**Mid Sussex & District Badminton Association (****MSDBA)**

**Minutes of AGM held on Tuesday 7th June 2022**

Hurstpierpoint Village Hall – 7.30pm

**Persons Present**

Penny Radford (PR) – Committee Member (Chair)

Brian Hobbs (BH) – Committee Member (League Secretary)

Zoe Macwhinnie (ZM) - Committee Member (Secretary)

Becky Simpson (BS) – Committee Member (Treasurer)

Tony Brown (TB) – Committee Member

Jamie Neill – (Dolphin)

Alan Luxford (Brighton Rackateers)

Philip Lim – (Brighton Bats)

Graeme Garoner – (Forest)

Val Trygstad – (Valiants)

Minh – (Valiants)

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Sara Fallon (Nomads), Gordon Owen (Nomads), Julia Alkema, Paula Weller (Crossways), Paul Fletcher (Valiants) Kevin Chamberlain (Lindfield) Louis Eastwood (Hassocks)

1. **Minutes of the 2021 AGM**

**BH to approved the minutes – GG seconded**

1. **Arising**

None

1. **Chair’s Report**

Welcome back to our Mid Sussex League! Albeit a bit smaller than usual, it ended up being bigger than expected! I am sure Brian will fill us all in on how the season went but I would just like to say well done to all our clubs that have managed to keep their club running and enter teams into our league.

As Chair, I have nothing to report as things have run smoothly (I have had no correspondence to say otherwise!) but once again I would like to thank my committee members for their continued support in keeping the Mid Sussex League thriving.

I am looking forward to our next season starting in September, with hopefully a return to the number of team entries pre-covid and fingers crossed for maybe even more.

1. **Correspondence**

Sussex AGM -28th June on Zoom

Emails from Julia Alkema and Val T stating they are happy to help with any events that MSDBA run.

We received an email from Paula Weller stating that she is happy with the proposal regarding fees.

Correspondence from Paula discussing whether Crossways will continue.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Please see attached report – costs mainly website and hall hire

Profit £17

BW - general view is that once we have a cushion of £500 that is ok. The Brighton League has a balance of £4000, so we don’t have that level of surplus. Definitely enough money to consider not charging people this year.

1. **League Secretary’s Report**

I’m sure you will agree that it is fantastic to be back and playing competitive badminton again. It has been great to meet up with old friends (& foes) throughout the season.

This year we had a total of 10 clubs field 30 different teams across the various leagues and divisions. As always, I am incredibly grateful to those of you who help run your clubs for your support and the effort you made in arranging for these teams to take part. After the long break caused by the pandemic, it was difficult to know who would want to play and whether we would be able to complete a full season. As a result many teams were only entered at the last moment and we had one casualty with our friends at Lewes deciding they were unable to field any teams this year. Lewes are a great and long established member of the MSDBA so let’s hope they will be able to return for next season.

I’m also grateful to team Captains and club secretaries who sent in their results sheets promptly, I didn’t have to do too much chasing this year. Hopefully you will have followed the results as they unfolded and kept abreast of how your teams were progressing by visiting our website: www.midsussexbadminton.org,uk . As a reminder, you can also get regular updates of news and events on our Facebook page. Don’t forget to follow and give us a ‘like’.

So for the results. In no particular order, congratulations to the following teams who were all conquering and won their respective divisions:

Men’s Combi Div. 1 - Brighton Valiants

Men’s Combi Div. 2 - BATS

Ladies Div. 1 – Crossways

Mixed Combi Div. 1 - Hassocks A

Mixed Combi Div. 2 - Forest B

Fusion Div. 1 - Brighton Valiants

Fusion Div. 2 - Dolphin

The Mid Sussex League remains strong and well supported. We continue to play friendly, yet competitive badminton and I sincerely hope we will see clubs entering as many, if not more teams next year.

**Brian Hobbs**

**MSDBA League Secretary**

If you know of any other teams, please do put them in touch with us, especially perhaps for the Fusion league.

Fixtures meeting in September 2022 – as many teams as possible would be great as this allows us to create as many teams as possible.

GG - wanted it noted that BH has helped us through the seasons and his reponses have been excellent.

1. **Election of Committee**

All roles up for election – can just be a committee member so that you have a vote.

All members of the committee are happy to continue.

1. **Point for discussion** – Use of funds

First proposal– to waiver club affiliation and club entry per team (£5). This might encourage more teams to join the league. Everyone present was happy with that proposal

Events

No ideas offered for events – although people offered to help run any events.

Shuttles

BH - big costs for clubs are hall hire, and shuttles. As a league, we have discussed buying shuttles for the clubs from one supplier but the discount minimal. Clubs also like use their own particular shuttles.

If there are ideas about how we can assist clubs. We can see what we can do.

1. **AOB**

**AGM date (2022/3) - 6th June 2023**

**Fixtures Meeting (2022/23) - 13th September 2022**

**Fixtures Meeting (2023/24) – 19th September 2023**

**Please keep ZM updated with any contacts**

BH raised issue of website - BH and Paul Fletcher can administer. Each club has a separate page which you can update any information you want. Clubs can post news articles or any events or ways to encourage new places to attend. If clubs send BH an email with the information he will put it on – clubs can link their websites to the page. MSDBA also have a Facebook page.

Fusion

BW – should we consider a feeder league for the Fusion teams? This would be to encourage women and youngsters.

BH the 2nd division is much lower. We have encouraged clubs not to field 4 men, but the point was to have a divisions where you just play. Fusion 1 if you have strong ladies then you can you have them play as a team too. It was mentioned that some teams have just had to put out whatever team they had. On some occasions, teams have told other teams if they have only had 4 men that could play.

Possibility of getting trophies for the Fusion league was raised.

Advertising

JN raised whether as league whether we should spend money on advertising to save individual clubs having to do it, perhaps flyers and leaflets in leisure centres. This would then mean the advertising was directed at people who play casual badminton at leisure centres. BH said he can make enquiries at the Triangle, JN said he would at the Dolphin.

Online system for results

GG raised whether MSDBA have thought about moving to using the online system for entering match results that Brighton uses.

BH explained the old website used to have that facility. The way new site is set up it would mean that people would have administrator rights.

GG pointed out that all of the Brighton, Crawley and Weald results websites are run by one person. The other team has to verify the results within a week.

It was agreed that this system might be worth looking into for next season.

**Meeting closed at 20.15**