

Nova Badminton Club AGM 26/3/26

Apologies: Ron Hopkins, Ben Crevis, Asha Vaghese, Jeremy Stinton, Mary Lam, Chris Poole, Andy Holland

Attended: Phill Parsons, Chris Zaadstra, Jane Nicholls, Ian Foreshaw, Dave Wilcox, Dave Gough, Chris Mather, Robert Pound, Chris Del-Manso, Paul Chidley, Susanne Mooney, Elaine Nichol, Bonnie Tomlin, Mark Adams, Steve Mason, Amy O'Brien, Chelsea Wong, Phil Bowen

1. Acceptance of the previous year's minutes - reviewed and agreed a true account - agreed Phil Parsons, seconded David Gough
2. Chairperson's Report

The club has secured long-term court time at Lilleshall for the next four years, finally resolving venue instability and strengthening its position. Thanks to all our members for their support during this time when we have had to switch venues.

Membership now stands at 33 registered with Badminton England.

Susanne thanked the committee's work which has been central to the clubs success this year:

- Elaine, as Treasurer, who has managed finances, registers and bookings so efficiently
- Phil Parsons, who has worked hard overseeing the website, handled enquiries, updated the constitution, and securing the new courts and contract.
- Thanks to Jane as the Club Secretary who organises the minutes along with Phill. Also, for their work ensuring the club met the necessary requirements to join Badminton England.
- Welfare Officer Dave Gough who completed safeguarding training.
- Men's Team Captain Chris Del Manso who has successfully run the men's team, now known as Nova Badminton Club and arranged all the fixtures.
- Dave Wilcox, helped by Jane, who has been running the popular and improved Ladder, with Phil maintaining updates on the website and keeping the leaderboard.

Thank you again to all Nova Committee for their hard work over the last year.

The club is celebrating its 21st year with a party on June 5th at the Dog House at the Phez pub, open to all members past and present, plus partners.

3. The Treasurer's report .Finances are good. Balance as at 28/2/26 £4733.65 (less £579 still to be paid for Jan and Feb courts). Also, £400 has been paid in advance for Lilleshall courts. The major expenses last year were court fees paid to BBS and Oakengates. These increased because the more expensive Oakengates courts had to be booked more frequently than in previous years, due to the unavailability of BBS courts.

Subs were down by £400. Number of standing orders remained constant, but number of casual players fluctuates. Overall balance was down by £300 against the balance last year. Full details in the Finance statement produced by Treasurer. Acceptance of the year's account agreed Robert Round, seconded Dave Wilcox

4. Team Captain's report – the season is still ongoing but currently 3rd in division and won't get relegated. There have been some good wins. This year the team is under the name of Nova Badminton Club rather than You've been Served.
Accepted as a true account agreed - Dave Gough, seconded – Chris Mather
5. Resignation of the current committee – all resigned
6. Election of the committee for the coming year

Chairperson – Susanne Mooney proposed by Dave Gough, seconded by Paul Chidley

Secretary - Jane Nicholls proposed by Chris Mather, seconded by Chelsea Wong

Treasurer - Elaine Nichol proposed by Chris Mather, seconded by Susanne Mooney

Welfare Officer - Dave Gough proposed Paul Childley, seconded by Zac

Team Captain - Chris Del Manso proposed by Chelsea, seconded by Dave Wilcox

Social Secretary Dave Gough proposed by Bonnie, seconded by Phil Bowen

Website Phill Parsons – proposed by Susanne, seconded by Elaine Nichol. Offer of help from Steve Mason

7. New teams. Discussion about of the number of league teams and the appointment of team captains for the following season. Chris Del Manso will continue to be the men's team. Also, he has offered to go to the fixtures meeting in September on behalf of all the teams we enter. We are now able to easily book the courts for any extra time needed. It was agreed that we will put in a

mixed team, and perhaps a women's team in the second division if there is enough interest. A notice will be put up to find out interest and see who the team captain will be.

8. Agreement on Fees for the next year. Fees to stay the same for the next year with it being reviewed and raised if needed. Proposed Paul Chidley, seconded by Bonnie Tomlin
9. Acceptance of Rev 4 of Club Constitution Proposed Chris Zaadstra, seconded – Dave Wilcox
10. Membership forms -they needed to be changed as the name of the club had changed and to reflect that our members belong to Badminton England. Personal details need to be kept updated on your Badminton England membership accounts as it includes the emergency contact that will be used by the club if needed . Members asked to complete forms and return them to s committee member.

11. Club Socials

- 21st Party. Arrangements have been made for a party with catering at the Doghouse function room at the Pheasant in Newport. It will be on Friday 5th June and all members, past and present will be invited.
- Christmas Party agreed to book tables at the Shropshire Golf Club party night again
- Soul Night – cancelled by Cottage Care
- Archery – a vote to be put on the WhatsApp group when a date agreed. Dave Gough to liaise with Audco Archers.
- Rounders – a date early in September will be booked. We still have a credit for the previous year's cancelled event
- Asha hopefully will arrange an Indian meal out

12. Any other club business

- Good to have the Team players to wear club t-shirts
- Crosswind 70 shuttle being considered but would need to be a yellow version. Feathers too costly. Stay with Mavis 300 for now.
- Chairman's Tournament – Chris Poole won it last year. Mark has the ladder trophy; Tom Bowen has the runners-up. The tournament date will be 24 September
- Suggested that we high five rather than a mix of handshakes, tapping racquets etc.
- Discussed the club being open to under 18s. Not making any changes at this time. However, this will be something that we will continue to explore.

Meeting closed 10.30