## Alsager Badminton Club AGM



# Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – The Lodge, Alsager



1. Chairman's welcome	Paul welcomed all to the meeting. Was noted that several inputs to agenda items were received in advance from Steve, Jeff and Guillaume, for which each would be presented in part 7 of the meeting.				
2. Introductions and apologies	Attendees: Matt, Paul P, Paul S, Mike, Neeraj, Sam, Jason, Jemma, Fran, Chris G, Andrew, Jon, June, Chi Apologies: Steve, Jeff, Guillaume, Emily, Lee, Ellie, AJ				
	Several no responses from Teamer				
3. Review and approval of previous AGMs, dated 14 Sep '21 and 15 October '21	No concerns were raised – minutes agreed				
4. Matters Arising since the previous AGM	No matters were raised.				
	A question was asked here, regarding Teamer requests – it was clarified that members are asked to reply by the Wednesday before the subsequent Friday session, to facilitate accurate court bookings. Members are not expected to respond to Teamer requests weeks in advance.				
5. Club reports					
a. Treasurer	A copy of the report is in Appendix A to these minutes. Headline comments here:				
	ABC will support coaching fees for agreed coaches.				
	Fran Brooks to go through Level 1 coaching, where a course becomes available.				
	In addition, the following club fees were unanimously agreed for the 2022/23 season, effective from 1st September 2022:				
	Adult solo Membership £30				
	Concession solo Membership £20				
	Concession was clarified to mean:				
	<18 years old on 1 <sup>st</sup> September of the corresponding season				
	Full time student				
	>65 years old on 1 <sup>st</sup> September of the corresponding season				
	Club nights fees and match fees will increase to the following effective from 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022:				
	Adult £6				
	Concession £4				

	For the Junior section, attendees will be asked going forwards to pay junior attendance in blocks of several weeks (terms/quarters). Membership of ABC is paid in a standard arrangement, annually.  Shuttles costs were discussed, as expressed at Crewe League AGM, of note purchasing 25+ tubes at a time will be £17 per tube. Agreed to buy 2 tubes of hybrid shuttles.				
	Please note, where mentioned, the Badminton England membership fee, and the associated county fee are costs to ABC, for which your membership goes directly towards. There are no additional costs to ABC members for these items.				
b. Secretary	A copy of the report is in Appendix B to these minutes.				
c. Junior Section (8 – 16 years old)	Verbal input reported there are performance and social halves of the group. Recently, Andy Aspinall has coached interested juniors (£25 per hour rate). There is a waiting list for membership; with week to week fluctuations in attendance, a proposal to offer block payment possibilities (£45 per quarter). Main attendance age range is 12-14 years. A copy of the junior section report is outstanding.				
d. Crewe League Captain	JP: Congratulations to 1 <sup>st</sup> team promotion to Div1. 2 <sup>nd</sup> team finished mid-table. Fixtures meeting 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2022.				
e. Staffs League Captain	MS: Similar to Crewe league, good support through the season, some very good results, one or two near misses mentioned.				
	AB: Many thanks notably to Mel Pickford [from the club] for being a strong presence in organising, sorting teams and driving to matches throughout this season – much team activity in the season needed this.				
	No fixtures meeting date has been mentioned.				
f. Social events / end-of-season tournament / League events	The normal structure of social events / tournaments was agreed as good to continue and suggestions were requested.				
	Fran was asked [and agreed] to organise an end of season tournament (end July pencilled in).				
g. Chair	Paul recognised further growth in the club and the encouraging signs that we have a firm attendance base for club nights and match nights. We must strive to be inclusive in all we do and be sure that all members develop their playing skills through being stretch and supporting others.				
6. Election of Officers for 2022/23 season;	Chair Paul Slaughter				
Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Team Captains, etc	Secretary Andrew Bennett (with support from Chris)				
	Treasurer Jason Fryer Kelsey Crewe Team A Captain Guillaume Schneider				

