



Hertfordshire Schools Badminton Association

Annual General Meeting

for the year ended 31st May, 2011

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at Wellfield Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre, Longmead, Hatfield

Annual Reports Package

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is once again my pleasure to report that your Association has concluded a busy and highly successful season.

The reasons behind this remarkable outcome are again attributable to the considerable skill, dedication and voluntary allocation of time expended by our squad managers, committee members and helpers. We should also recognize the valuable efforts of other individuals, who maintain their support for junior badminton throughout the county, including the teaching profession and other junior badminton coaches.

Regrettably, it is finally time to say a very sad farewell to both Marion Conway and Megan Lumb who have each provided HSBA with unbounded quantities of expertise and essential help over a considerable period of our existence. May I take this opportunity to offer them our sincere thanks and to wish them both good health and happiness for the future.

On your behalf may I also individually thank our squad managers, coaches, committee members and other helpers, without whom HSBA could not function.

Ash Kejriwal has again taken excellent care of our finances and compliments his very reassuring presence on the Committee with insightful advice. We are additionally very indebted to our honorary auditor, Mr Doug Stokoe for his important ongoing contribution.

May I also add my personal appreciation for the invaluable efforts of both Mary Wikner and Kevin Maughan who continue to avail HSBA with their very considerable skills without which this Association could not effectively exist.

Yet another of the unsung heroes is our deputy chair, Angela Blowers who works tirelessly and efficiently to ensure that HSBA is functioning properly and in a manner that provides the greatest benefit to our members. We are each indebted to her for such skilful management of the Open Tournament, which greatly reduces the cost of all squad fees.

Barbara Lewczynska also continues her vital work of running our junior closed tournaments with distant appreciated help from Graham Hall. We must also thank Barbara for maintaining her important role as our Child Welfare Officer.

A further significant and complex position is that of Fixture Secretary and there is always unanimous praise and gratitude from Committee members and others for the brilliant job enacted by Phil Westwood.

This is the last year that I will be able to add grateful thanks to Megan Lumb for our much read Newsletter. Unless a volunteer now comes forward, we will be seeing the final issue of a much-admired journal covering the activities of junior badminton both in and outside of Hertfordshire.

Ongoing thanks are also due to Dave Bartlett and Malcolm Fraser for their continued help and support.

It is always a great delight to recognize the talents of our players, which is underpinned by the hard work and emotional support of their parents and carers.

The policy decisions taken by your voluntary Committee will continue to reflect your expressed views whilst ensuring fairness to all members, upon whose goodwill we remain wholly dependent. We therefore hope that we may continue to rely upon your valuable support throughout the coming season.

Ken Winchester



CHILD WELFARE OFFICER

I have continued to be the verifier Badminton England for CRB forms (Dave Bartlett can also be called upon to verify CRB forms), and a number of different individuals from junior badminton clubs have continued to be checked this season.

Four HSBA officers, who work with the players have undertaken a 'First Aid for Sport and Exercise' course run by Herts Sports Partnership at HSV.

This was a very useful one day course, specifically aimed at injuries due to sport.

There are two other courses that are running, Sunday July 17th and Sunday September 11th.

Barbara Lewczynska



U13 SQUAD

Despite delaying the squad trials until the last Wednesday in September, attendance was disappointing, but we selected 27 players, of whom 24 accepted. Together with 3 top U11 players and a developing U14, we ended up with a squad of 28 for the Wednesday evening sessions at HSV this year.

Once again we were delighted to have Herts' Olympic bronze medallist Jo Goode as Coach - her experience and enthusiasm made a great impact on all the players.

It's fair to say that after 3 very successful seasons, (numerous grade 1 players plus strength in depth in the squad), this year's group was significantly weaker. Indeed the U13 cohort was sufficiently weak that 3xU11 age players and an U12 were 1st choice team members right from the start of the season. (However these players have gained great experience for next season and beyond, which should be beneficial.)

In matches, the team were always committed and tough opponents, with great team spirit.

