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NORTH FORELAND REGIONAL BADMINTON ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012 - 7.00pm  
POLO FARM, CANTERBURY

A G E N D A

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of previous AGM and matters arising
4. Presentation of League Trophies and awards
5. Secretary's Report  
    Olympic Year activities
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Match Secretary's Report
8. Coaching Report
9. Tournament Secretary's Report
10. Publicity Officer's Report
11. Junior Affairs Report
12. Regional Report  
    including Inter-Regional events  
    KBL affairs
13. Election of Officers and Committee Members
14. Any Other Business

Any member of a club affiliated to the North Foreland may attend but only one member from each club shall be entitled to vote.

Please do your best to ensure that your club is represented. It would be helpful if you could let me have apologies if this isn't going to be possible – especially if your club won a division trophy.

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# NORTH FORELAND REGIONAL BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT PFIZERS SOCIAL CLUB ON TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011

The meeting was chaired by Peter Jones who noted the delay in holding this year's AGM due to the sudden death of our Chairman, Peter Bennett. Peter Bennett took over from Norman Stephens when 'Steve' retired in 1982. He was then a member of the old Thanet and Westcliffe club. Although he gave up playing some time ago his active involvement continued. For example he organised settings for the Kent county matches that we used to host in the region – particularly when we used the Winter Gardens (involving the use of the heavy temporary matting) – and right up to date he was currently in the throes of his annual task of producing the league winner certificates. Most current members will not realise how much work Peter did behind the scenes for badminton in our region. He will be greatly missed

The meeting stood in silence in tribute.

Peter Jones welcomed all present, especially Eric Jenner from Kent Supporters.

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These had been received from: Folkestone, Citadel, Racqueteers, Manwood Road, Derek Courtice, Liz Ross  
14 clubs were represented.

### 2. KENT SUPPORTERS

Eric outlined the function of KBSA – mainly financial support for young players finding it difficult to meet expenses. They also helped at Kent tournaments, for example in sponsoring trophies.

KBSA are ready and willing to help clubs/regions who want to put on quizzes etc to raise money. They help Kent to recruit older players for county teams through their contacts with clubs. Their committee includes such people as Sue Whetnall and Geoff Rofe.

Events are publicised on the Kent website. They are mostly located in the north-west of the county – it would be nice if activities could spread to other areas.

Eric reminded the meeting that applications for financial help from juniors could be made, for example where parents are sick and unable to provide travel etc.

### 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS A.G.M.

The minutes of last year's AGM had been previously issued. The idea of reviewing the rule about the provision of food at matches (as mentioned last year) was not being pursued.

### 4. PRESENTATION OF LEAGUE TROPHIES

League trophies were presented. A presentation was made to William Brealy as young player of the year in recognition of his contribution to local junior play culminating in his captaincy of our 2011 under-19 Inter-Regional team. [A trophy was not available at the meeting but was presented later].

### 5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

A printed report had been issued previously. The Secretary added a personal tribute to Peter Bennett. He asked those present to seriously consider joining the Committee – we needed to ensure as wide a representation as possible.

He reported on the current state of the new BE affiliation system and detailed the fees for next season.

Noted that Gavid Vickers and Dick Bickerdike had not been able to fulfil their roles on the Committee due to other commitments.

### 6. TREASURER'S REPORT

This was issued at the meeting. There was a loss overall of £418 due mainly to the lower level of club team fees

and the reduced entries to our tournaments.

Our team fees (£3.25 and £1.50) have been unchanged since the late 1980's. The Committee propose that these be raised to £5 for a senior team and £2.50 for a junior team. This was seconded by Chris Troke (Westgate) and carried unopposed.

#### 7. MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT

This was issued prior to the meeting.

The automatic introduction of Rally Point scoring was covered in the meeting agenda and notes. The idea of a midnight time limit of some sort was not pursued – the introduction of RPS will affect match times.

It was agreed that we should be flexible in allowing 'non-eligible' players to make up a team to avoid match cancellations. Clubs will be reminded at the start of the season. Where clubs suffer financial loss following fixture cancellations they should consider approaching the 'offending' club for some compensation. However it was felt that to formalise this in the rules would be difficult.

