



2014 Annual General Meeting

29 October 2014, 22.15h

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

Minutes

Attendance

- Present: Gunnar Matthiesen, Barry Doran, Lee Glasby, Arne Hüttmann, Foske Lof, Frank Frost, Aki Baihaki, Hanne Jörgensen, Nesson O'Leary, Katrin Patzal, David Sadeli, Steven Dhaene, Tom Dhaene, Stijn De Vooght, Melodie Van Anderlecht, Tom Hennes, Anneleen De Vooght, Henry Pincott, André Poitoux, Jennifer McLay
- The quorum was met, the 2014 AGM is therefore valid

Minutes of the previous AGM

- The minutes of the 2013 AGM were unanimously approved

Matters arising from the previous AGM

- The 2013 AGM requested the committee of the 2013-14 season to closely monitor the following items:
 - The financial situation of the club: In summary, the club's financial situation has stabilised over the past season with a slight deficit, but is forecast to be moving towards a positive balance, due to changes in membership structure and in hall rental arrangements. Further details can be found in the treasurer's report below
 - The newly introduced secondary membership status: There were 2 secondary members in the past season, and 6 secondary members in the new season. The outgoing committee considered this a positive membership status for the club, drawing in new members and generating additional income

Award of the Heather & Steve prize

- The Steve & Heather Prize, in memory of former members Steve & Heather Cole, who tragically died in an accident in 1995, is awarded every season to 1 female and 1 male club member who won the most single matches during the season. In order to align the season timing with the award of the prize, the committee decided to give out the prize at the end of the season, not at the end of the calendar year. The winners for 2013-14 are:
 - Lee Glasby
 - Henrik Östberg
- The new trophies are currently in the making and will be presented to Lee and Henrik at the next appropriate social event



Chairman's report

- The chairman's report was delivered by Gunnar. A copy is attached. Highlights of the past season included:
 - Integration with WOBAD and complete move to Wezembeek
 - Creation of a new youth division thanks to the merger with WOBAD
 - The team selection committees have been successfully introduced

Competition report

- Arne informed the AGM about the state of the club's involvement in the league competition:
 - 2013-14 season:
 - The club registered 1 ladies' team, 4 mixed teams and 2 men's teams
 - The ladies were promoted to the 3rd regional division
 - The mixed teams 1-3 stayed in their respective divisions – 2nd and 4th provincial division respectively
 - The men's teams were both demoted, to the 3rd and 4th provincial division, respectively
 - Our members were/are very frequent participants at tournaments all over the country, and regularly reach top spots, as documented on the website (please inform Lee about your top achievements)
 - 2014-15 season
 - At the time of the AGM, the club has 3 mixed teams in the provincial divisions
 - Play is going well except occasional shortage of players in the 3rd team leading to forfeit of individual games → David urged all team members to fill in Doodle Polls when requested to assist teams captains in the planning
 - The 4th mixed team had to be withdrawn this year due to lack of players; if this trend reverses, new teams for any of the disciplines may be considered to be re-introduced
 - Where needed, the team selection committees will be convened in due course to set up the teams for the level season (1 ladies and 2 men's teams planned)
 - Frank asked whether it is planned to order new team/club shirts this season; Gunnar responded that this is in the pipeline, but as the shirts from last year do not exist anymore, a new design needs to be agreed on first

Financial report

- Barry delivered the treasurer's report, which was approved by the AGM. A copy is annexed. Highlights were:
 - The 2013-14 season had 40 full members and 2 secondary members registered with the club
 - The financial situation of the club has stabilized during the last season, and is expected to move towards a positive balance, due to changes in membership structure (addition of youth section, merger with WOBAD) and the fact that there is now a more attractive session at Wezembeek on Wednesdays that replaces the Tuesday evening at the Waterloo hall, at almost similar hire costs
 - The club has about EUR5,500 in reserves from previous positive years



Subscription rate for 2013-2014:

- Following the proposal of the committee, the following full-season subscription rates for 2014-15 were approved unanimously:
 - Full standard adult membership: EUR 130
 - Secondary membership: EUR 95
 - Family membership: EUR 285
 - Junior membership: EUR 75

Election of the new Committee

- The mandate of Committee of the 2012-2013 season was formally concluded.
- The following club members were nominated for the new Committee:
 - Gunnar Matthiesen, proposed by Lee, seconded by Arne
 - Aki Baihaki, proposed by Gunnar, seconded by Barry
 - Frank Frost, proposed by Aki, seconded by Lee
 - Barry Doran, proposed by Nessay, seconded by Katrin
 - Foske Lof, proposed by Hanne, seconded by Katrin
- The new Committee was confirmed unanimously and shall remain in office, as foreseen by the statutes, until the 2015 AGM.

Any other business

- The club mourns its long-standing member Benedek Kekki, who died earlier this year. He will be sorely missed. The club's sincere condolences are with his family. In Bene's memory, club members donated over EUR 500 to a charity supporting the fight against cancer, chosen by his wife Sabina.
- Foske suggested the creation of a pool of qualified youth trainers (in addition to the current youth trainers Antoine and Milou) in order to cover any "shortages" of trainers throughout the season. The club should provide access to specific training courses organised by the league. The idea was generally received positively.
- Two members of the club, Stijn and Melodie, are trained in giving first aid. However, the club cannot guarantee that a first aider is present at all sessions.
- Cathy submitted the following item in writing:
 - The club, by its Rules & Practices, promotes a social way of playing among its members, requesting that under normal circumstances, a combination of players should break after one set and try to re-form with players that were sitting out or players that played on neighbouring courts. This principle should be observed as much as possible, in particular in order to enable players of different levels to learn from each other. Since we have recently welcomed many new members who may be unaware of this practice, it is worth reiterating this gentlemen's/ladies' agreement.
 - Frank pointed out that while trying to observe the above principle, team players should also be given a reasonable change to practice with doubles partners they are likely to play competition matches with.
 - The AGM unanimously agreed that it is each member's duty to ensure a reasonable balance between these two objectives.