Team Challenge We qualified in 2nd place from the Eastern region heat (winning 4-2 against Norfolk and 5-1 against Suffolk, but losing 6-0 to Essex). On finals day we were eventually 10th out of 12, beating Wiltshire (5-1) and Dorset (4-2), but losing heavily to Bucks, Surrey (both 6-0), Yorkshire (5-1) and Warwickshire (4-2).

Shires League We were beaten comprehensively by Bucks (20-0) and Essex (19-1), whose teams clearly demonstrate the benefits of the Performance Centre methods, and also by Hampshire (11-9). Wins against the weaker counties (Kent and Beds, both 13-7) were insufficient to qualify us for the Play-Off stage, and we were finally 18th overall, with 3 wins and 3 defeats (after the match conceded by Northants)

By the end of the season, the squad contained 1 silver player (Andrew Baird) and 2 bronze (Sophie Vernon, Sam Newlove), all of whom move up to U15 now.

In the U12 Eastern Team Event at Wodson Park, we beat Norfolk and Suffolk, but Essex were again far too strong for us, so we were 2nd overall. There were some promising performances from the younger players that day, and I believe next season's team should be a little stronger relative to other counties. (provided we don't lose our top players to the Performance Centres.)

Congratulations to all the team members for these creditable performances in often difficult circumstances, and to all the parents and other helpers whose support is vital. Thanks in particular to Mike Newlove, Caroline Jennings and John Stobo who assisted with team events during the season.

Next season unfortunately we lose Marion Conway, our assistant squad manager, who has been constantly involved with junior badminton since before I was a junior player! Marion has inspired literally thousands of players (and many squad managers) in her time, and contributed a huge amount to putting Herts in the enviable position we find ourselves in today, as well as feeding us a regular stream of players from Swifts. So, Marion – Many Thanks, all the best for your retirement, and we look forward to seeing you still, whenever you can pop down on a Wednesday.

Graham Hall



U15 SQUAD

At the trials in June 2010, we selected 28 in the squad. Throughout the season two from under 13's came and trained with us fortnightly. A few of our top players were given an opportunity to train regularly with the U17's squad. After Easter, we provided 5 weeks of additional Thursday evening training at HSV for those players who were going to stay with the U15's as well as for players moving up from the younger squad.

Team Challenge: On November 10 we played in the regional round at Brandon and beat Northants 7-0, Norfolk 6-1, Bedfordshire 7-0, Suffolk 7-0, and Essex 5-2 and secured a well deserved first position. The finals then took place at HSV in Hatfield in March. In the first round we played Avon and won 6-1. And in the following matches we beat Warwickshire 5-2, Derbyshire 6-1 and Lancashire 6-1 which took us through to the finals in a group of four.

As we had previously beaten Hampshire in a previous round we did not have to play them. In our match against Ulster we convincingly won 6-1. Finally we were up against Yorkshire, fielding six grade 1 player and we were narrowly defeated 3-4.

We took the overall second place in the Team Challenge.

Shires League: This was a big league group with 32 teams.

Throughout the season we had matches against a number of other counties and beat Cambridge- 20-0, Essex 13-7, Middlesex 20-0, Warwickshire 20-0, Suffolk 15-5 and Norfolk and 19-1. We were overall second in the league table and through to finals.

The Finals took place in May at HSV Hatfield against the strongest eight qualifying counties which were Yorkshire, Hertfordshire, Hampshire, Essex, Surrey, Derbyshire, Lancashire and Oxfordshire.

The first drawn match was against Oxfordshire which we won 18-2. The second round was against Essex which we also won 11-9. Through to the finals against Yorkshire which was tightly drawn at 10-10.

Sadly the point count system came into effect and we lost by only 12 points taking overall second place in the Shires League.

We were Runners up in Shires League.

Team players in Finals: Matthew Widdicombe; Iyall Daniels; Hugo Weaver; David Maughan; Anna Collis; Isabelle Hatt; Philippa English; Cayleigh Bambrick and Libby Jennings.

Kathy Wood U-14 doubles:

The event was cancelled due to lack of entries received from the other counties.

Avon Doubles Invitational:

This time we did enter two boys pair and two girls pair.

Matthew and Iyall played together and came first winning the gold.

