

**DISTRICT LEAGUE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5 OCTOBER - 8PM - CASTLEMAINE**

Present:	Allan Paxton	Chair
	Dave Gardner	North Foreland
	Paul Stephenson	Medway
	Phil Chipperfield	South Foreland
	Mike O'Keeffe	Medway

Apologies: Lauren Neve, Badminton Development, Robin Wells (Orpington/NWK) and Steve Mackintosh (Ravensbourne).

Allan believes he may have used the incorrect email addresses for Myra Lauanders and Robin Hard and will check this.

Matters arising from last meeting (19 April)

- Nigel Diplock (TW Region), has produced and circulated an electronic score card. Dave Gardner said that he thought his region's version was smarter in terms of picking up anomalies.
- Allan spoke to Peter Williams (Chairman of Ravensbourne) about Ravensbourne's attendance at meetings, communication and contact details. Peter said that the Region was still active and interested in Kent developments and he wanted to be kept informed in future.

Allan said he would re-launch his questionnaire, sending to KBL members during this season.

The suggestion of re-introducing the East and West Kent Leagues was for Ladies only. The Apollo Ladies Team is very strong and plays in the Medway Men's Division. Allan said he would write to Regions to establish if there were other strong ladies teams who wanted to play each other - **(Action Point 1)**.

Allan has written to the Juniors Squad Director regarding Robin Hart's suggestion that an Umpire be invited to Junior Squad sessions.

INTER-REGIONAL EVENT

Dave circulated a memo saying that booked hours had been reduced for 2012. He had confirmation of entries from all Regions except Rainham and Ravensbourne. If more teams are needed Orpington and Medway may be able to field 2 teams each. It was decided to make a decision on the rule that 'team players must aspire to play twice for a region' at the next meeting on 1 February.

Allan said he would make enquiries from other counties on best practice on Inter-regional rules (**Action point 2**).

UPDATE FROM KENT BADMINTON LIMITED (KBL)

The 2011 AGM ran smoothly and all Director posts filled. It was considered that each Director should speak briefly at the AGM rather than rely solely on the reports published on the KBL website. Each Director from 2010/11 was continuing their role during 2011/12. To date achievements were: -

- Well attended trials (play-in) for new Junior Squad members.
- Successful Junior Restricted tournament at TW.
- Successful Senior Restricted tournament at Castlemaine.
- County Teams selected and matches arranged.
- New County shirts sourced and ordered.

The KBL website will be updated. It was suggested that basic information such as fees should appear.

The contacts for each region i.e. from KBL to regions were confirmed as: -

Medway	Paul Stephenson & Mike O'Keeffe
Orpington/NWK	Robin Wells & Gemma Fitch
TW	Janet Powell & Allan Paxton
South Foreland	Phil Chipperfield & Ann Reynolds
North Foreland	Dave Gardner & Kathy Vaughan
Ravensbourne	Sally Murray? & Peter Williams/ Steve Mackintosh
Rainham	Myra Launders and ?

COMPETITIONS

Dave gave his list of tournaments which appear on the KBL website. The click box to download entry forms was proving extremely useful in attracting entries, particularly juniors.

REGIONAL OFFICER NEWS

Lauren had produced a list of active coaches which was both useful and helpful. There are some known coaches missing from the list but the list is based on those who responded. The following report was tabled by Lauren.

Regional Officer Update

' September 2011

CPNSC:

This year's Centre Parc's National Schools Competition now requires each school to enter by the 21st October and pay £15 per school. The local competition will be run by the School Games Organisers as the event is a 'badge' Kent School Games event. All local competition will need to be completed by the 16th December and the county finals will be on the 7th February 2012 at Medway Park.

The schools can enter via an online system at www.badmintonengland.co.uk/cpnsc

The Schools that have entered so far are;

Sandwich Technology School	Gravesend Grammar School
Longfield Academy	Harvey Grammar School-Folkestone
The Malling School	The John Wallis Church of England School
Angley School	The Howard School
The Marsh Academy	

Back 2 Badminton:

At the moment there are Back 2 Badminton courses running at the YMCA centre in Maidstone (6 weeks) and the Kingsmead Leisure Centre in Canterbury (10 weeks).

Maidstone; Wednesday 6-7pm £3.00

Canterbury; Sunday 10-11am (Family session 11+) and 11-12pm (Adults only) £3.50

Thursday 9-10am (Coaching morning) £4.00 (non members)

Badminton 4 Business:

I am trying to target businesses in the Community Badminton Network areas Maidstone, Medway and Canterbury. The idea is to persuade the businesses to encourage their staff to take part in physical activity. We have a menu of interventions for the company to choose from, corporate leagues, ropey ladders, back 2 badminton or other participation programmes.

If anyone has links with businesses in these areas and they think they could help me gain contact with the companies please let me know, any help would be greatly appreciated.

No Strings Badminton:

In Kent at the moment we have No Strings Badminton franchises in Tenterden, Meopham, Maidstone, Sittingbourne, Sheppey and Folkestone. In a recent presentation at the Kent Leisure Trusts meeting we have received positive feedback from many of the local trusts and this looks to develop into future franchises in Kent.

N.B. - for all of the projects listed above I have promotional material available, if anyone could promote these please let me know and I will organise sending the flyers/ posters/ eshots over to you.

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It was agreed that it would be helpful if the *Chairman/Secretary* of any region could be informed when an event organised by Badminton England in their region was taking place.

Phil said that 'No Strings Badminton' had positively helped finding new players to join clubs.

A question for Lauren - 'How do schools get to know about the Center Parcs competition?'

NEWS FROM REGIONS

Orpington/NWK

- Changed their rules for teams at matches; to supply tea/biscuits rather than sandwiches, at team's discretion.
- Their long-standing and founding Tournament Secretary, Jean Payne, had stood down.
- 4 new clubs had jointed their League, ie: 'The Team', 'Crossfire', 'Isis' and 'New Eagles'.

Tunbridge Wells

- The TW AGM was well attended; clubs have an incentive because attendees receive a discount from league entry fees.
- A new rule on conduct within the League was passed at the AGM.
- This season TW have introduced a Ladies 4s division which is handicapped.
- They are continuing with committee members contacting 2-3 clubs during the season to keep in touch.
- Down to 14 clubs in the League, some bigger clubs running more teams.
- They are hoping to keep the League Trophies in a centrally placed trophy cabinet.
- They have asked all clubs to support the small clubs by referring players and not encouraging players to defect.

South Foreland.

- The junior area is doing well with good numbers attending coaching. Entries for junior tournaments encouraging.
- One new club has joined.
- 4 clubs have joined a new composite league which is a positive sign.

Medway

- At AGM all committee positions filled.
- They have lost 3 clubs from the League.
- Decided to drop singles from the knock-out cup competition, in consequence entries have doubled. 2 x 8 in each mixed division.
- Registration of names delayed due to Badminton England's late procedures.

North Foreland

- Have a new Chairman.
- They have 2 senior clubs. Fortunately, Pfizer Juniors have been re-sited. They have 3 mixed, 3 men's, 3 composite and 1 ladies 4s in the league.
- There is a very good coaching set up in Thanet.
- Junior Tournament has good entries.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Suggested and agreed that a Rep from the Kent Supporters be invited to attend our meetings (**Action Point 3**)

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 1 February 2012 - 8pm - Castlemaine.