Annex 1: Chairman's report

Chairman's Report for the season 2013/14 Gunnar Matthiesen

General

- The committee met regularly throughout the 2013-14 season. An indicative calendar of meetings was published on the website last October to allow members to raise any concerns ahead of planned committee meetings. No such requests were received.
- 2013-14 was the first season played according to the new R&P and statutes, which were approved at an EGM in September 2013
 - As far as we can tell, they work well
 - New (and returning) members have to accept them in their membership form
 - They provide clearer and updated rules reflecting the current situation in the club

Social events

- New Year's party at de Kam in January.
 - Thanks to those who came & provided delicious food
- BBQ & quiche nights on Sundays after training
- Mini-tournament in summer
- Start-of-the-season BBQ
- Welcome tournament for new members at the beginning of the season
- Social events are generally well attended and have a high entertainment value, but only provide limited sources of revenue to the club.

Involvement in the league competition

- The club has a long tradition of playing in the league competition
- As always, we had teams in the provincial leagues, one of which got promoted to the Liga
- However, lower availability of players has led us to reduce the number of teams
- Special thanks to the captains of the last season.
- For better transparency, we have continued the practice of selection committees to define the core players of each team.
- Increasing competition between league matches and individual tournaments, partly due to the new ranking system which requires players to play tournaments in order to keep/improve their ranking.
 - All team players are therefore kindly asked to check with their captains whether they are needed for a match before committing to a tournament
 - All captains are asked to provide a long-term planning for their teams (e.g. on Doodle) and inform players well in advance about the selection for individual matches.



Training

- New training scheme started in early 2014 with Volker
- Certified trainer
- Interested players have to sign up for series of 10 coaching sessions
- Not included in BIBC membership fee – training comes at additional cost to members, reflecting the fee of the trainer (equally shared among participants)
- High subscription rates suggest that members are happy with the offer & enjoy the possibility of extra, structured training even at an extra price
- Training continues this season.

Status of the club in the commune of Wezembeek

- In 2013, the club's status as a local association recognised by the commune of Wezembeek was confirmed
- We took part in the "journée des associations" in Wezembeek. Participating in such activities is an investment in the club's position in the local environment.

Integration with WOBAD and complete move to Wezembeek

- In spring 2014, BIBC was approached by the steering committee of WOBAD to discuss the critical situation of WOBAD.
- In view of a sustained lack of a critical mass of active members and arising difficulties in continuing core activities of the club, WOBAD found themselves in a situation where the club could no longer continue operating in its current form.
- BIBC confirmed that it was open to new members and happy to welcome former WOBAD members.
- A merger / integration of WOBAD into BIBC was therefore agreed, with profound and positive implications for all involved parties
 - More members
 - Better infrastructure: Wezembeek hall on Wednesdays instead of Waterloo on Tuesdays
 - Continuity for former WOBAD members as badminton sessions on Wednesday continue in Wezembeek (and, of course, full access to our two other sessions, too).
 - Organic growth: BIBC now has its own youth division, ran with great enthusiasm by Foske (org.) & Antoine (coach) in cooperation with Milou (for the time being).
 - We are in the process of defining a more permanent structure for this new division – this will be a key task for the new committee. A new position of 'youth secretary' is therefore proposed for the new committee.
 - Structured training should help interested youth players develop into competition players
 - Youth tournaments could be attended
 - Formally, WOBAD has ceased to exist and is now fully integrated into BIBC.
 - BIBC extends a warm welcome to all former WOBAD members and hopes they will enjoy playing in the new setting.



Annex 2: Treasurer's report

Treasurer's Report for the season 2013/14 By Barry Doran, Treasurer

1. Presentation of Accounts to 31st August 2014

Income and Expenditure account

The net result was a deficit of almost €60, leaving us with a general fund of €5,440.

Subscription income increased by €100 and total income from the Social Events was around €250, down €50 compared to the previous season.

Hall rental costs increased slightly, due to an increase in rates for Waterloo. Affiliation fees and expenses increased, in part due to fines. Team drink costs decreased by about €100.

Balance sheet

The club has a general fund of €5,440, which is enough for about 8 months of expenditure.

Social events

The social events over the past year included the tournament in June, as well as the traditional New Year party. These two events made a combined profit of €253.

2. Forecasts to 31st August 2015

Hall rental costs to increase slightly, as Wednesday night hall rental is slightly more expensive than Waterloo.

Income: Subscriptions increase from €7,150 to €7,800. €300 surplus for the social events.

Expenditure: Rent increases to €5,160 from €4,660. Total expenditure will be around €7,550.

Balance Sheet: This would result in a small profit, with a General Fund of around € 6,000

3. Subscription Rates for 2014/15

The Committee have proposed that the rates remain the same so as not to put off new members.

Adults €130, Juniors €75, Family €280, joining after January €80, secondary club €95

For 2014-15, 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.

4. Approval of Financial Information

The Treasurers' Report for 2014-2015 is submitted to the AGM for approval. The full Financial Report will be made available for anyone who wishes to view it.