Cayleigh Bambrick and Philippa English played together and also came first winning a further gold for our county players.

Eastern Region U-14:

We did not take part in the tournament as it clashed with U15 HSBA tournament.

Friendly Matches: Firstly I would like to thank Phil Westwood for arranging friendly matches with other counties.

We had a Quadrangle match on 26th March against Redbridge (Essex), Kent and Sussex, where Hertfordshire came 3rd place.



The next Friendly was again a quadrangle match on 9th April against Berkshire, Kent and Surrey. Herts., Kent and Sussex each won 2 of their matches and Hertfordshire B team players got a well deserved opportunity to play against other county teams.

Eastern Region Single sex Tournament: This tournament was for grade 3 and non graded players for girls and boys own their own group. We entered two boy's teams and one girl's team in the tournament in April 2011.

In the boys there were ten teams in total, and our boys A team came 3rd, and Boys B team came 7th. In the girls there were five teams in total, Girls came 4th.

Most Improved Player for the Year 2010/11: Hugo Weaver.

Hugo received a shield with his name engraved on it for a year to keep. He has worked very hard and performed very well in the tournaments, He was also very well liked by all the team members.

Sponsorship: Thanks to Ashway for their support for the discounted T shirts and the shuttles for the season.

John Stobo has been most instrumental for the squad as he has motivated the players to perform at their best and taught them well. Together, John and I managed the Shires matches, the Team challenge, friendlies and the squad nights.

This year we have had an excellent season having made it to finals of Team Challenge and the Shires Finals after topping the league table. We came so close being the top county this year. Many of the squad members participated in BE tournaments and done very well with their own grades.

Parent Rep: I would like to thank our Parent Rep Mandy English for her role in helping to manage the squad, providing a good spread laid out in our Shires matches and her generous input for Hertfordshire badminton. I would also thanks all the parents who supported their child to chauffeur them to and fro from the Squad practices, Shires matches, friendly and tournaments whilst supporting Hertfordshire Badminton.

To all the players and squad members they have worked very hard to learn and achieve good results for the tournaments. I hope that they have all got something out of our Badminton training. I would also like to thank both, Caroline Jennings and Razinah Scofield for supporting HSBA U15's over the season and hope you keep helping us in the future. Thanks also to Geoff Daniels and Conor Bambrick who helped out with the squad at matches.

The season for the year 2010-2011 went very quickly, we achieved very good results, I thoroughly enjoyed teaching and mentoring the squad nights, and would like to thank John Stobo for his valuable time and effort to support HSBA.

I would also like to thank our chairman Ken Winchester for supporting in the evening at the squad nights.

Lastly I would like to thank fellow members of the HSBA committee for doing a wonder full job. Keep it up.

Hitesh Shah



U17 SQUAD

Squad nights

We started the season with a squad total of 19 players at U16/17, 13 boys and 6 girls. We also invited 5 U15s to join us on a rota basis.. The average attendance over the whole season was 16 mainly due to the heavy school commitment experienced by this age group. Chris Dakin coached at most of the squad nights with David Westwood covering for him on a couple of occasions. All the players in the squad represented the county at U17 at least once during the season with 6 squad members also playing for the senior county.

Shires League

We won all our matches in the Shires League. Cambs 19-1, Beds 14-6, Surrey 13-7, Suffolk 17-3, Essex 17-3 and Northants 18-2. We finished in the no.1 position in the U17 table which put us into the finals without going through the play offs. In the Finals at HSV on May 1st Herts came 4th, beating Staffordshire 17-3, drawing 10-10 against Lancashire but losing by 35 points, and losing 7-13 to Cheshire.

Eastern Region

At the Eastern Region U16 team event in November Herts came 2nd, losing 12-2 to Essex but beating both Cambs and Suffolk. At the U17 Single Sex Tournament at Luton in April the Herts boys came 3rd out of 7 teams and the girls 4th out of 6. This event is for grade 3 and ungraded players.

Wimbledon

We entered a team of 3 boys and 3 girls in the Wimbledon U16 Invitation Tournament in May but the organisers cancelled with just a couple of weeks notice as they felt that 7 teams was not enough to run the event.

