

ONGAR BADMINTON CLUB

MINUTES OF THE 64TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT THE TWO BREWERS PUB, GREENSTEAD ROAD, ONGAR
TUESDAY 5TH MAY 2015

1. The Chairman, Brian Cattell opened the meeting at 8.05 pm welcoming all those attending.
2. Apologies were received from Gill Postlethwaite and Janet Crick. There was a good attendance with 16 Club Members present.
3. The minutes of the 2014 AGM were accepted as a true record by all those present.
Matters arising:
 - i) It was agreed that another Barn Dance would be held and deposits paid for the caller and venue. Due to very disappointing support the event was cancelled. Thanks to Marion's excellent relationship with the organisers at North Weald Village Hall we were able to recover our deposit but lost £20 to the caller.
 - ii) Having agreed to reduce the number of court hours due to lack of funds there were a number of complaints on club nights. Following a review of finances mid-season we were able to increase courts from 4 to 5 hours from January plus the 9-10 pm slot on court 2 is often available with no extra charge. Hopefully everyone is reasonably happy with the outcome.

4. **Officers' Reports**

Secretary – Lynne Colley

The season ended with 24 Members, 9 Ladies and 15 Men. This compares with 21 at the end of the 2014/2015. We are pleased to welcome new members Rona, Eve, Adam, Paul, Ray, Wayne and Nick.

We have lost Peter, Kevin and Gino, although Gino has continued as a visitor from time to time. Alison has returned on a visitor basis but plans to re-join next season.

I'd like to thank Marion for all her efforts organising club tournaments and the quiz night and hope she can persuade Eddie to help us again.

I am happy to re-stand as Secretary.

Treasurer - Lynne Colley

The balance at the end of the 2014/2015 season is £699.59. There are still some Men's match fees outstanding and there is a payment due for engraving of trophies. We are in pretty good shape financially. Thanks to everyone for paying subscriptions promptly..

The quiz night made a very healthy profit of £398 after sending a donation of £300 to St Clare Hospice. There was also a profit of £92 from the last summer club.

I will be happy to re-stand as Treasurer.

Men's Captain – Roger Rose

The Men's A team did not do so well but Men's B team played very well. The season started well but there were some problems with players availability. Thanks to Gino who kindly stepped in to play even though he really would prefer not to play matches. The teams attended all fixtures and gave a good account of themselves. It was an enjoyable, if not very successful season. We would like to see the Brentwood League tables.

Lynne has subsequently joined the Brentwood League Facebook group where fixtures and results are now posted, they will be distributed to the committee as and when received.

Match Secretary – Gill Postlethwaite

A very quite season for me. I produced the match list at the beginning of the season and inserted the club tournaments agreed with Marion and distributed it (actually I think Marion did that for me!) I am happy to stand again Match Secretary.

Club Captain – Marion Friggens

I would like to thank everyone for playing in the tournaments. All tournaments were played this season. I do not want to stand as Club Captain next season.

5. **Presentation of Trophies**

There were some excellent games on finals night. Trophies were presented to the tournament winners as follows.

Ladies Singles	Winner	Eve Curtis
	Runner up	Ann Thompson
Mens Singles	Winner	Paul Norris
	Runner up	James Withyman
Ladies Doubles	Winners	Eve Curtis & Denise Mack
	Runners up	Ann Thompson & Libby Yellop
Mens Doubles	Winners	Mitchell Rose & Nick Higgs
	Runners up	Paul Norris & Ian Wheeler
Mixed Doubles	Winners	Lynne Colley & Paul Norris
	Runners up	Janet Crick & James Withyman
Toomey Trophy	Winners	Libby Yellop & Paul Norris
	Runners up	Ann Thompson & James Withyman

6. **Committee**

Officers were elected as follows:

Chairman	Brian Cattell	Proposed:	Lynne
		Seconded:	Anthony
Secretary/Treasurer	Lynne Colley	Proposed:	Lynne
		Seconded:	Roger & Marion
Match Secretary	Gill Postlethwaite	Proposed:	Marion
		Seconded:	Ian
Club Captain	James Withyman	Proposed:	Marion
		Seconded:	Ann
Ladies Captain	N/A		
Mens Captain	Roger Rose	Proposed:	Lynne
		Seconded:	James
Mixed Captain	Paul Norris	Proposed:	Eve
		Seconded:	Marion
Committee Members	Marion Friggens	Proposed:	Lynne
	Ian Wheeler	Seconded:	Brian

7. **Teams for next season**

There are still insufficient Ladies to enter a Ladies pair, however this can be reviewed during the summer.

Only 1 Men's team will be entered initially.

Proposed: Roger

Seconded: James

The Mixed pair entered last season was subsequently cancelled due to lack of players however there is now sufficient interest to enter 1 Mixed pair.

Proposed: Eve

Seconded: Marion

8. **Subscriptions**

On the assumption that membership remains at 24 plus 6 court hours per week the current level of subscriptions ie £72 for full membership and £48 for juniors can be maintained.

Visitors fees £4 (£2 for juniors), match fees £4 and tournament fees £2 also to remain unchanged.

Proposed: Lynne

Seconded: Marion

9. **Summer Club**

2 courts have been booked 12th May - 25th August inclusive. Court hours are 8 - 10 pm.

Fees to remain £4 (£2 for juniors)

10. **Fund Raising**

Eddie and Marion have kindly agreed to organise another quiz. The suggested dates are Fridays 29th January or 5th February, 2016 at North Weald Village Hall.

11. **Next Committee Meeting**

Although very pleasant it was decided that a formal committee meeting will not really be needed.

12. **Any Other Business**

Club night - could the first person arriving please obtain the key from the leisure club reception and get the board and shuttles from locker no. 42

In the event there are too many players attending club night then games will be played to 15 points only.

Gill to be asked if we need to purchase more shuttles.

Brian can arrange racquet re-stringing if required: complete - £15, super - £18 and new grips £3

Eve may be able to arrange for a sales rep to attend a club night with racquets for try out.

The website is running successfully and has attracted some new members. Can the team captains please pass results to Brian so he can post them on the site.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm with thanks from the Chairman to all those attending.