



# Brussels International Badminton Club

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## **2013 Annual General Meeting**

17 October 2013, 22.15h

Venue: Wezembeek Sporthal, Astridlaan 85, 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem

### **Minutes**

#### **Attendance**

- Present: Cathy Tyers, Arne Hüttmann, Lee Glasby, Budhiman Hamzah, Hanne Jörgensen, Lone Hellerup, Nessian o´Leary, Katrin Patzal, Foske Lof, Gunnar Matthiesen, Barry Doran
- The quorum was met, the 2013 AGM is therefore valid

#### **Minutes of the previous AGM**

- The minutes of the 2012 AGM were unanimously approved

#### **Matters arising from the previous AGM**

- The 2012 AGM requested the Committee of the 2012-2013 season to finalise the revision of the statutes and the rules and practices. This was done throughout the season and a new set of statutes was proposed to the membership in summer 2013. At an extraordinary general meeting held on 6 September 2013, the new statutes were unanimously approved.
  - The Committee subsequently passed a new set of rules and practices, reflecting the club´s current situation and new requirements arising from the updated statutes.
  - Both documents are available on the club´s website.

#### **Chairperson's report**

- The chairperson´s report was delivered by Cathy. A copy is attached.

#### **Competition report**

- Gunnar informed the AGM about the state of the club´s involvement in the league competition:
  - For the 2012-2013 season, the club registered 2 men´s teams, 2 ladies´ teams and 4 mixed teams.
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> men´s team was promoted to division 3. The 3<sup>rd</sup> mixed team was promoted to division 4.
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> mixed team went down to division 2.



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- 2013-2014 season
  - At the time of the AGM, four mixed teams were running in the league competition. An unexpected shortage of men is currently hampering the coherence of the third and fourth mixed teams.
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> ladies' team has been discontinued due to the reduced number of available players. The AGM agreed that every lady interested in playing in the ladies' league competition in 2014 should therefore get an opportunity.

## Financial report

- Barry delivered the treasurer's report, highlighting that the club's deficit of over EUR1000 from the last season could be reduced to approximately EUR100. The improvement in the financial situation is primarily due to a reduction in hall rental fees (hall rental cut by 30 minutes on Sundays) and an increase in the revenue from social events and tournaments. The cost of team drinks also went down by about EUR100. Nonetheless, membership fees were confirmed as the club's primary source of income.
- In order to return to making a small annual profit and to build up a greater financial reserve, the club should ideally increase its revenue from membership fees (by recruiting more members) and from its social events.
- The current membership structure is relatively simple: 62 adult members, of which 2 are secondary members, no family members, no juniors

## Subscription rate for 2013-2014:

- Following the proposal of the Committee, the following full-season subscription rates for 2013-2014 were approved unanimously:
  - Full standard adult membership: EUR130
  - Secondary membership: EUR95
  - Family membership: EUR285
  - Junior membership: EUR70

## Secondary membership

- After a discussion about the principle of secondary membership, it was agreed that the new Committee shall monitor the application of the concept closely and analyse the benefit to the club and to the members towards the end of the year in order to ascertain whether the secondary membership should be maintained. A key consideration will be to ensure that no members, including purely recreational players, are disadvantaged.

## Promotion of the club

- Most new members learn about the club via the website. In addition, a number of club members will try to put up advertisements and club posters in public locations (local supermarkets, EU institutions and relevant places).
- Lee will make a printable version of the poster available to the members.



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## **Election of the new Committee**

- The Committee of the 2012-2013 season resigned.
- The following club members were nominated for the new Committee:
  - Meera Laurijssen, proposed by Cathy, seconded by Nessian
  - Gunnar Matthiesen, proposed by Nessian, seconded by Cathy
  - Arne Hüttmann, proposed by Gunnar, seconded by Barry
  - Lee Glasby, proposed by Katrin, seconded by Arne
  - Barry Doran, proposed by Lee, seconded by Budhi
- The new Committee was confirmed unanimously and shall remain in office, as foreseen by the statutes, until the 2014 AGM.

