



**ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY
BADMINTON
ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 7th May
2009 Eight Bells Newport.**

PRESENT: Management Committee Members:

Tony Isaacs (Chairperson), Jan Hurt, Pam Wood, Kev Foss, Laurie Scott, Sue Oldershaw, Cleet Holmberg, Martin Taylor

Secretaries/Nominated Representatives and members from the following clubs:

(list attached)

BCA	Pan	Whitecroft
Brighstone	RydeKings	Yarmouth
Cowes	Vectis	Wroxall
Freshwater	Ventnorians	
Newport	Westlands	

APOLOGIES: Ian Parker (Management), Sophie Jackson (Management),

1 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the previous AGM held 8th May 2008 were agreed and signed by the Chairperson.

2 Matters Arising From Minutes of Last Meeting

There were no matters arising from those minutes

3 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report (attached) as previously circulated was received. There was no discussion on this report.

4 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer was not in attendance at this point. This item was subsequently taken later in the meeting.

5. Proposals

Members considered the proposals that had been put forward by Freshwater Badminton Club.:

Brian Amy stated that he had spoken to Keith Lacey who said he had not meant for them to go forward to the meeting. Jan stated she had received a piece of paper from Freshwater clearly stating proposals from Freshwater for the AGM and therefore they had to go and be voted on.

1. To make the first division up to at least 8 teams to give a chance for more players to play better opponents.

There are good players who are too good for 2nd or 3rd Division playing down low. I know this is due to a lack of players but!!! It also giving good juniors a better standard a chance.

For 4 Against 7 Abstention 1 Rule not passed.

2. Have a novice division. For people just starting off playing at sports centres for fun. Perhaps getting people one/two Sundays before and after Christmas to play competitive matches. You might get a few interested in league.

For 4 Against 4 Abstentions 0 Chairman's Vote For Rule agreed.

The Rules put forward by the Management Committee:

The Management Committee wish the Mallett Cup rules to be added as they stand.

For 8 Against 0 Rule agreed

Rule 30(d) changed to

30(d) Each rubber will be decided by the best of three games. Each game is to be to 21 points and "setting" *shall (if required)* take place in all three sets. Scoring shall be the "Rally Point" scoring system as defined by Badminton England.

Rule agreed

Rule 43 changed to

43. Subscriptions are due on 1st October each year or, if later, on joining. If subscriptions are unpaid by 31st October the *Management Committee* may impose such penalties as they deem necessary

The Comments put forward by Vectis regarding the Mission Statement where noted. It was clarified that the mission statement of the Association came at the beginning of the rules.

Comment received by Vectis regarding the Mission Statement:

We felt it was a bit weak on intention, could it be expanded a bit to include the idea of encouraging newcomers and beginners.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on the amendments put forward by Westlands Committee. It was agreed that as the rules where replacement rules then if agreed the rule would be carried:

4. No member shall hold more than 2 posts on the Management Committee

No member shall hold more than one post on the management committee unless no other person has been nominated to fill that vacant position.

For 6 Against 2 Abstention 1 Rule Agreed

5. **Each member of the Management Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association for a period of one year. Once elected, each officer may offer themselves for re-election at the next Annual General Meeting without the need for a new nomination.**

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For 11 Against 0 Abstention 0 Rule Agreed

7. **Should an officer's position on the Management Committee fall vacant at the Annual General Meeting, and no nominations be received to fill that post by the due date, the Chairman may exceptionally receive nominations during the Annual General Meeting in order to fill the vacancy**

Should an officer's position on the management committee fall vacant at the Annual General Meeting, and no nominations be received to fill that post by the due date, the Chairman will take any forthcoming nominations during the meeting in order to fill the vacancy/ies

For 10 Against 0 Abstention 0 Rule Agreed

8. **Should a position on the Management Committee fall vacant during the year, the post will be advertised to all club secretaries, and once nominations have been received, the Management Committee may co-opt their choice of candidate to the post for the remainder of that year.**

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For 11 Against 0 Abstention 0 Rule Agreed

14. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting will be circulated to all club secretaries within 3 months of the date of the meeting.**

14. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting will be circulated to all club secretaries within one month of the meeting in order to approve and sign of as a true record at the next Executive meeting.

It was stated that this could not happen as the AGM minutes always had to go to the next AGM to be signed off.

Westlands therefore withdrew this proposal.

19. **The Financial Year of the IWCBA shall end on 30th April, and the accounts should be audited annually by a suitably qualified person.**

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For 12 Against 0 Abstention 0 Rule Agreed

It was stated that for the next AGM the word "should" should be changed to shall or must.

