

Minutes

Annual General Meeting on Sunday 27th November 2011

Venue: Wezembeek Sporthal, Astridlaan 85, 1175 Wezembeek Oppem

Time: 17:30

Attendance list:

Nessan O'Leary	Chairman
Simon Flowerdew	Committee member
Cathy Tyers	Committee member
Hanne Jurgensen	Committee member
Stefan Storcksdieck	Committee member
Luka Rogic	Committee member
Sergey Sergejev	Committee member
Mahendra Singh	Committee member
Susanne Willmott	Member
Lone Hellerup	Member
Luka Rogic	Member
Wendy Orr	Member
Gerald Tyers	Member
Gerry Kelly	Member
Jan Asberg	Member
Gunnar Matthiesen	Member
Katrin Patzal	Member
Stefan Vancaster	Member

1. Approval of the minutes of the last AGM

Katrin proposed that the minutes be approved, Simon seconded. The minutes were approved.

2. Matters arising

No matters arising from the last AGM.

3. Chairman's report

Nessan delivered the report. A copy is appended. Gunnar presented club's results in competition.

4. Resignation of the current committee

The committee resigned

5. Nominations and election of a new committee

The following members were appointed to the new Committee:

Proposal	Nominated by	Seconded by
Simon	Gunnar	Katrin
Nessan	Katrin	Luka
Mahendra	Sergey	Cathy
Cathy	Gunnar	Nessan
Hanne	Mahendra	Gunnar
Lee	Cathy	Luka
Susanne	Cathy	Nessan

6. Treasure's report

Mahendra delivered the treasure's report. A copy is appended.

7. Subscription rates 2011-2012

Mahendra proposed that the subscription fee for the 2011-2012 season be set at €130. Nessan seconded. Approved.

8. Any other business

- There was a discussion on the need to change the Statuts and the Rules and Practices. Following a lively discussion, it was agreed that the new Committee should re-examine the issue and should come back to the members with a proposal by April 2012.

Brussels International Badminton Club Chairman's Report 2011

Welcome to the 2011 AGM. The committee met seven times last season.

There were 55 members in the club on average last season which is a slight fall on previous years. This means that we are accepting new members and will consider beginners again.

The club met regularly on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

During the 2010-2011 season we had 4 mixed teams, two ladies teams and three mens teams. The way in which teams were selected and team captains chosen had been the object of criticism and so for the 2011 – 2012 season, every effort was made to ensure that the full committee was involved in choosing the teams and that the teams were involved in choosing the captains.

Social Events

The Christmas party was held at De Kam, except it wasn't at Christmas but in January as has now become customary. The food, as always, was lovely, thank you to all those who brought a dish along. The theme this last year was Black and White and some of the costumes were stunning .

Unfortunately, or given the weather, fortunately, we didn't manage to organise the summer BBQ but given that there was no summer, this was hardly a surprise.

So a big thank you to those who help organize the social events throughout the year, as well as those who support them. I believe they make a difference to our club.

Training

This year, Agnieszka organized training on a regular basis on Sundays and generally between 6 and 10 members availed of the opportunity. I would like to thank Agnieszka for the work she put in and wish her every success in her competition in the National Division.

Steve and Heather

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 league matches played with our teams. Each prize winner keeps the trophy for six months.

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 2010-2011 season are Agnieszka and Luka. Well done to both players. The trophies have been ordered and will be delivered asap.

Competition (Presented By Gunnar)

In the 2010/11 season the club was represented by four mixed, three men's and two ladies teams in the provincial Leagues.

Tournaments (Presented by Sergey)

Thanks to you both for organizing these events.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I have a few words which I think need saying. This club has been running since just after the second world war. Many of us have been involved in it for more years than we perhaps care to remember. It is a club run by its members for its members. It has never been a club run for a particular group of members. It has always been a club run as the rules say, in a friendly international atmosphere. However, I am saddened to say that this has changed. Not only on club nights but also in the Committee. I have sat on the club Committee for many years and have also been involved in a professional capacity in many committees and meetings. I can honestly say that none of them have operated in the poisonous atmosphere that this Committee has operated. Certain members of the Committee did not act in good faith nor in the best interests of all members but rather from a narrow sense of self interest where conflict, snide remarks, inappropriate comments on social media and undermining of the Committee seemed to be their preferred method of operating rather than through the consensus which has stood the club in good stead up until now.

