

STEVENAGE BADMINTON LEAGUE 2024 AGM

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Held at The Three Horseshoes, Baldock Lane, Willian, SG6 2AE
on Monday 24th June 2024 at 8pm.

Attendance: 10 (8 voting) including two committee members.

Kites (2), Academy, Cam Gears (2), Icarus (2), Strings

(Apologies/Non attendees: Redhoods, Norton and Baldock and What A Racquet)

1. **Apologies** As above.

2. **Opening address** Ian Macfarlane welcomed those attending and thanked them for their efforts

2023 Minutes Ian confirmed these had been on the SBL website since last year. With reference to donations made in memory of past SBL committee member, Jan Macfarlane, Ian advised that he and Jan's daughters had made visits to a church where a restored organ had an inscription in memory of Jan and also Redwings Horse Sanctuary where there was a plaque with Jan's name. The two charities had been supported with donations (including from SBL) totalling more than £1,500 each.

The 2023 AGM Minutes were accepted.

3 (i). **2023/24 Season - finances** Ian reported on the finances that showed a closing balance of £528.13, being a deficit of £3.68 for 2023/24 so far. Expenditure still to come is trophy engraving and certificates to members of teams winning divisions. **The finances were accepted.**

3 (ii). **2023/24 Season – fixtures and results** Ian reported that all matches except one were played and the 'average system' was used to determine the runners up in Division 1. The season's format continued as **Medley 4s** with originally 2 divisions of 6 teams in each, so 10 matches due to be played per team. Results: D1 Winners: Academy, Runners-Up: Kites A; D2 Winners: Icarus, Runners-Up Cam Gears B. Divisional trophies were awarded to Robert Tucker for Academy and Jacqui Hartshorne for Icarus.

Winners and Runners-up certificates will be provided at a later date

4. **2024/25** Ian indicated that he was willing to remain as a committee member and treasurer and that Trevor Bird was also willing to continue. Indications were given for possible teams for 2024/25.

Ian and Trevor to continue as SBL Committee members for 2024/25.

5. **Fixtures meeting** Ian suggested that for the second year an evening should be arranged for all clubs/teams to meet and arrange fixtures themselves. **The meeting agreed and the AGM venue was booked again, for an SBL fixtures meeting on Monday 2nd September.**

6. **AOB** The lack of ladies continues to be a problem for a number of clubs and Rory suggested press coverage to encourage ladies to play/return to badminton. Ian and Rory were involved in the article

<https://letchworth.nub.news/news/local-news/badminton-back-local-ladies-encouraged-to-get-involved-235717>

7. **Close** Ian advised that he would send **Medley 4 forms by email shortly with a completion/return date for entry forms of Monday 3rd July**. The SBL Annual subs will continue as **£15 per team plus £5* for second/additional teams ie 2 SBL teams = £15 + £5 = £20**. (** Not £10 as indicated at the AGM*). There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm. ISM 22/6/25

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