	Crewe Team B Captain Jemma Fryer Kelsey
	Crewe Mixed Captain Neeraj Mittal
	Staffs A Captain Mike Stallard
	Staffs B Captain Sam Hutchinson
	Junior Section Jason Fryer Kelsey
	Jemma Fryer Kelsey
	Shuttle Monitor Jon Postlethwaite
	Social Secretary Ben Apps / Fran Brooks
	Webmaster Chris Geal
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7.	Proposals and	Discussion	Points - outcomes
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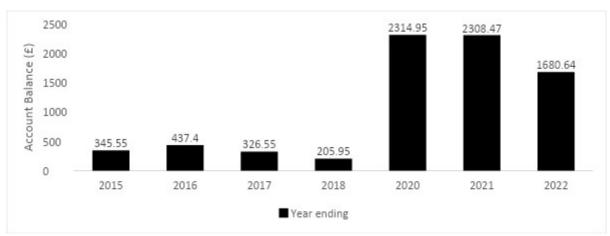
Туре	e Item Person Proposing		Proposal	Vote	
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FINANCIAL	А	Treasurer	Increase annual club membership fees by £5 per category due to predicted increase in costs (see treasurer report)  a) Adult = £30  b) Concession = £20	Agreed	
	В	Treasurer	Increase club night/match night fees to  a) Adult = £6 b) Concession = £4 (Under 18 on 1st September each year, Full-time student, +NPA  Sec. note: +NPA needs explaining.	Agreed	
	С	Junior Coach/Treasurer	Junior fees to be paid 'termly' by direct bank transfer on a fixed fee basis. Many benefits to this. Jason to set fees accordingly	Agreed	
	D	Treasurer	Qualified coaches (e.g. Jemma and Jason) who run a session to get free adult badminton on a Friday.  Sec. note: limited to club night fees, to be clarified. Other ABC coaches inclusive?	Agreed	
	E	Treasurer	Any spends of club accounts can be decided (by committee majority) through the year and not just at the AGM in response to club needs.  Sec. note: the signatories for access to club finds to be aligned with elected ABC club officers, only.	Agreed	
	F	Jason Fryer- Kelsey	Team Captains should be given free club membership for the season/period they fulfil the role. This would cost the equivalent of an additional 10pence per person on the adult subs. Workings available on request.		Agreed
		Andrew Bennett	Counter: Acceptance of a volunteer role is not rewarded, currently. All club officers should have the same recognition.	Agreed	
	G	Chris Geal	Juniors only pay for one session, even if they are transitioning to adults. This has been happening for several years already.  Sec note: refers to a junior playing junior section and senior section on same evening.	Agreed	
CLUB NIGHTS	Н	Fran Brooks	Would it be possible to have contactless card payments on team night? Might save people from forgetting to pay.		Agreed
	I	Chris Geal	Create a 'club night coordinator(s)' role (not on the committee) to take charge of club night organisation to ensure fairness fun and competitiveness of play.	Will not progress, difficult to impleme	
	J	Jeff Keech	Extend the use of the pegboard to ensure that all players, including visitors, are not excluded/ ignored after 9pm: I appreciate that team players need to practice with partners, but equally all the rest of the club should have the opportunity to improve their game by playing with stronger members	Discussed in Will maintain peg board pophysically ch board, every responsible	n current rocess, nange the rone for their
		Chris Geal	Counter proposal: To keep club nights continuing with the 1-1 hour split, but 'club night co-ordinator (see Item L) to take charge of the split – to ensure rotation of players.	own peg, pla be rotated p rules writter peg board. ( misses the a	er the n on the Picker djacent 2
		Andrew Bennett	Counter proposal: maintain peg board system for full 2 hours each club night, with one night per month (nominate first	players, then 3 from 5)	n chooses