RIO

In January we took a team of 6 boys and 6 girls to the RIO tournament weekend in York. We finished 4th out of the 8 strong counties taking part, despite beating Bucks who came 2nd. It was a very tight battle for position between the top 4 counties.

ICT

For the 4 days at Nottingham University our team of 5 girls and 5 boys was seeded 7th out of the 40 counties taking part. And 7th was our final position. Out of the 10 matches played, Herts beat Wiltshire, Northumberland, Sussex, Dorset, Surrey, Leinster and Devon and lost to Cheshire, Ulster and Yorkshire.

Pat Walker



CLOSED TOURNAMENTS

First of all a huge thank you to all the parents who got stuck in and helped at the desk, selling raffle tickets, donating raffle prizes and umpiring, without whom none of these events would run. I would particularly like to thank Nicky Bambrick, who has been a real stalwart on the desk, and who runs everything very efficiently as well as Mike Newlove, Jay Devram, Sangeeta Dhall, Mandy English, Caroline Jennings, Geoff Daniels, Andy Goode, Roz Hodgkinson, Liz & Gordon Hatt, Alison Widdicombe, and Marie Sadler. Our squad members of various ages did a great job of selling raffle tickets and standing in as umpires, and writing tournament reports when asked to do so.

Entries this year were down some 40%, a great disappointment. Graham and I have had discussion on how we can raise the profile once again, and our first initiative will be to send posters to as many Sports Centres as possible, and also liase with Jenni Crisp as to the best and most effective way of getting the information into schools.

We will also try and get our own squad members to publicise our events in schools by giving them leaflets and posters to pass on to their own schools.

We have condensed our six event dates down into five, and staggered the start times to use the hall more effectively. Hopefully we shall see a rise in numbers, and we can add another date in the future

Once again our key supporting schools have been St Albans Girls High, St Albans Boys, Lochinver House, Norton St Nicholas, Ralph Sadleir, Haberdashers Boys, and Hitchin Boys. Swifts, Letchworth, and Harpenden, and Marshalls junior badminton clubs have also contributed significant entries.

Barbara Lewczynska



JUNIOR LEAGUES

Six clubs have entered teams into seven leagues this season. The Under 11 and Under 15 leagues have been the best subscribed. It is however noticeable that the leagues requiring girls to play in the matches have been less well subscribed.

During the course of the season the HSBA Committee agreed to change the title to Junior Leagues so as to make clear that this competition is primarily for Junior Clubs and for Junior teams of senior clubs.

The outcomes of the seven league competitions for which entries were received are set out below.

<i>League</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Runner-up</i>
Under 11 (friendly)	Marshalls	Swifts
Under 12 Boys	Swifts	Stanstead Abbotts
Under 12 Medley	<i>Not played</i>	
Under 15 Boys	Section A: Swifts Section B: Comets	Play-off if possible
Under 15 Medley	Swifts	Much Hadham
Under 18 Boys	Swifts	Comets
Under 18 Medley	Comets	Swifts

I apologise that I was unable to keep up with the administration during the season. If there is anyone who is willing to take over, I will be pleased to pass the baton. However, if there is no volunteer, I am willing to continue for another season.

Duncan Conway



HERTFORDSHIRE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION (HBA)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6th JUNE 2011

Minutes of the meeting held at Birchwood Leisure Centre, Hatfield, commencing at 7.50pm with 25 members attending.

Malcolm Fraser (MF), Chairman, welcomed all present.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from:

Alison Alcock; Sue Barker; Joyce Barton; Margaret Cooper; Liz Frost; Angela Glew; Highbury BC; Ed Lintott; Elaine Meagher; Jenny Measham; Natalie Munt; Lynne Parker; Byron and Lesley Perry; Julia Strong; Heather Warne and Matthew Warren.

2. Minutes of AGM held on 7th June 2010

These were approved unanimously.

3. Matters arising from last AGM

There were no matters arising.