## **Any other business**

- Selection of team players:
  - Raised by Lone, it was discussed whether other criteria than the individual ranking should be given greater prominence in the selection of team players in order to maintain /increase motivation (in particular their regular attendance at training sessions and their commitment to the club).
  - Cathy reminded the AGM that past practice has always been to consider ability and team coherence as primary factors in the selection of teams. She also noted that payment of the full membership fee entails access to the teams (although there is of course no guarantee of selection).
  - The possibility of setting up a separate selection committee which would include representatives of the Committee, team captains and player representatives was evoked and shall be considered by the next Committee in order to make the selection process more transparent and to provide a forum where different opinions can be discussed prior to selection.
- The new ranking system was presented. It is currently not clear what impact the new system will have on the structure of the formally nominated teams.



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## **Annex 1: Chairperson's report**

### Chairman's Report for the season 2012/13

By Cathy Tyers, Chair

#### **General matters**

- The committee met 10 times last season.
- There were 62 members in the club last season, a slight increase on the previous year.
- The club met regularly on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

#### **Social Events**

The New Year party was held at De Kam. The food, as always, was lovely, thank you to all those who brought a dish along.

We also had an informal beginning of season barbecue at Cathy and Gerald's house.

We introduced internal mini-tournaments held within training time on Sunday, these were very popular. Thanks to Gunnar and Katrin who organised and ran them.

A big thank you to those who help organize the social events throughout the year, as well as those who support them.

#### **Training**

This year, Susanne organised training for beginners which attracted new members to the club. I would like to thank Susanne on behalf of the Committee and the Club for donating her time and effort to this.

#### **Steve and Heather Prize**

The Steve and Heather Prize is awarded every year to the two players (one man, one woman) who won the most points for the club in singles league matches played with our teams. Each prize winner keeps the trophy for six months and is awarded a smaller trophy to keep.

The prize is awarded in memory of Steve and Heather Cole, two active and well-liked members of the Club who died tragically in a car accident in February 1995. The memorial trophy was presented to the Club by Mr & Mrs Jefcoate (Heather's parents) and Mr & Mrs Cole (Steve's parents) in memory of the couple.

The Steve and Heather memorial prize for the most points scored in the 2012-2013 season are Stefan (who has now left Belgium for Italy) and Lone. Well done to both players.

#### **Statutes**

After a lengthy process which was started 3 years ago, the current Committee proposed a new set of Statutes and Rules and Practices, which was unanimously approved at the Extraordinary General Meeting on September 6th. These are now available for all Members to access on the website.



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## Annex 2: Treasurer's report

Treasurer's Report for the season 2012/13  
By Barry Doran, Treasurer

### 1. Presentation of Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013

#### Income and Expenditure account

The net result was a deficit of almost €110, leaving us with a general fund of €5,508.

Subscription income increased by €500 and total income from the Social Events was around €300.

Hall rental costs came down by over €700, due to a reduction in hall times. Affiliation fees and expenses are also slightly down, due to a lower number of competitive members registered. Team drinks costs decreased by about €100.

#### Balance sheet

Cash stands at almost €5,900. Total owed as of 31st July was €786.

The club has a general fund of €5,508, which is enough for about 8 months of expenditure.

#### Social events

This financial year we had several social events. The New Year party made a surplus of €165, and the two mini tournaments made a combined profit of €130.

### 2. Forecasts to 30th June 2014

Waterloo hall rental costs to increase.

**Income:** Subscriptions increase from €7,030 to €7,300. €500 surplus for the social events.

**Expenditure:** Rent increases to €4,660 from €4,560. Total expenditure will be around €7,550.

**Balance Sheet:** This would result in a small profit, with a General Fund of around € 5,800

### 3. Subscription Rates for 2013/14

The Committee have proposed that the rates remain the same so as not to put off new members. Adults €130, Juniors €70, Family €280, joining after January €80, secondary club €95

For 2013-14, we should continue to attract more members and get more revenue from social events, especially by promoting the New Year Party, which is potentially our biggest social earner. If the General Fund does not increase next year, we will have to consider one of the following options for next year:

- Increase of fees
- Cancel the Berlaymont contract for Tuesday evenings (saving of around €1,400)

### 4. Audit Report

The Financial Report is awaiting audit.

### 5. Approval of Financial Information

I submit the Treasurers' Report for 2013-2014 for your approval. The full Financial Report is available for anyone who wishes to view it.