	К	Fran Brooks	Friday for example) which will be a 1-1 split, allowing for match play pairings.  More opportunities for women to compete if they would like	Agreed to actively	
	K		to (there may or may not be enough women for a woman's team but how can we support women to be able to compete regardless).	progress a mixed team. This links forwards to a CDBL AGM discussion topic.	
	L	Fran Brooks	Establishing club ethos - is inclusivity the main focus or are teams picked based on strongest players (either is understandable but perhaps ensuring that all players are fully aware of club intentions and rationale)  Sec note: see also Code of ethics and conduct 2021 v1 (badmintonengland.co.uk)	Agreed that with tweaks to the peg board approach, and a "participate" approach to teams, we will rigorously achieve competitiveness and participation. BE code of ethics link will be added to ABC constitution and membership forms for coming season.	
	M	Chris Geal	In order to promote competitive badminton – Dedicate 4 Fridays (league-match free) throughout the year and create a 'Nations League' style inter-club competition where members are grouped into 'leagues' and are relegated/promoted based on attendance and performance. Sec note: if in agreement, consider adopting immediately, to inform early season match player selection	Agreed, maybe start in Summer when no matches	
CLUB	N	Chris Geal	Small change to club constitution: Head junior-coach to be added to committee on club constitution	Agreed	
	0	Chris Geal Andrew Bennett	Based on limited expressions of interest, move to reduce Men's Staff's teams to 1 and enter a mixed team in Crewe instead.  Counter: Monitor participation (captains) to make sure there is an even attendance between interested members. Teams need to have an agreed focus – compete or participate – to make sure all members' needs/aspirations/ambitions/abilities are met	Agreement of 2xCDBL mens, 2xStaffs mens, 1xCDBL mixed	
	Р	Andrew Bennett	Honorary members who do not participate for X sessions per season are not automatically re-joined in the next season	Not agreed to	
	Q	Andrew Bennett	Training of club members, junior and senior has often been discussed. Junior training sessions have been delivered. What is the appetite for senior training? Will Junior training be offered again in 22/23 season?	Junior training will be offered. Senior training opportunities will be searched for.	

8. Team Interests for coming season	Crewe 1	Crewe 2	Staffs 1	Staffs 2	Mixed	Ladies
	Jon P	Don M	Jon P	Don M	Jon P	
2022/23	Ben M Jason F-K	Ben M Jason F-K	Ben M Jason F-K	Ben M Jason F-K	Jason F-K	
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	Matt G		Matt G		Matt G	
	Guillaume S		Guillaume S			
	Chris G	Chris G	Chris G		Chris G	
		Andy B	Andy B	Andy B	Andy B	
	Sam H	Sam H	Sam H	Sam H	Sam H	
		Lee B			Lee B	
	Ben D				June K	June K
		Fran B			Fran	Fran
	Ellie B	Ellie B			Ellie B	Ellie B
		Evie G			Evie G	Evie G
					Hannah G	Hannah G
	Ben A		Ben A		Ben A	
	<ul> <li>months starting 1 September to 31 August</li> <li>b. "life membership" refers to members granted Honorary Life membership</li> <li>c. Include the leader of the junior section as an officer of the club</li> <li>d. Include junior member and concessionary member as membership categories</li> <li>e. The constitution to be signed, dated, added to club websit</li> </ul>					
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10. Awards	The prestigious "Golden Cock" award will be handed to Ben Dixon for services to Captaincy. The Steve Bennett Award is currently with Paul S and will become available for use.					
11. AOB	8pm, £20 per Crewe League in Crewe (CW: attendance, a Teamer / Chas Pre-payment of method Kidsgrove leis ALC capacity Bank account	presentation of person (£15 ur person (£15 ur person (£15 ur person); Andreverson of court session person centre re-our person cluer responsibilit.	nder 18's) - ne, 7.30pn v, Paul, Jas voting rigi sApp use - ns – agreed pening in J	- ABC se n at the son, Jem hts per c - please d not to	everal su Duke of nma con club). use, res change	iccesses f Gloucest firmed spectfully current use due to

# **Treasurers Report 2022**

#### 1. Current status



Current Status: Bank Balance of £1322. Junior Float: £178.64. Shuttle reserves: £170 (10 x tubes).
 Main expenditures to the club: Shuttles, Facility hire, League Registrations, Individual Registrations, Club Registrations.

Additional expenditure this season:

- £16.08 Cones and numbers
- £343.20 Blazepod agility lights
- £40 13 Club
   So when added up, this total would be £2079.92 making a deficit of £228.55 from end of 2021 season.

### 2. Case studies for a typical club/match night

5 Courts – 2 hours	£ 78	5 Courts – 2 hours	£85.80
		1 court – 1 hour	
2 tubes of shuttles	£ 34	2 tubes of shuttles	£34
Total Cost to club	£112	Total Cost to club	£119.08

### Case studies for club night income

**29**° April **2022** – 1 home match and 9 paying members at club night. 7 adult and 2 concession. This equates to 13 adults and 2 concessions. 13 x £5 = 65 2 x £3 = 6 Total income is £71. As you can see this loses the club circa £40.

