



4th Committee meeting (2012-2013 season) 13 December 2012

Present: Cathy, Lee, Gunnar, Arne
Excused: Susanne, Barry

1. Last Committee meeting, outstanding actions, hand-overs

- The minutes of the previous meeting (15 November) were approved.
- Training timetable: six training sessions for beginners will be given by Susanne in early 2013. The proposed dates are: 20 and 27 Jan, 10, 17 and 24 Feb, 3 March. Each session will start at 3pm and last for approximately one hour.
- The online membership list is now complete. Barry will add the missing payment information for those members who were added to the list recently. Lee and Arne will ensure that all mailing lists are brought up to date.
- Stephan Zwart will be registered with Badminton Vlaanderen as a competition player (C2).
- The Committee thanked Arne for the first successful edition of the "News-Shuttle".
- Heather-and-Steve Prize: this year's winners are Stefan Storcksdieck (15 points) and Lone Hellerup (8 points). The trophy will be engraved before the New Year's party.

2. Teams

- Current positions: the 1st mixed team will be relegated to the 2nd division, the 2nd team is in a good mid-table position. The 3rd team is heading for promotion to the 4th division and the 4th team is in a comfortable mid-table position.
- Level season:
 - The captains and the core team compositions were confirmed. Other players will be asked to play as and when necessary or desired.
 - Men's 1st: Gunnar (C), Stefan S., Henrik, Nessian, Arne, Barry
 - Men's 2nd: Jan (C), Bene, Stephan Z., Budhi, Jeeva, Alan
 - Ladies' 1st: Cathy (C), Wendy, Sarah, Hanne, Milou, Susanne
 - Ladies' 2nd: Liliana (C), Lone, Lee, Heidi, Jen, Sabina, Isabelle, Erica
- Gunnar will write to all team members and captains to inform them of the team composition, remind the captains of the basic rules and provide a link to the list of matches. A captains' meeting held in the early weeks of the season should be considered.

3. Tournaments

- Hanne won DDB2 in Herne with scratch partner Hanne Rolies from Dilbeek.

4. New Year's Party



- The event will take place on 19 January, starting at 19.30h.
- The invitation has been sent by Arne, Lee has created a registration form on the website. Members are asked to register by 8 January.
- There will be an entry fee of EUR 15, which includes one welcome drink and food. Members are asked to bring dishes (details to be arranged), drinks will be sold at reasonable prices.
- It was suggested to replace the 'traditional' quiz and the unwanted Xmas gift swap by a game of "Pointless".

5. Club tournament

- Feedback was positive throughout.
- Due to popular demand, the formula used at the tournament (rotation of partners and opponents after 15 minutes) will be adapted to suit a Thursday training session and applied on a training night in February.
- A 'normal' club tournament will be organised in May.

6. Finance and membership update

- Postponed to the next meeting due to the absence of the secretary in charge.

7. Communication

- The next 'News-Shuttle' should be sent once the results of the mixed season are known.

8. Any other business

- One former member suggested a pay-as-you-go formula to attract people to the club who do not want to play on a regular basis but still have an interest in coming to the club from time to time. The Committee rejected the suggestion for the following reasons:
 - it would be extremely difficult to monitor as we do not have the facilities to ensure that all people playing on a certain night have paid the amount corresponding to their membership type...
 - there is a difficulty in defining when a pay-as-you-go member would be asked to pay the full membership fee and, conversely, when a full member who does not show up regularly could convert to a pay-as-you-go system and whether they could be reimbursed, given that we do not keep attendance records.
 - it would be detrimental to the 'club spirit'
- Secondary membership



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- The concept of the secondary membership is to be formalised. The rules are: players may apply to join the club as 'secondary members'. The secondary membership costs EUR 60 per year per person and entitles the secondary member to play on Sundays only. Secondary members are not registered with the league (neither as recreational nor as competitive players).
- Lee will put this information on the website
- Barry is asked to send an e-mail to all concerned secondary members to clarify the rules.
- Gerald will pay a reduced membership fee of EUR 15 for the current season as he has only played for a few weeks and will not play before the end of the season due to injuries.
- The next Committee meeting will take place on 10 January 2013.