4. Presentation of the Executive Committee Reports

The Chairman reported on behalf of the **Badminton England (BE) Representative, Registration Secretary and Secretary.**

Malcolm Fraser (MF) welcomed Jenni Crisp as the new BE Development Officer for Herts. BE had introduced a change in the membership system with the introduction of 'Club England', but there was little difference in practice. Improvements had been made to BE's Vision system but there were still too many problems in the day-to-day operation. He asked for feedback from club officials so that BE could be given specific examples of the problems. BE had experienced cuts in government funding, but additional sponsorship had helped to mitigate the effects. The problems relating to the country's international players, which had led to some poor results recently, had been resolved. The World Championships to be held at Wembley this August would be well worth attending.

HBA had another successful season with membership up again, increased funds, and most other activities going well. However, cuts in government spending were likely to affect sports centres that house most clubs nowadays. It was regretted that for various reasons, the Spring newsletter, was slightly later than usual, had reduced content and so, as a consequence, was distributed to just club secretaries, coaches and affiliated schools. Communication to and from clubs was vital to the association and he urged club officials to send in reports, requests or complaints! He thanked those individuals who work hard to keep the association going and said that new recruits to the committee would be welcomed.

In response to a question from Paul Widdicombe (PW) MF confirmed that BE had been undergoing a review of governance, in line with other sports governing bodies. As a result the structure of the committees below the board of directors had been changed. There was now a Badminton Board that supervised all playing activities, as well as Finance, Sponsorship and Audit Boards. PW referred to the stereotypical reply that had been sent to one well qualified but unsuccessful candidate for the Badminton Board. MF would raise this at BE. In response to a question from Gill Bartlett (GB) MF said that he understood that only the best qualified candidates for the Boards had been chosen and this had not been affected by any gender/ethnic/location issues.

Chairman of Selectors

PW presented his report on the 2010/11 season. The county had a very good squad of players making Herts one of the top counties. It was particularly gratifying to have so many young players. Six of the squad representing the Senior County 1st team were under 19 and he paid tribute to the hard work of the Schools Association (HSBA) in bringing forward so many talented young players. The senior 3rd team had picked up the only title of the season, winning division 3 in convincing style, but the other teams had all done well. He expressed his thanks to the managers of the teams, two of whom were players in their teams.

MF thanked PW and his team of managers for all their hard work and repeated that more offers of help, particularly in managing two of the teams, would be gratefully received. He also stressed the role played by HSBA in this success.

Veterans

Jeff Armstrong, captain of the over 50's team, said that it had been an average season and that the team had come third this year. There was no report on the over 40s team.

MF expressed his thanks to Jeff, and to Elaine Meagher, captain of the over 40s.

Herts. Schools Badminton Association (HSBA)

HSBA Chairman, Ken Winchester (KW) reported on another successful and busy year for the juniors. He said, with regret, that two stalwarts of the association were retiring this season. Megan Lumb had been in charge of the Newsletter for over 20 years as well as running tournaments and taking on administrative duties. Marion Conway had been involved with HSBA since the 1970s and had recently been assisting with coaching the U13 team. He expressed his thanks to them for their many years of hard work. He also thanked Pat Walker who was manager of the U17s and had done an excellent job over the year. He reported that the association was still thriving despite competition from performance centres and private coaches, and he expressed pleasure at the continuing success of those who had passed through HSBA and were now playing in the senior teams. He thanked MF and HBA for their continuing support.



MF expressed his thanks to KW, Angela Blowers, and all the other HSBA volunteers, for the tremendous job they do, for which HBA reap the benefit.

Development Co-ordinator

Dave Bartlett (DB) presented his report for the past season, which is available on the HBA website. Development continued to be driven through the Badminton Herts Development Committee (BHDC) comprising of members not only of HBA and HSBA but other county-wide partners, who he thanked for their involvement and hard work. He also thanked Malcolm Jellows for the productive time he spent as Herts Badminton Development Officer (BDO), and extended a warm welcome to Jenni Crisp (JC) our new BDO. He outlined the many and varied activities undertaken by BHDC aimed at increasing, and developing involvement in badminton, and stressed that increased participants meant increased funding. All coaching courses were now run by BE and administered from Milton Keynes (MK) and through the Regional Officers. This had caused some difficulties. The scrapping of Schools Sports Partnerships (SSPs) by the government was a serious blow. The 2012 Olympics would be a great opportunity for the further development of badminton and he looked forward to JC's presentation.