Comments where received regarding rules 23 and 26 by other clubs of the Association.

- 40. All clubs must supply a complete list of their subscription paid members wishing to play league badminton in the forthcoming season by the 2nd Sunday in September. Any person wishing to change clubs must do so by that date in order to be eligible for nomination at their new club.**

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- 42. Should a club field a player who has not paid his/her annual subscription to IWCBA and Badminton England, all games played by that player shall be forfeit.**

42 Annual subscriptions to the IWCBA and Badminton England are due by 31st October. A club who fields a player who has not paid his/her subscriptions by that date will forfeit the games won. Payment for new members to the Association must be made within 14 days of registering with the League Secretary.

For 10 Against 1 Abstention 0 Rule Agreed

Comments where received regarding rules 39, 43, 46, 48 and 49 by other clubs of the Association

- 50 Players wishing to be registered members of the player pool must be notified to the League Secretary before their services are utilised by another club, and must necessarily have offered themselves for selection at their respective club, but not have been selected for any of that club's teams. Players who affiliate to the IWCBA after their club's teams have been notified to the League Secretary are excused from the requirement to have offered themselves for team selection in that season.**

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For 11 Against 0 Abstention 1 Rule Agreed

- 57. The County Team will be selected from the players who have been accepted into the County Squad. Players will be invited to join the County Squad by the County Team Manager from first-hand knowledge, or following nomination by either the Junior Secretary or the player's club for consideration. All such players should be registered members of a club affiliated to the IWCBA.**

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County Squad by the County Team Manager from first-hand knowledge, or following nomination by either the Junior Secretary or the player's club for consideration. All such players must be registered members of the IWCBA and Badminton England and play league badminton unless in full time education.

For 12 Against 0 Abstention 0 Rule Agreed

Discussion took place on the wording of the last sentence and the possible interpretation of the rule after the word "and" and it was suggested that this would need to be clarified at a later date.

70. A disciplinary procedures guideline shall be approved by the Management Committee, and a copy posted on the IWCBA web site.

70 The Badminton England disciplinary and appeals procedure shall be adopted if required and posted on the IWCBA website

For 12 Against 0 Abstention 0 Rule Agreed

With regards to rule 72

Normal rules regarding financing of halls, shuttles and travel in respect of County level matches, and the accounts to be kept in that respect, shall be approved by the Management Committee, and a copy posted on the IWCBA web site

It was proposed

Rule 72 should be position under the heading County and moved to rule 58 pushing up all other rules by 1 place/number. If this rule is also meant to cover Veterans County and Junior County then an amendment is required but the positioning is correct.

For 12 Against 0 Abstention 0 Change Agreed

The Committee then voted on accepting the new rules incorporating the amendments that had just been agreed.

This was passed unanimously.

Discussion took place regarding the additional rule changes that needed to be made to clarify wording etc. It was stated that if 6 Secretaries signed a document requesting it an EGM could be called.

6 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer distributed a balance sheet for the previous year (attached) and she apologised that she did not have the full breakdown of the accounts for general distribution but this was due to the timescale. The Accounts had only closed on the 30th April. She stated that she would circulate the finished accounts to Secretaries after the meeting.

The accounts showed that the Association had done very well financially last year. The closing balance for the main account was approximately £6,000 and £3,500 in the junior account. After all expenses had been paid out there was a profit of £2,223.07. Thanks was extended to those who had arranged, attended and contributed to fundraising this year.

Pam stated that it was always difficult with the accounts as effectively the season had not finished and therefore some of the costs were from the previous season and there were still some costs to be paid for this season.

She stated that we had not yet received information from Badminton England on whether their fees would be increased for the next financial year. However she stated she would not recommend that any increase be passed on to members. She stated that if anything the Association should consider decreasing the fees. From the floor it was stated that surely with the Island Games in 2011 it would be more prudent to build up as much financial reserve as possible. Jan stated you would not be able to decrease the fees without it going to an AGM or EGM as a formal proposal.

Jacqui Spalding requested clarification on the "Expenses". Pam stated it was for things such as Chairman's expenses, room hire etc.

It was asked when and by whom would the accounts be audited. It was stated that Stuart Eggerton-Read would be auditing the accounts. Discussion took place on the protocol of nominating an auditor – Jan said she would look into this.

Pam stated that this would be her last year as treasurer.

