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| **Northants County Badminton**  **Committee Meeting Minutes** |  |

**17th May 2024 at 6.30pm – Part 1**

**11 Hunsbury Close**

**West Hunsbury**

**Northampton**

**NN4 9UE**

**22nd May 2024 at 6.00pm – Part 2**

**Via Microsoft Teams**

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| **1. Apologies**  Hon Lee Wai, Lucy Sturgess |
| **2. Minutes from previous meeting**  No changes required.  KES sent to Mel to sign and then they needed to be added to the web site |
| **3. Matters Arising (if not agenda related)**  None |
| **4. Chair Persons Report**  Badminton England Meeting   * Counties complaining that there is no communication of the coaching courses that are taking place in the areas. Badminton England have taken this on board hopefully this will change. * Hon Lee Wai to be asked if he would like to do Level 1 * Zach Sturgess to do Level 2 – Get this booked after A levels as we can get the funding * Do any PE teachers want to get on the course? * Badminton England are now stream lining the management structure – there is a new chairperson for BE and for BE GB. * Jenny Clark and Nick Rimmer have resigned and proposals have gone to the board to ratify and then the positions will be advertised - President and Vice President’s positions are available. * Their AGM is 22nd June 2024 * Sue Storey is looking to set up a Badminton England Charity to raise more funding. * Olympics this year and the only players who have qualified are Ben Lane and Sean Vendy (Mens Doubles and then Kirsty Gilmour (no one else qualified) * Paralympics – there are 4 players who have qualified * All England has had a new branding - Courts are grey and the signage is neon blue and green. They sold over 40,000 tickets this year. There was a Kids for a Quid for school kids in Birmingham. * There was a real emphasis on social media. Revenue from the All England was £832k. * BWF are now creating a subsidiary company to try to raise more funding and prize money. * Mike Reid has been working with a school in Gloucester and they have an all signing and all dancing facility. They do not lose the courts during exams. * Cannot rely on government funding but have to use local funding. This means that we are on our own. * National Schools Championship was a real success this year and hopefully next year will be even better. * New Membership Manager called Kate and they want to improve the communication for all. * Counties are being asked what members get for their affiliation to the county. We need to discuss this at the AGM. |

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| **5. Country Junior Squad**       * We would like to put forward to the ICT committee that the Mixed becomes the last event to play to reduce the pressure on the girls participating * Ask if Vivien would like to do her Level 1 coaching   **Under 15**  There were 30 teams in the U15 age group and Northants came 25th. We played 6 games winning one of the matches and losing the other five.  Teams in our section were Warwickshire, Sussex, Middlesex, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Kent.  We beat Sussex 12-8 which was a great result.  **Under 17**  There were 33 teams in the U17 age group and Northants came 27th. We played 6 games winning one of the matches and losing the other five.  Teams in our section were Worcestershire, Nottinghamshire, Hertfordshire 2, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Norfolk  We beat Worcestershire 14-6. Well played team.  **Under 19**  There were 29 teams in the U19 age group and Northants came 29th. We played 6 games unfortunately losing all the matches.  Teams in our section were Suffolk, Hertfordshire, Nottinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Bedfordshire.  The score against Cambridgeshire was 10-10 but we lost out by points in this game.  **End of Season Bash**   * Saturday 15th June 2024 for an Awards and Games presentation * Agreed that we will buy “caps” for the players who have played 5 or 10 games   **Sachin to do poster and then KES to send out** |
| **6. County Seniors**   * 1st team were demoted which was very disappointing and will therefore be playing in Division 3 next season. We have to nominate players by 31st October 2024 * 2nd team won one game beating the third team * 3rd team lost all their matches * We need to decide if we keep the third team or not * We need to see what we can get as the commitment from the Seniors * See if we can do two Sunday’s per month for the Senior squad – training * Notification out to all Seniors as to who wants to commit and this will determine what teams we put in |
| **7. County Masters**   * Need to look to see if we can enter the Masters league for next year * Would we be able to enter the ICT Masters? |
| **8. Northants League**   * Mens Division 1 winners were Soaring Shuttles * Mens Division 2 winners were Towcester B * Ladies winners were Kettering * Mixed winners were Kettering * Doubles winners were Kettering * We will get trophies for the leagues as we cannot find where they have all gone * In order to try to balance out the divisions more that the combined AGM, there will be a rule change presented where two teams go up and down * We want to look to see if we can get a third Mens Division * Bugbrooke to put second team * Apollo to put in second team in Mens * DK Way to put in team in Mens and Ladies * Oundle to enter a Mens Team * £5 to enter a team in the league * We have not yet got the accounts from the league but hopefully they will be presented at the combined AGM |
| **9. Social Media and Web Site Update**   * Social Media is all going well and Badminton England have even started to follow us * We have 222 followers * Engagement is a little less as we are not posting as much at the moment * Link between Li Ning and Northants makes us look more professional * Rob Cunnliffe is going to do a new Web Site for County and the League |
| **10. Past Events**   * Badminton Festival – There were 56 players and many schools turned up * Oundle won all the trophies * It was a good start and the players loved the T Shirts |
| **11. Trophies**   * New League trophies to be purchased |

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| **12. Financial Matters**  Junior Accounts       * We discussed and agreed drawing a line under this year and move forward but ensuring that the letters of invitation cover all queries raised this year * Some payments should come in as DDs were pending * £200 received from Ombudsman * Committee asked for the accounts to be presented at each committee meeting: * Income * Expenditure   Seniors     * Karen and Mel now have access to the Senior Account. This has only just happened in the last few weeks   Expenses policy   * Need a written expenses policy to ensure that the committee is covered   Karen S to draft this and then committee to discuss |
| **13. Coaching**  Covered above |
| **14. Safeguarding and Welfare Update**   * The Safeguarding officer should have their photo on a poster so players and parents are aware who our Safeguarding Office is. * All members on committee to have a DBS certificate. Coaches are already covered * Key tags to be given to all the children so that they can scan it to see safeguarding information. This takes you to BE safeguarding web site * We need to ensure that we a First Aid box and a qualified First Aider at every session * We should report all low level incidents all the time – keep log / write down * Guidelines on parents dropping and picking children up from the hall and not the car park to be written up. Include in next seasons letter |
| **15. Any other business**  Review of ICT   * There was an in-depth discussion regarding ICT selection for this season   This matter is being dealt with separately and the committee will be informed of the outcome once completed  Extra coaches   * We need to get more coaches on board   AGM Preparation   * There are 500 members affiliated to Northamptonshire * We need to get 25% to AGM   Forms and criteria for 2024 / 2025  Trials   * 9th June 2024 * So far response has been good and new players have signed up   Affiliation fees   * £10 affiliation fee – more junior players in the county to then fill into the clubs   Future Committee Meetings   * Agreed that the Agenda will be sent out 2 weeks before the meeting * Reports 1 week before the meeting so that they can be read * Meetings to then cover any questions   Council and BE – Purpose built facility   * Leisure Centre at Weston Favel is being rebuilt * BE – agreement is that 2 nights per week this can be used and they are putting money into this building * We need a 5-10 year plan * Look to see if we can get our own plot of land so we can have our own facility * The land near Sixfields is to be sold so that the football club can get money back for the stand to be built * See if we can get other hall – CCS – NSB - NSG * Jonny to see if we can get a metal dome   Code of conduit   * Re-issue BE code of conduit to all members of the committee |
| **Meetings closed:**  Friday 9.30pm  Wednesday 8.30pm |

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| **Signed:**  **Chairperson:** Melissa Gentle | **Date:** |
| **Signed:**  **Secretary:** Karen Sturgess | **Date:** |