JC gave an update on current development activities. Herts had been benefitting directly from the work of the BE Disability Manager in his involvement with Knebworth BC. The appointment of a University BDO had been particularly productive in increasing involvement in badminton amongst university students. While there was a focus on Community Badminton Networks (CBNs) other areas were not forgotten. In response to a question from Michael Wong about support in South Herts. DB said that the lack of contact in that area resulted from their de-affiliating some time ago. There were only 2 affiliated clubs in Watford and there would be more BE involvement once more clubs affiliated. MF said that the ultimate plan was to have ten CBNs, one for each area in Herts but this would not happen for some time as it was too much for one BDO to support. He was prepared to discuss problems in the South Herts area outside of the meeting. In response to a question from PW about the lack of progress with the BE Regional Tournament programme MF would raise this at the next Regional Meeting.

JC's presentation on the 'Opportunities for Clubs and Coaches in Olympic and Paralympic Year' can be found on the HBA website.

MF thanked JC for her report and presentation and wished her well in her new post.

Coaching Co-ordinator

Brian Jackson (BJ) reported that Herts Sports Partnership (HSP) was establishing a register of coaches and their qualifications so that those going into schools have CRB checks, insurance and had completed a number of workshops including those relating to child protection. This was to ensure that the best coaching standards were delivered and maintained. About a dozen coaches went to MK in November and had been most impressed by the standard of coaching. They had a tour of the building and were able to discuss coaching techniques and related issues before watching an agility training session in the afternoon. BE also organised a speed and agility workshop at Herts Sports Village (HSV) which had been instructive as well as enjoyable. He reported that there had been fewer requests for coaches this year. Most of them had been from private individuals and very few from schools.

MF thanked BJ for his report. He stressed that it was important to encourage coaches willing to work after school hours when there was a very definite need.

County League Secretary

MF reported on another successful season despite the bad weather before Christmas, which, surprisingly, did not lead to many cancelled matches. The FixturesLive electronic system worked well. New champions emerged in all three leagues and the full results are available on FixturesLive and the HBA website.

HBA President, Bob Welsh then presented the trophies to the winning clubs:

Ladies 1 : Cobra Mens	1 : Ware 1	Mixed 1 : Ware 1
" 2 : Ware 1	" 2 : Wizard	" 2 : Ware 2
	" 3 : Hadley	" 3 : Asteroids

MF would circulate the date of the Fixtures Meeting once it was confirmed. He said that the league was now easy to run thanks to the FixturesLive system and he would like a volunteer to take over this role.

Tournament Secretary

Ed Lintott (EL) had presented a written report on the Herts Open Tournament which took place at HSV on 4/5th September. It had been well supported with over 200 players coming from all over the country. Herts was well represented with both juniors and seniors. There were 90 entries in the mens singles, reduced to 72 in the draw following a qualifying event. The Ladies singles attracted 44 entries with Herts player Emily Westwood getting to the final. The next day was devoted to doubles. Overall it was another successful Herts Open tournament, played in fantastic spirit with lots of excellent badminton and a good profit for HBA. EL expressed his thanks to his many helpers. The 2011 Open was scheduled for 3/4th September and he encouraged others to come and watch, and maybe even help.

The Herts Restricted Tournament had also been successful and it was planned to hold the 2011 tournament on 1/2nd October.

Area League Representatives

Hertford Colin Jackson had sent in a written report on the Hertford Area League confirming that they would be using the FixturesLive online results service next season and also be redesigning the website.



North Herts and Letchworth *Bob Green sent his apologies for absence. He reported that lack of lady players was making it difficult for some clubs to raise a team, and the situation with regard to league insurance was still unresolved as he was awaiting a response from BE. (Note: This report was received after the AGM had taken place)*

SW Herts No report

5. Presentation of Accounts

Colin Walker (CW) had presented a written report on the accounts for the year up to 30th April 2011 which was circulated at the meeting. HBA remained in a healthy financial position recording a profit for the year, before extraordinary items, of £2,328 and cumulative funds of £17,940. Most of the profit came from the Open Tournament which made a surplus of £1,400 and CW expressed his thanks to EL and his helpers for running such a successful tournament. He confirmed that last year's accounts had been audited.