Where results continue to be late in arrival maybe we should seek to identify team captains and remind them directly. Seeking results from both teams is another option.

It was agreed that teams should not use the likely reduced match times resulting from RPS to become more flexible in enforcing the rules about start times – clubs should stick to the rules.

Noted that Terry Jemmett had created RPS versions of the online match cards.

#### 8. COACHING REPORT

Noted that there was active coaching in the region apart from that at junior clubs.

Brian's sessions in Thanet last year attracted a good response with an average turnout of around 22 – the aim is to carry on with a similar approach in the coming season. There are various other ideas to promote the game in that area.

Linda reported that Falcons club is restarting but it won't be entering the league as yet. There is a plan for a 'Back 2 Badminton' facility in Canterbury.

Philip is involved in sessions at Folkestone and Canterbury (amongst other things).

It's intended to organise a seminar for local coaches specifically to co-ordinate our approach to the county squads – eg what is it that Kent wants from its juniors. We agree to subsidise the court costs if necessary.

#### 9. TOURNAMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT

Philip Chipperfield gave a brief verbal report. Another difficult year – we are cutting down as there is obviously very limited support for senior events.

#### 10. PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT

There was no formal report. We continue to try to get regular information in the press. Thanks to Roger Williams for his work on the web-site.

#### 11. JUNIOR AFFAIRS REPORT

A brief report was given about the Falcons Cup and about the contribution our local players make to the Kent squads. It was agreed that we would provide the medallions for the Falcons Cup if needed.

#### 12. REGIONAL DELEGATE REPORT

The results of the Senior and Junior Inter-Regionals were presented. Several regional teams were affected by late call-ups to Kent matches – for example we lost captain Shaun. Our senior team did well to come second in division 1.

Our U15 side was in a group of six this year and did very well to finish a close second. The U19's found the group a bit tough – but they are rebuilding. Thanks to Linda and William Brealy for organising the teams. Congratulations to all the players.

Noted that there were over 100 juniors in the recent Junior Restricted – the venue had other facilities such as swimming to keep 'non-players' occupied.

Mentioned that Ken Shorrocks ran this year's Kent School Games – worth contacting.

**The minutes and officers' reports were approved en bloc.**

13. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were elected unanimously:

OFFICE	NAME (CLUB)	PROPOSED	SECONDED
Chairman	Robert Dalglish	by Dave Gardner	Linda Mason
Secretary	Dave Gardner (Kings Road)		
Treasurer	Dave Gardner (Kings Road)		
Match Secretary	Kathy Vaughan (Rovers)	<u>officers elected en bloc</u>	
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Tournament Sec.	Philip Chipperfield (Ajax)		
Junior Affairs Sec.	Linda Mason (Herne Bay Sports)		
Regional Delegate	Richard Ash (Phoenix)		
Publicity Officer	Liz Ross (Invicta/Pilgrims)		

There was no formal requirement for a Deputy to the Regional Delegate in the new Kent set-up.

The remaining committee places were filled en bloc (proposed Ajax seconded Herne Bay Sports):

Dave Collins (Pfizer)  
Pat Solly (Apollo)  
Peter Jones (Invicta/Pilgrims)

Colin Hollands (Apollo – Ashford) was proposed as a new Committee member

The remaining 2 committee places were not filled.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Herne Bay Juniors wished to record their thanks to South Foreland for donating nets.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

# NORTH FORELAND REGIONAL BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

## SECRETARY'S REPORT - 2011/2012

Our spring meeting was cancelled due to the weather so we held just four full committee meetings this season. Attendance was as follows:

Dave Gardner (4), Kathy Vaughan (4), Linda Mason (4), Philip Chipperfield (4), Peter Jones (4), Robert Dalglish (3), Pat Solly (2), Brian Simpson (2), Colin Hollands (2), Liz Ross (1), Richard Ash (1)  
Matt Solly also attended a meeting as a prospective committee member.  
Liz has found it necessary to stand down.