It would have been easy for certain Committee members to walk away, certainly it would have been less stressful, but like them, I believe that the club is too important to leave it in the hands of people who have not shown that they have the best interests of the club at heart. For this reason, I have worked and will continue to work for the good of the club and trust that if you believe in the club, you will do the same.

This ends the 2010/11 Chairman's report

Nessan O'Leary
Chairman of the Brussels International Badminton Club.

BIBC Treasurer Report Fiscal Year 2010 - 2011

BIBC AGM 2011/12 Agenda Item: Treasurer Report

Brussels International Badminton Club				
<i>Financial Summary for Fiscal Year 2011</i>				
	Actuals	Projected	Variance	Projected
	Jun – 2011	Jun-2011	act/proj	Jun-2012
	€	€		€
Income				
Subscriptions				
Adults	6,440.00	7,575.00	85%	6610
Juniors	70.00	140.00	50%	70
Family	280.00	0.00		280
Other	10.00	30.00	33%	30
Total Subscriptions	6,800.00	7,745.00	88%	6990(a)
Bank interest	5.54			5.54
Social events surplus	325.49	410.00	79%	325(b)
Exceptional Income				
Total Income	7,131.03	8,155.00	87%	7,315.00
Expenditure				
Rentals	4,981.50	5,160.00	97%	5,300.00(c)
Equipment(purchases - sales)	493.85	385.00	128%	586.00(d)
Affiliation (Fees,fines, expenses)	1,666.85	1,600.50	104%	1,355.60(e)
Team Drinks	306.80	351.00	87%	380.00 (f)
Insurance	272.99	273.00	100%	273.00
Admin (Web, secretarial)	32.67	32.67	100%	33.00
Bank charges	37.08	36.00	103%	36.00
Others	43.90			-
Total Expenditure	7,835.64	7,838.17	100%	7,963.60
Deficit/Surplus	704.61	316.83	-222%	648.60
General fund - beginning of year	8,120.55	8,120.55		7415.94
General fund end of period	7,415.94	8,437.38	88%	6,767.34

Table 1: Income and Expenditure Figures for Fiscal Year 2011

BIBC Treasurer Report Fiscal Year 2010 - 2011

Notes and explanations

1. These figures reflect income and expenses that were recorded in the fiscal period.
2. **Quick Summary:** The end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 as shown in Table 1 resulted in a deficit of 702.61€ due to a drop in club membership. This raises some concerns as the previous FY also resulted in a deficit of 1086€ while a deficit of 649€ is foreseen for the next year.
3. **Deficit Reduction – possible actions:**
 - a. Annual subscriptions by members contribute more than 95% of the club's annual income. For the club to break even it needs 57 adult members; it currently has 52 adults, 1 family and 1 junior. To reduce deficits in the following years the club could explore avenues to attract new members and/or explore other funds raising activities outside of the traditional ones.
 - b. The club should look at minimizing fines.
 - c. Shuttles expenses could be reduced or not subsidized.
 - d. The club could explore ways to reduce affiliation fees e.g. register more players as recreational players, do not register life-members.
4. **Find Raising Activities:** Successes were mixed in the two fund raising activities: The Xmas Party 2010/11 raised 200.49€ while the Internal Tournament 2010/11" made a small loss of 5€.
5. **Project Figures for 2011-12:**

The following assumptions were made for projected figure for 2011/12 (see last column in Table 1):

 - a. At least 47 of the current members + 1 family will return, at least 2 new members will join, 2 old members will retain their current part-time status, at least 2 new members will join half way in the new season
 - b. Assuming that the annual BBQ will be held and the Internal Tournament can turn a small profit if there is an increase in participation.
 - c. Hall rental was increased last season and is not foreseen to increase this season
 - d. Increase due to League Rules concerning C2 level playing with feather shuttles. Currently this is unclear and this figure may decrease if teams use plastic rather than feather shuttles for Inter-Club matches.
 - e. Based on estimated memberships for this season (45 competitive, 6 R or Junior) and assuming that fines will be minimized.
 - f. Increase in number of teams in League Competition for some divisions.