The meeting voted unanimously to adopt the accounts, and CW was thanked by MF for his assiduous work on behalf of the Association.

6. Subscriptions for Season 2009-10 (BE and Herts. Badminton)

There would be no increase in either the county or BE fees.

Election of President and Vice Presidents

MF confirmed that Bob Welsh had already stood for two terms of three years as president and he was prepared to take on a further term. He was a most active, helpful president and the committee proposed that he be elected for a further period. The committee also proposed the election of the current vice presidents. These proposals were passed unanimously by the meeting.

7. Election of Executive Committee and BE Representative(s)

The Executive committee, all of whom were prepared to stand for a further year, and the BE Representatives, as listed on the Notes to the Agenda, were elected unanimously. MF thanked everyone who served on the committee, and helped to make Herts one of the most successful badminton counties.

Election of Auditor

Albert Nicholas was again elected as auditor.

8. Review of BE Agenda

MF outlined the agenda of the BE AGM to be held at Milton Keynes on Saturday 25th June at 2pm. All were welcome to attend. He was not aware of any item that would affect Herts directly but was willing to raise any issues brought to his attention. George Wood was to make a presentation before the meeting on 'BE Aspiration to Increase Participation'.

Any Other Business

GB apologised for the disruption to the Newsletters. The deadline for the next issue was 15th June and she would welcome input from clubs. In particular she wanted feedback on Vision, which was frustrating and inefficient in her view, particularly to those involved with Junior Clubs. Input from club officials would make interesting reading, help others and provide grounds for an approach to BE. MF stressed that it was vital for there to be two way communication between HBA and clubs and the Newsletter was one of the best vehicles for this contact.

Steve Willis raised the question of the number of teams in a league required to make it viable. It was generally agreed to be 5. Last season's attempts to play 2 home and 2 away matches against the same club had not worked.

Michael Wong raised the question of providing refreshments for away teams. MF confirmed that there was nothing in the rules and it was left to clubs to decide. HSV would allow water bottles courtside but no other drink or food. The bottles could be refilled from drinking stations.

MF thanked all those present for attending, and the meeting closed at 9.35pm

Dave Bartlett



TREASURER'S REPORT

We managed to finish the year with a minor surplus (£67 – 2010: £296).

On the whole HSBA has slimmed down this year - income was down but so too were our expenses. The main financial highlights include:

- U11, U13 and U15 income all up but U17 income slightly down.
- Costs were significantly higher for U13 but lower in all other age groups.
- Shuttle costs were also down this year.
- Closed tournament fees were down significantly while costs were higher.
- The same is true for U17 open tournaments – however, the U13 tournaments showed a good improvement in income.

HSBA aims to minimise fees that have to be charged. The fee is set to try and end the year with neither a surplus nor a deficit. Although we broadly succeeded this year, it can be very difficult to always get this right. Our biggest expense is the cost of hiring courts. This, we have already been informed, will be rising again this year. The coaches (and tournament organisers) are the people who put in the greatest amount of time and effort into HSBA – without them there could be no HSBA. Their commitment extends not only to their, not inconsiderable, time (which they give freely on and off the court) but also to direct, out of pocket expenses (such as travel costs). We have never been in a position to reimburse them fully for these expenses. Any fee rise will be kept to a minimum whilst trying to maintain a break even position.

The committee is always looking for additional grants and sources of income that will enable us to provide better levels of training and contributions towards our costs.

Thanks to the hard work of everyone involved in HSBA (in particular the squad managers) we will continue to be an excellent badminton training body for Hertfordshire children.

The accounts this year were, once again, audited by Mr. Doug Stokoe. I would like to thank him for performing this task efficiently and, as with most people involved in HSBA, for no financial gain.