The Inter-Regional events that we organise on behalf of KBL were successful once again with our local teams taking part in all the competitions. Our senior team in Division 1 had a close match against the eventual winners (Tunbridge Wells) – ending up 3<sup>rd</sup> in the group. Our junior teams are rebuilding; the U-15's had several close results in their group. Thanks to all those organising our teams once again. Our players were:

### Seniors

Shaun Parr (C)  
Phil Troke  
Ali Mannings  
Martyn Hills  
Steve Hall  
Gill Hall  
Sarah Elliott  
Helen Knell  
Sharon Mundy

### U19

Will Brealy (C)  
David Cooke  
Charles Woodham  
Ryan Tench  
Olivia McAndrew  
Gemma Hill  
Lucy Walden  
Hannah Breddy  
Abi Sathyamurthy

### U15

Linda Mason (C - non-playing!)  
Morrison Ayley  
Ethan Solly  
George Hill  
Tom Gill-Pratt  
Cherry Jain  
Fern Jefferies  
Laura Mason  
Georgie Radford

Our website continues to provide a great range of up-to-date information and I would like to thank Roger Williams for his very effective work.

Our regular junior tournaments were fairly successful but the senior events are struggling for entries. Perhaps it's time to 'use them or lose them'!

There have been several meetings recently linked to the Canterbury CBN group – looking to raise the profile of badminton around the area.

Dave Gardner,  
Hon. Secretary

June 2012

## MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT 11/12

Another hard fought season is over and congratulations to all the league winners. Each year the number of divisions seems to be dropping and all clubs are finding it tough out there to recruit members.

The new scoring system seems to have been accepted by everyone despite earlier reservations and this has been reflected in the fact that only 10 matches were conceded (26 last year!). There is still a number of two pairs matches especially in the bottom leagues but the points deduction does seem to have encouraged teams to play more with two pairs. This may also be reflected in the fact that once the matches have been organised at the start of the season, most clubs have very little leeway to change match dates.

In the Mixed Premier Division, Apollo Ashford I and The Kings battled it out to the end with Apollo Ashford winning the division on the better rubber average. Kings Road I and Hartsdown Park won Mixed 1 and 2 respectively winning all their matches. In the composite Apollo Ashford again game out victors over their rivals The Kings I winning the crucial extra match. Westgate and Hartsdown battled it out for Composite 2 with Westgate edging it by a few rubbers and Faversham playing in the composite for the first time won Divisions 3. In the Mens division 1, The Kings I got the better of their seasons rival Apollo Ashford to win the league convincingly. In Division 2 Hartsdown Park and Kings Road battled for the honours with the Thanet team coming out on top. In Mens 3 Rovers II edged out Alpha on rubber average with both teams only losing their away games to each other. In the ladies Invicta Pilgrims and Westgate had a resounding win in Division 1 & 2 with both teams winning all their matches.

This year I have had much better luck getting results from people with captains soon getting in cards once a reminder has been sent. The opposition also kindly let me know the score as well which keeps the tables up to date.

Having had several calls this season regarding trying to get hold of clubs particularly when clubs have the same Secretary and Fixture Secretary, can I suggest that in this instant the relevant clubs give an alternative club member number on next seasons forms.

Kathy Vaughan  
Match Secretary  
June 2012

# NORTH FORELAND REGIONAL BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT POLO FARM ON THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2012

3. The Chairman, Robert Dalglish, welcomed all present and briefly mentioned the main points from the season. He thanked the Committee for their work especially the Secretary and Match Secretary.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
Kevin Williams, Folkestone, Liz Ross  
12 clubs were represented.

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3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS A.G.M.

The minutes of last year's AGM had been previously issued. The provision of Falcons Cup medallions was overlooked as the arrangements for the competition were not clear until the last moment.

The planned seminar for local coaches to co-ordinate our approach to the county squads had taken place.

