

STEVENAGE BADMINTON LEAGUE 2009 AGM

'Extracts'

(see full version on the website www.stevenagebadmintonleague.co.uk)

Held at Paynes Park Social Club, Hitchin
on Monday 15th June 2009 at 8.00pm.

Attendance: 24 (18) including three committee members and 1 representing St Johns A and B, 1 representing Norton Baldock A and B, 1 representing Vauxhall A and B, 1 representing Academy A and B and 1 representing Knebworth A and B.

*(Non attendees: **Broadway, Icarus, Saracens and Whitwell.**)*

Papers available; attendance sheet, agenda, 2008 extract minutes, 2008 draft minutes, balance sheet, Presentation figures etc, Marshall Trophy figures etc and Ladies Section, league tables.

1. Apologies, Chris Bullock (Committee member), **Icarus, Saracens and Whitwell.**
(Broadway are unlikely to be re-entering the SBL for 2009-10.)
2. Opening address and 2008 AGM minutes
Ian advised (as per 2008 AGM POST MEETING NOTE) that he had sent a **donation to Imperial College Trust in memory of Carl Couzens**, who had sadly passed away before the 2008 AGM. Ian asked for the meeting's approval for reimbursement of the donation and this was readily agreed.
The 2008 AGM minutes were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Report. Surplus again mainly due to good Presentation attendance.
The balance sheet(s) were approved. No changes to 2008/9 subscriptions.
4. Fixtures and 5. Results. Jan reported on the distributed information (4 divisions, of 28 teams, 2 more than 2007/8 when there were also 4 divisions). There were **no conceded SBL league matches**.
Full divisional honours as shown on the website:-
Winners D1: Masters, Runners Up: Cam Gears A; Winners D2: Cam Gears B, Runners Up: Purwell; Winners D3: Academy A, Runners Up: Onyx; Winners D4: St Johns B, Runners Up: Academy B.
6. Ladies Section. Continuing enjoyment of 'ladies' afternoons' on a monthly basis throughout the season with the Henriksson Tournament on the final afternoon.
7. SBL CUP & TALOR CUP. Ken Abbott advised that **18 teams** (down 1 from 19 the previous season) entered in the SBL Cup with seeding on divisional basis and first round losing teams entering the Plate competition. 2 items were mentioned in particular – **1 match played incorrectly** under 'Letchworth rules' and confusion over **cup substitutes** – see SBL rules. Finals results confirmed:- Plate, Strings beat Academy A 4-2; SBL Cup Cam Gears A beat Norton and Baldock A 4-2; Taylor Trophy Masters (Holders) beat Cam Gears A 6-0.
8. Tournaments. Jan reported on a third successful Junior Tournament at which the **Denise Peat Prize** was awarded to Luke Bird. There were also 3 very successful tournaments, a men's singles and doubles and a mixed (with the ladies being catered for by the Ladies Section – see above).
9. Inter-league match – Marshall Trophy. The format had returned to trying to involve all clubs in both the Stevenage and Letchworth leagues. The first 3 divisions were all drawn but with SBL players playing against non-league players in the fourth division that result was more clear cut. . This year also reverted to Letchworth league format (3 men, 3 ladies). So the Marshall Trophy result was **a win for Stevenage**, 1-0 with D1, D2 and D3 halved (3-3).

10. Presentation. Ian reported on a **good success** again in terms of attendance (about 120) and surplus (£450 total) shared between both Letchworth and Stevenage leagues. Thanks to Elaine Drury who suggested Timbers/Tudor Oaks
11. 2008/9 Committee. Jan thanked Richard Adams in particular for his assistance at the Junior Tournament which was a result of Richard's offer to assist, at the 2008 AGM. 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. 2009/10 divisions Jan advised that Broadway were likely not to be re-entering the SBL next season but it was hoped that perhaps a second Purwell team might enter to accommodate some Broadway players. It was also likely that Icarus B would not be re-entering but Academy were likely to enter a third (C) team. Thus **hopefully the 2008/9 total of 28 teams in 4 divisions will continue**. As usual '2 up 2 down' depends on the number of/teams re-entering and at what level.
13. Any Other Business
 - (i) **Change of match dates**; *SEE FULL VERSION OF AGM MINUTES (FOR PROPOSED RULE)*
 - (ii) **Publication of results**; It was suggested that to give SBL/badminton a higher profile, **local newspapers should be approached** with a view to having SBL results published.
 - (iii) **Men's singles**; Likely start during 2009/10 season of a **Men's Section**. *SEE FULL VERSION OF AGM MINUTES*
 - (iv) **Teams from the same club**; *SEE FULL VERSION OF AGM MINUTES*
14. Close. There being no further business, **PRE-SEASON ENTRY FORMS** (PROVIDING FOR DISCOUNTS FOR 2007/8 TEAMS WHO WERE AGM ATTENDEES AND 'SECOND TEAMS') WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE PRESENT (FOR RETURN WITH FEES BY FRIDAY 10TH JULY 2009)**. Ladies Section forms were also available. (** On the reverse is a pre-printed blank listing for team nominations which will hopefully be completed and returned at the same time as the entry forms – BY 10TH JULY.)

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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