Ash Kejriwal

Accounts follow:



Income & Expenditure Account for the year to 31st May, 2011							
2009-10		2010-11		2009-10		2010-11	
Expenditure				Income			
Matches and Coaching				Matches and Coaching			
2,016	U11 Squad Courts	1,987.00		2,185	U11 Squad Fees	2,771.00	
3,125	U13 Squad Courts	3,544.20		3,990	U13 Squad Fees	4,447.00	
2,449	U15 Squad Courts	2,079.00		3,768	U15 Squad Fees	4,152.50	
2,705	U17 Squad Courts	2,596.00		3,040	U17 Squad Fees	2,955.00	
	U11 Training Cost	0.00					
880	U13 Training Cost	760.00					
	U15 Training Cost	15.00					
1,180	U17 Training Cost	1,280.00					
	Summer Courts	268.50		1,825	Summer Fees	1,708.00	
340	Habs Training Expenses	0.00		524	Habs Training Fees	0.00	
139	Trials Courts	188.80					
2,158	Shuttles - Training & Matches	1,892.75					
422	Match Courts	1,257.30		1,103	Match Fees	1,061.00	
184	Coaches Registration Fees	200.00					
15,598	Matches and Coaching Subtotal	16,068.55		16,434	Matches and Coaching Subtotal	17,094.50	
Tournaments & Leagues				Tournaments & Leagues			
2,417	Courts	2,510.00		4,473	Entry Fees	3,192.00	
886	Trophies & Medals	932.30		401	Entry Fees - Primary	289.50	
468	Shuttles	485.16		532	Affiliations (Clubs & Schools)	465.00	
	Eastern Region Tournament	283.50		72	Junior Leage Entries	8.00	
882	Shires League	514.00		421	Raffles	446.00	
2,086	Other Tournaments	495.00					
957	RIO (York) Fees & Expenses	1,048.50		900	RIO York	900.00	
2,809	ICT (Notts) Fees & Expenses	2,857.65		1,215	ICT Notts	1,500.00	
10,505	Tournaments and Leagues Subtotal	9,126.11		8,014	Tournaments and Leagues Subtotal	6,800.50	
Open Tournaments				Open Tournaments			
164	BE Costs Incl Medals U17	288.90		1,123	U17 Silver Entry Fees	760.50	
249	BE Costs Incl Medals U13	298.65		1,843	U17 Bronze Entry Fees	1,541.00	
				1,375	U13 Bronze Entry Fees	2,656.00	
1,410	Courts	1,450.00		713	U13 Silver Entry Fees	0.00	
823	Shuttles	625.20		162	Raffle	172.00	
201	Printing	105.29					
54	Sundry Expenses	278.00					
2,900	Open tournaments Subtotal	3,046.04		5,215	Open tournaments Subtotal	5,129.50	
Sundries				Sundries			
	Affiliation BE	59.20					
	Website Cost	0.00					
160	Postage & Telephone	85.05		8	Interest	7.99	
130	Stat. & Printing (Incl. Newsletter)	149.88					
1,169	T-Shirts	1,050.12		974	T-Shirts	990.00	
280	Bursary Payments	320.00			Sale Donated Shirts	35.00	
769	Misc. Expenses	300.63		1,905	Donation	190.00	
602	Travel Expenses	40.00					
45	Child protection Cost	0.00		14	Misc. Receipts	65.30	
110	3 Plus Tournaments Payment	0.00					
3,266	Sundries Subtotal	2,004.88		2,901	Sundries Subtotal	1,288.29	
32,269	TOTAL Expenditure	30,245.58		32,565	TOTAL Income	30,312.79	
296	Excess of Income over Expenditure	67.21		0	Excess of Expenditure over Income	0.00	
32,565		30,312.79		32,565		30,312.79	
Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 2011							
0	Petty Cash	0.00		14,538	Funds at 1/6/2010	14,833.26	
3,029	Current Account	2,237.95			Deduct excess Expenditure over Income	0.00	
11,805	Deposit Account	12,662.52		296	Add excess Income over Expenditure	67.21	
14,833	Total	14,900.47		14,833	Funds Carried Forward	14,900.47	

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