

STEVENAGE BADMINTON LEAGUE 2026 AGM

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Held at The Three Horseshoes, Baldock Lane, Willian, SG6 2AE
on Monday 22nd June 2026 at 8pm.

Attendance: 8 (7 voting) including three committee members (Ian, Jacqui and Mark).

Kites (2), Cam Gears, Icarus, Redhoods, Strings, Couzens and Codicote

(Apologies/Non attendees: Academy)

1. **Apologies** As above.

2. **Opening address** - Ian Macfarlane welcomed those attending.

2025 Minutes - (recently) available on the website and **accepted**.

3 (i). **2025/26 Season - finances** Ian reported on the finances that showed a closing balance of £453.11, being a deficit of £94.86 for the full 25/26 season and including 24/25 trophy engraving and certificates. Website hosting cost is reduced for 26/27. Paul commented on website hosting and offered information regarding Redhoods website' [POST MEETING NOTE – email to Ian from Paul received.] **The finances were accepted.**

3 (ii). **2025/26 Season – fixtures and results** - Ian reported that all matches were played. The season's format continued as **Medley 4s** with 2 divisions – D1, 4 teams, D2, 5 teams with Codicote re-joining the SBL after not playing matches for a number of years.

Results: D1 Winners - Cam Gears, Runners-Up - Kites; D2 Winners - Redhoods A, Runners-Up - Redhoods B. D2 had both Redhoods teams on 34 points, but Redhoods A won 78 games, Redhoods B, 73 games. **Trophies and certificates for winners and runners up were presented to Elaine and Kat and Paul (for both Redhoods teams).**

4. **2026/27** - Ian thanked his fellow committee members Jacqui and Mark and advised the meeting all 3 were willing to continue. **Ian, Jacqui and Mark will be SBL Committee members for 2026/27. All those present indicated similar team entries to this year, ie 8 clubs, 9 teams.**

Re promotion/relegation, depending on SBL re/entering of teams, usually, in recent years, it has been a case of 1 up, 1 down but based on results/positions for 2025/26, of the 2 Redhoods, it might make sense for both Redhoods teams to be promoted to D1 (with just Icarus coming down from D1 to D2). Paul indicated because of players/availability in 2026/27, it might be better for Redhoods B to remain in D2. **Further discussions to be had re D1 and D2 teams/split when SBL team forms submitted.**

5. **Fixtures meeting** - Ian suggested that an evening should be arranged again 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 at 8pm on Monday 7th September 2026.**

6. **SBL rules update** - Ian advised that rules on the website, although substantially in order, do need updating because of reference to Mixed 6s, when in recent years, and currently, there is only the Medley 4s format. **SBL committee will review and update as appropriate.**

7. **New/old scoring** – Most/all badminton authorities in due course are likely to change back to 3 games to 15 points from, currently 3 games to 21 points. Ian read out emails involving Badminton England and Herts Badminton Association. No decision to change for 26/27 – **For 2026/27, SBL will continue with 3 games to 21 points** but keep in touch with relevant badminton authorities and other local leagues as it is important to be consistent.

8. **Close** Ian indicated that **Medley 4 SBL entry forms completion/return date would most likely be near the end of next month.** [POST MEETING NOTE - Monday 27th July.] Ian confirmed, the SBL annual subs will continue to be **£10 per team plus £5 for second/additional teams ie 2 SBL teams = £10 + £5 = £15.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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