limpsfield Fours division 1), winning 13/18 rubbers.

Mens – Steve B (Clapham Warriors Sixes Division 2), 23/24 rubbers and Ian Wootton (Chart Centre Sixes Division 1), 17/18 rubbers.

Mixed/Hybrid – Ran Hughes and Alex Abordo (Clapham Warriors Mixed Division 2), 27/30 rubbers.

- 6 Election of Officers.
Neil Bartlett (Match Secretary) and Stephen MacNamara (Treasurer) were prepared to continue in office.
This was proposed by St Margarets and seconded by New Malden.

7 Presentation of Trophies (present in bold).
Ladies: Sixes 1, King Penguins. Fours 1, Limpsfield. Fours 2, Coulsdon & Purley.
Men's: Division 1, Chart Centre. **Division 2, Clapham Warriors 1.** Division 3, Wimbledon B. **Division 4, VRAMMS.**
Men's: **Fours 1, Clapham Warriors F1. Fours 2, VRAMMS. Fours 3, Woodcote.**
Mixed: Division 1, Chart Centre. **Division 2, Clapham Warriors 1. Division 3, Woodcote.**
Hybrid: **Division 1, Clapham Warriors 1. Division 2, Clapham Warriors 2.**
Moorman Cup: Not Played.

8 Any other business.

BE have a new Transgender policy. Male advantage estimated at 16%; taller, stronger, better twitch muscles! Competition categories: Female competition - players assigned female at birth. Open competition – all individuals.

In 2011, we had a discussion on whether women can play in men's leagues. At the time it was felt they should not be allowed. Due to sex equality, men would have to allowed to play in women's leagues.

I keep getting asked this question. It now seems to be against BE's policy.

After discussion, it was felt that the ruling should stay the same. It's probably too soon to decide this season.

When trying to be inclusive, there are problems with both viewpoints.

Any problem to be dealt with if/when it arises.

The committee was thanked for their hard work.

The chairperson drew the meeting to a close and thanked everyone for attending.