4. PRESENTATION OF LEAGUE TROPHIES

League trophies were presented. A presentation was made (later in the meeting) to David Cooke as young player of the year in recognition of his contribution to local junior play – in particular his help in coaching within Herne Bay Juniors. Two trophies held by Phoenix were yet to be returned.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

A printed report had been issued previously. David then outlined the events being planned in Herne Bay to build on the Olympic impact – this was essentially a taster session as part of the local Festival (which would provide the advertising) followed up by references to local clubs and the trial of a Sunday pay & play hour. The arrangements had been developed by Kings Road club in co-operation with Lauren (Badminton England), and the local council plus Active Life (who run the local leisure centres). Other clubs were planning their usual summer clubs and other local councils had ideas in mind – details not yet decided.

It was reported that the local Canterbury CBN (Community Badminton Network) had produced a pamphlet publicising the availability of badminton in the area.

Mention was also made of the moves by UKC to extend their sports facilities. Unfortunately other sports had not responded to their invitation to a meeting to contribute to these developments.

Apologies for the misunderstanding due to which the issued report indicated that Colin had resigned from the Committee when he hadn't.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

This was issued at the meeting. There was a loss overall of £137 for the season. It was hoped that by targeting tournament entries plus the agreed increase in team fees we would be able to break even next season.

7. MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT

This was issued previously with copies available at the meeting.

It was interesting that, despite previous reservations, the introduction of Rally Point scoring had not provoked comment and seemed to have had the benefit of reducing the number of conceded

matches.

We had had some problems with ranking in composite matches where a player was missing. It was emphasised that (except in a last minute emergency when a match had already started) a missing player must mean that the remaining players take the top ranking positions.

It was noted that, although there was no formal rule or means of enforcement, there had been successful appeals to clubs to financially recompense their opponents who were out of pocket due to unreasonable failure to fulfil a fixture.

#### 8. COACHING REPORT

Brian's sessions in Thanet continued to attract a good response to the extent of having to turn people away. It was suggested that, although it was quite common for the players involved to be reluctant to join competitive clubs, there might well be an interest in taking part in friendlies with other similar groups or in tailored tournament events.

It seems that there are no similar initiatives in other parts of the region – for example the planned sessions in Canterbury had not come to pass.

#### 9. TOURNAMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT

Philip Chipperfield gave a brief verbal report. We limited ourselves to a single senior event which produced just one group of mens doubles – good quality play and good value for the entry fee – but disappointing overall. It was pointed out that not all players had internet access so we need to work out how better to distribute hard copy forms. We will also try again next season to include separate groups for the local non-league players and include local social groups in our circulation.

#### 10. PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT

There was no formal report. We continue to try to get regular information in the press but this has proved to be intermittent so far. We'll try again next year. Thanks to Liz for her efforts. Thanks to Roger Williams for his work on the web-site.

#### 11. JUNIOR AFFAIRS REPORT

It was a shame that the local league had been reduced to just 2 clubs (Herne Bay and Manwood Road) with the league almost non-existent. Falcons, despite good intentions initially, had now folded completely, Hartsdown had serious problems and Kings had also withdrawn.

The Falcons Cup event was held with a very competitive match between Herne Bay and Manwood Road with H/B coming out on top.

We held our usual two local junior tournaments. Both had entries affected by clashing events elsewhere but there was some very good play and the players certainly enjoyed taking part. It was pointed out that we needed more help on the day to keep the events running smoothly and we would be chasing local players to come and give us a hand. We had in mind (along with South Foreland) to extend entries to our Circuit events to Kent squad players who were not being picked for regular Kent matches.

#### 12. REGIONAL DELEGATE REPORT

The results of the Senior and Junior Inter-Regionals were presented. Our senior team came third in division 1 after narrowly losing their first tie to the eventual winners. Our junior teams are both rebuilding after losing their strongest players recently through the age limits.

Thanks to Linda and William Brealy for organising the junior teams and to Shaun for the seniors.

Congratulations to all the players.

A very brief mention was made of the recent Kent AGM where the atmosphere was once again a little disappointing.

**The minutes and officers' reports were accepted.**

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The remaining committee place was not filled.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Linda thanked Kings Road club for providing court time for some junior Inter-Regional practise sessions.

It was agreed that we should aim to make the new league structure next year available by the end of August and that clubs should be warned that they should be prepared to start making fixtures at that time.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.