Friday 11\* March 2022 – 1 away match and 14 paying members at club night. 12 adult and 2 concession. This equates to 20 adults and 2 concessions.  $20 \times £5 = £100$  and  $2 \times £3 = 6$ . Total income is £106. Still, this leaves a deficit of £6-£13.

An away match in mid-week week would bring in an extra £27 - £30 for the club to make up the deficit. These aren't every week but more often than not just about cover the costs most weeks. The margin is very fine.

#### Notes

• These figures are to be used as a guide. Weeks depending on attendance and matches

- Figures gained on assumption of 2 tubes of shuttles used per week. Sometimes more shuttles are used. Sometimes less
- It is clear that club nights run consistently at a loss and are being subsidised by the increase in away matches.
- This is something that has always happened, and worked well, however the deficit has increased this year leading to a net reduction in bank account.

## **Proposal for Financial Structure for 2022-2023 Season**

- 1. Increase annual club membership fees by £5 per category due to predicted increase in costs
- a. Adult solo = £30
- b. Concession solo = £20
- 2. Increase club night/match night fees to
- a. Adult = £6
- b. Concession = £4
- c. Guests = £7 (members of other clubs)

n.b concessions:

- -Under 18 on 1st September each year,
- Full-time student,
- +65
- 3. Junior fees to be paid 'termly' by direct bank transfer. Head coach to work our on a rolling basis, depending on how many weeks in each term. Many benefits to this.

#### Proposal based on the following:

- Court hire has gone up 30p per hour from £7.50 to £7.80. This is at a discounted rate, but we have to pay for two membership cards for the year.
- A 30p rise gives 60p increase per court.
- We book 5 courts for two hours usually. This amounts to an extra £3 per session on average. From £75-£78.
- Sometimes we book the extra court for an hour which adds £7.80 to the total.
- It is felt that further increases may happen through the year with costs of energy etc
- Shuttles are currently £17 per dozen. It is also expected that these will increase in cost significantly. I predict that this could rise to £20 at least.
- The impact of this varies, depending on usage, however we may be introducing new teams next season and we have introduced no-strings aswell. Juniors receive adult knock-ups so minimal cost there. Plus another night maybe added.
- If we use two tubes of shuttles per night, this would amount to a £6 per night increase.
- £6 + £3 would be an increase of £9 per club night.

#### **Appendix B: Secretary Report**

#### **Club Membership**

Season on season increase, mixed membership of 70 across senior and junior sessions, most actively attend, many of these every week.

Fielded mixed teams on a number of occasions (John Ford, League)

Participation feels pre-pandemic – thank you to all of you for making this so

Great and growing attendance – many clubs are in decline / without a home facility

To improve: Teamer – are all senior members on there? Does it reflect current membership?

#### Within club competitiveness

Let's get these events on the calendar, whatever [and whenever] they are agreed to be

#### **Summer Badminton**

A small number of badminton clubs in CDBL are announcing themselves as summer clubs, inviting folks to join. Do we want to?

#### **Competitions**

Crewe League – congratulations to  $1^{st}$  team league winners,  $2^{nd}$  team for mid-table finish, junior tournament winners (Ellie, Sam, etc)

N Staffs – both teams have done well in a season troubled with fixtures

Captains – thank you for keeping fixtures possible, ringing around,

To improve: scoresheets – is there a stock of these / can they be circulated?

(incomplete teams loses points, errors in peoples names loses points, late reporting loses points)

#### **CDBL Fixtures meeting:**

Monday 4th July 2022, presumably 7:30 at the Duke of Gluocester in Crewe.

Any news on the N Staffs fixtures?

#### **Clubs Future**

Last year, focusses were: 1) Promote the club / increase membership 2) Junior club and 3) Develop consistent female membership.

I do not believe this has changed, nor do I think it is time to sit back. 70 is a very good number, attrition particularly in junior section most likely.

#### **Crewe AGM**

Report back after Monday 13<sup>th</sup>. Discussion topic to note, mixed participations (mens league, mixed league, John Ford).

### **Appendix C: Junior Section Report**

Outstanding at time of publishing these minutes, September 2022.