



**Suffolk Badminton Association  
87<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
16<sup>th</sup> August 2021  
via Zoom  
Minutes**

1. **The Chairman**, Mike Tee, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies**
  - a) Received from Sharon Goddard (Leiston BC), Nick Saunders (Beccles BC), Richard Chillingford (Bosmere JBC), Linda Sheppard (YMCA JBC), Jo Hughes.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a) The **minutes** of the 2020 AGM were accepted and signed as a correct record., with one correction to the spelling of Linda Sheppard's name.
4. **Matters Arising**
  - a) There were no **matters arising** not already on the agenda.
5. **Chairman's Remarks.**
  - a) Report attached.
  - b) Badminton England has provided constant guidance throughout the year.
  - c) Development and County have continued as best as we could.
  - d) SBA has been in contact with venues across the county with schools being the biggest problem.
  - e) National tournaments have now re-started.
  - f)Volunteers always welcome.
6. **Treasurer's Reports and Accounts**
  - a) The Treasurer, Sue Driver, presented the accounts for the period 1/05/2020 to 30/04/2021 (copy attached).
  - b) Very little financial movement during this period.
  - c) SBA current balance is £28,040 up £1,234
  - d) Ringfenced areas stayed the same except the juniors.
  - e) Adoption of the Accounts as submitted by the Treasurer be accepted. Proposed: Sue McKinley, Seconded: Steve Cook. Agreed.
7. **Committee Reports**
  - a) Coaching (Ben Williams)
    - List of all Suffolk Coaches has been compiled and a survey will be sent to them to understand what assistance/needs/support/courses/funding is required.
    - BE require 9 participants to run a level one course and 6 for a level 2 course.
  - b) Development (Peter Webb – not present)
    - Kesgrave and Woodbridge Pay and Play sessions are back up and running.
    - Further Pay and Play locations – in need of volunteers to run.



- c) Competitive Play (Mike Tee)
  - See report attached.
  - No tournaments over the past year.
  - Senior County Championships – 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021
  - Junior County Championships – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021
  - Other tournament dates are confirmed with BE from Sept – Dec 2021 with 2022 dates proposed and awaiting confirmation from BE.
- d) ICC (Stephen Smith & Dan Hooper – not present)
  - Two teams entered with matches from January 2022.
- e) Juniors (David Driver)
  - See report attached.
  - 12 x Under 14 and 10 x Under 16 & 18 sessions have taken place.
  - Friendly matches have taken place, and more are organised.
  - Shires League will run from September 2021 to April 2022 with even age groups.
  - David thanked the junior committee for its support.
- f) Masters (Sue McKinley)
  - No matches last year.
  - The following age groups have been entered for the 2021/2022 season – over 40, 50, 55, 60, 65.
  - Practice sessions to be organised for October 2021 and January 2022.
  - Matches will run from November 2021 to March 2022.
  - Challenge Weekend will take place.
  - New players are always welcome.
- g) Promotional & Website (Peter Webb- not present)
  - Continually updated.

## 8. League Reports

- a) IDBL – no matches last year.
  - Delay planned to 2021/22 season.
  - Teams to be entered by 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
  - Fixtures to be made from 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
  - Matches to start from 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 to end of April 2022.
  - AGM on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- b) NBF – no matches last year.
  - NBF has communicated with all clubs and plans to delay the start of the season.
  - Teams to be entered by 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
  - One club unfortunately folded.
  - AGM on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.
- c) BDBL (not present)
  - BDBL has communicated with all clubs.
  - AGM on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021.



## 9. Badminton England Matters

- Continuing to liaise with SGO's and have recently emailed updating on a few areas – have left it with them as to whether they want me to discuss some of our products at their SGO meeting or whether they want to get in touch individually to discuss where we can work together
- Ipswich Racketpack festival organised at Rushmere 20<sup>th</sup> October
- Inclusive Badminton Festival will run for the region as part of 'The Big Hit' week 19<sup>th</sup> September at Trumpington, 1-3pm. Mike McCarthy as part of Special Olympics, learning disabilities has been invited/asked to be a partner.
- Norwich Foundation Course to run 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – this will alternate yearly between Norfolk/Suffolk
- Young Leader Award now free to deliver by clubs, coaches, CBAs to try to encourage a new cohort of volunteers of the future. All the resources are on the resource hub in the 'Coaching in Schools' section
- [Young Leaders Academy](#) will run virtually on the 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> October plus a follow up session in November. Applications are now open and clubs can nominate up to two candidates. The aim of the Academy is to equip Young Leaders with essential skills and knowledge to support delivery in their clubs and community.
- Can now sign up to the virtual Volunteer Conference on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2-5pm. See details [here](#) Webinars include;
  - Rebuilding your player base
  - Looking after your volunteers and planning for the future
  - Engaging with schools and young people
  - Encouraging more helpers
  - Empowering young volunteers to step forward
  - Re-establishing yourself as a coach/coordinator
- [SNAP Sponsorship](#) Webinar – 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – is a monthly charge, but support to help get sponsorship from local companies. Ongoing commitment – keeping social media/websites up to date.

## 10. Election of Officers

**President** – Steve Cook (elected by Council) thanked Mike Tee and the S

The following officers were then elected.

<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Chairman	Mike Tee	Steve Cook	John Harvey
Treasurer	Sue Driver	Steve Cook	Sue McKinley
Secretary	Nominations Sought		
Vice Presidents	Steve Cox A Girling P Feek Stephen Smith Tony Bristow Carol Bowden M Hurlock Nicola Sturgeon Ian Young	Sue McKinley en bloc	Steve Cook en bloc
Committee	Stephen Smith David Driver Daniel Hooper Peter Webb Sue McKinley Ben Williams Abhay Samel (Welfare Officer)	Mike Tee en bloc	Sue Driver en bloc

Sue Driver has decided that this will be her last year as Treasurer.

## 11. Affiliation Fees 2021-22

- The Council proposed no fees for adults or juniors for 2021/22.
- This is to encourage return to play and to support the clubs.
- **Agreed.**

## 12. County Teams 2020-21

- The Council had proposed no change to running a first and second team in the ICC.
- **Agreed.**

## 13. County Tournaments

- Under 17 Silver & Bronze – 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021.
- Senior Bronze – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
- Under 19 Bronze – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021.
- Under 13 Bronze – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021.



**14. Community Support**

- Multi Sports Day for disabled children – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021.
- Racket Pack Festival for school years 3 & 4 – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

**15. Sport Development**

- Coaches Forums – Assistance and support across the County in clubs and schools.
- More contact with schools – offer schools free membership to SBA?
- Summer/Half Term camps – SBA/County/Club/PC can assist happy to assist.
- Ladies/Adult only events.

**16. Any other business**

- None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.32pm.