6. Election of Officers

Before the Election of Officers took place Richard Gray requested clarification to some points as he felt it could influence the way secretaries voted in the next part of the meeting. (Questions attached)

He asked for clarification on whether he had been banned in the last season and why. It was stated that the situation with the County Team needed to be sorted before the Association proceeded further.

Jan stated that she had sent a letter to Paul Royle via email requesting dates from the County Squad for a joint meeting could be held to sort out the differences before the start of the next season. The meeting would take place with the new Committee. She was told that Paul Royle had resigned and it was asked why it was sent to him. Jan stated that she had taken advice from a Team member who stated it should go to Paul as the team captain. It was established that none of the other Team members had been made aware of the letter.

It was asked whether all of the Management Committee members had seen all of the emails that had been sent by the County Team. It was stated that they hadn't.

Words were exchanged regarding the loyalty of the County Squad players especially when they had withdrawn a team at the last minute to go to Cornwall. The team took exception to this. Jane Jackson stated that she and other members of the team had continually shown loyalty by turning up, playing and paying their own money to do so. She was told at the last minute the team would not be going to Cornwall.

Ian Walder stated that he would take the responsibility for the decision to cancel the match at Cornwall. It was instigated because of the way the team had felt that the Committee had treated Ady. This had stemmed from an email sent to Ady from the Treasurer regarding a "float" and a misrepresentation of funds. Pam stated that she had not accused Ady of this.

Richard asked the Chairman to stand down. Tony stated he would not stand down.

Mike West moved the meeting on by requesting that the Election of Officers took place and stated that if Secretaries felt they wanted the resignation of any Officer on the Committee they would have to call an EGM to do so.

The Election of Officers then took place:

Position	Nomination	Action
Chairman	Tony Isaacs	Voted in
Secretary	Jan Hurt	Voted In
Treasurer	Pam Wood	Voted In
League Secretary	Ian Parker	Voted In
County Team Manager	Laurie Scott, Martin Taylor	Martin Taylor Voted In
County Veterans Manager	Laurie Scott	Voted In
Mallett Cup Secretary	Kevin Foss	Voted In
Junior Secretary / development Officer	Cleet Holmberg	Voted In as Junior Secretary
Tournament Secretary	Mike West, Charlotte Gray	Charlotte Gray withdrew Mike West Voted In
Social Secretary	Mark Eden	Voted In
Press Officer	Sue Oldershaw	Voted In
General Committee Members	Colin Nigh, Martin Taylor, Dominic Afonso	Martin Taylor withdrawn Colin Nigh, Dominic Afonso Voted In Charlotte Gray Nominated from the floor and Voted In

8. Any Other Business

RydeKings stated that they had just been awarded a financial award for Juniors and has the facility to facilitate Junior Matches, which they would pay for the hall etc. They had noticed that there were no contact sheets available for Juniors on the website and requested details from those clubs who had juniors so she could be in touch about this.

Mike West reminded people on the dates for the West Wight Tournament finals. He also said that the Social Club would be organising a get together at St Georges Park to celebrate 25 years of badminton to which everyone was invited.

Ian Walder asked when the levels finals would be held and why the dates were not put on the entry form. Tony stated that he was trying to arrange the finals and it was his mistake that the date had been left off the entry form. Discussion took place on the present format of the Levels Tournament and the fact that it needed to regain its status. Mike West as the new Tournament Secretary could address this in the next season.

RydeKings requested the split between male and female players in the Association. It was stated that this could be obtained from the Treasurer.

RydeKings asked how could a new team enter the league (as opposed to a new club) it was stated that it was in the rules.

RydeKings asked about the handbooks and how many were distributed, it was stated that this was in the rules.

RydeKings asked whether the Association had a five-year development plan. Tony stated that there were changes afoot at Badminton England regarding development that would involve a new remit for them. It was also stated that with the new Development Officer position for the Association this is something that could be developed.

Ian Walder wished to question why two former Island players who no longer played or lived on the Island had been chosen to play in the Island Games over people who had paid and played all season and wished to go. It was stated that the decision had been made to field the best players available for the Island Games this year. However the comments were noted.

Martin Taylor reminded Secretaries on the presentation Evening of the 15th May and asked whether he could be emailed the number of tickets required by clubs by Sunday.

Sue Oldershaw asked whether her line judges would be available for the John Asher and Peggy Doherty tournaments due to take place on Sunday.

Jenny Beckingham wished to thank Tony for sending new players to Cowes to play.

Jan mentioned Return to Sport. She still had to arrange another day for this to happen which could bring in up to £400 for the Island Games fund.

The meeting closed 22:06