

Sutton & District Badminton League

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Friday 13th September 2024, 8.00pm

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

The Chair was taken by Mani Frempong (David Lloyd).

- 1 Apologies for absence: Chadacre, C&P, Hayes, Storm.
Not present: Bec, Bookham, Chalbury, Chillerton, St. Margarets, Surbiton Deaf.
- 2 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 15th September 2023
These had been circulated and were accepted as true records.
- 3 Matters arising
None.
- 4 Finance
Stephen reported:
We broke even.
Engraving of £198.05, including one new trophy, and website costs of £14.39 have not been included.
Website costs will increase next season (+£50?).
With a bank balance of £762, no need to change entry fees.
- 5 Matches Report

	2023-24	2022-23	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	Comment
Clubs	22	22	26	27	26	27	
Teams	76	72 (80)	76	80	76	75	
Matches	316	280	376	418	376	368	
Matches in May	18	7		11	3	9	
Matches, 2 Pairs	2	2		3	5	11	
Invalid Player	2+19 CW	0		26	1	3	ClaphamWarriors
Walkovers	12	29		26	32	36	
Not Played	1	4		1	0	9	
Moorman entries	0 (6)	0 (6)	COVID	0 (8)	8	9	

There were 18 matches in May. The rules say:

“Matches must be completed by 30th April unless both clubs agree that the match be played as early as possible in May and also subject to the League Secretary's approval. If a club does not wish to play in May they can claim a walkover.”

It was felt that the rule was sufficient.

There were 19 invalid players from Clapham Warriors, especially to the end of the season. This was due to player availability problems and not understanding the nominations rules.

Most Valuable Players.

Ladies – Joyce Chow (Frames Only, Fours division 2), winning 28/30 rubbers.

Mens – Peter Latham and Stuart Rank (Chadacre, Sixes division 1) , 27/30 rubbers.

Mixed/Hybrid – Ran Hughes and Alex Abordo (Clapham Warriors, Mixed Division 1), 24/24 rubbers.

The rule changes (see agenda or amended rules) were agreed.

Neil Bartlett, 14.9.2024

- 6 Election of Officers.
Neil Bartlett (Match Secretary) was prepared to continue in office.
Stephen MacNamara wished to retire as treasurer. Milind Keer of Sutton Shuttlers offered to replace him. This was gratefully accepted by all present.
- 7 Presentation of Trophies (present in bold).
Ladies: Fours 1, **King Penguins**. Fours 2, **Frames Only**. Fours 3, **Sutton Shuttlers**.
Men's: Division 1, **Clapham Warriors 1**. Division 2, **VRAMMS 1**. Division 3, **VRAMMS 2**.
Division 4, St. Margarets.
Men's: Fours 1, **VRAMMS**. Fours 2, **Clapham Warriors F2**. Fours 3, **Sutton Shuttlers**.
Mixed: Division 1, **Clapham Warriors 1**. Division 2, **Sutton & Cheam 1**. Division 3, Coulsdon & Purley S3 (passed through grapevine).
Hybrid: **Division 1, Clapham Warriors 1. Division 2, Clapham Warriors 2.**
Moorman Cup: Not Played.

- 8 Any other business.

VRAMMS asked about a yearly keepsake medal as well as the trophies, which are held by the winners for a year. It was felt the cost of a medal and engraving (£15-£20 times 15 divisions) was too great. The league tries to keep costs to a minimum.

Sutton Shuttlers asked about match start times for single court venues, for example 8pm at St. Margarets was a bit late. The committee said St. Margarets did try and be helpful and can start some matches earlier, ask when arranging fixtures with them.

New Malden mentioned that there were quite a few clubs not represented at the meeting again. This causes problems. Fixtures are arranged later so, the season starts later and runs into May. Also, It would have been helpful if St. Margarets had been available to respond above. The committee will consider bringing the AGM/fixtures meeting forward but there are many late changes to the divisions because clubs have a clearer picture with the season starting.

VRAMMS made a donation to the league, thank-you.

The committee was thanked for their hard work. New Malden were thanked for the use of their hall for this meeting.

The chairperson drew the meeting to a close and thanked everyone for attending.
A quick meeting of 25 minutes and fixture arranging finished fairly early.