



7th Committee meeting (2012-2013 season) 18 April 2013

Present: Susanne, Lee, Gunnar, Arne

Excused: Cathy, Barry

1. The **minutes** of the previous meeting were approved
2. **Points from the previous meeting**
 - The club was present at the meeting confirming the rental dates and times of the Wezembeek hall for the next season and retained its present training times on Thursdays and Sundays. On Sundays, the hall rental will begin at 2pm.
 - New feather shuttles have been delivered and are available for team captains and for members (for sale) from Cathy or Gunnar
3. **Planning for the 2013-2014 season**
 - By the end of April / mid-May, the club needs to decide how many teams it will enter in the mixed and level competition in the coming season. Following the successful procedure used last year, Susanne will send an e-mail to all members to enquire about their intentions to re-join the club and their availability for league matches. The Committee will use the feedback received to this mail as a basis for its decision regarding the teams in 2013-2014.
 - All club members have to fulfil a number of conditions to be eligible as a core player for any of the club's teams:
 - Full commitment to the team, in particular by agreeing that team matches take precedence over tournaments
 - A reasonable level of availability
 - Acceptance of the rules governing the club's participation in the league competition
 - The ladies' teams may face a shortfall of players in view of the expected unavailability of three current first team nominees.
 - Match days: The Committee unanimously agreed that the club will refuse to schedule matches on a Thursday in the competition calendar. In exchange, the only dates we will request to remain match free are reduced to a minimum. The teams will be asked to plan well in advance for potentially difficult days. The club will only ask for match-free days in the following periods:
 - the Christmas period (22 December – 1 January)
 - Easter Sunday
 - Known hall closures (for home matches only). Away matches will be accepted on those days.

Susanne will inform the league accordingly when registering the teams.



4. Training update:

- Five to six successful training sessions have been carried out so far. The Committee thanked Susanne for her work and the time spent preparing and giving the coaching sessions.
- A new series of training sessions is envisaged between mid-May and July. Details (including the exact dates) will be made available in due course.
- If a training session is cancelled – even at short notice -. Susanne will inform Lee so that the information can be put onto the club's website and/or its Facebook page.
- Susanne raised the possibility of organising advanced training sessions in the next season. This will be discussed in more detail at a subsequent Committee meeting.

5. New team shirts

- There was general agreement that a new set of team shirts is required. These should be good quality functional sportswear.
- Given the price of such shirts, the club will ask members to pre-order their shirts before proceeding to a bulk order. Members will be charged the cost price of the shirts (including BIBC “branding”)
- Susanne and Gunnar will attempt to get a number of quotes from the current supplier of St John's school (Susanne), Larde Sports (Gunnar) and other suitable providers.
- In view of the need to get samples and to re-order the same design of shirts, a local supplier should be chosen.
- Existing stock should be brought to training sessions in order to try and sell as much as possible.

6. Club Tournaments

- Two club tournaments will be organised after the end of the level competition:
 - One tournament where everyone plays with random partners (similar to the one organised in November). This tournament will be organised at the end of May / early June. 11 and 18 May are inconvenient due to clashes with official tournaments.
 - One 'traditional' tournament on 23 June.

7. Social events

- Arne will propose a date for a bowling evening. This could be during the week.
- This year's BBQ will be held on 31 August as a “welcome back” event to launch the new season, provided the absent members of the Committee agree.

8. Teams and tournaments



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- The second men's team will be promoted into the third division. Congratulations!
- The first men's team is likely to remain in its current division
- The two ladies' teams are in good (2nd team) and relatively good (1st team) mid-table positions in their respective divisions.
- The ladies' match on 18 April could not be finished due to time constraints. This is due to the league refusing to change the date to a more suitable date that would have been acceptable to both teams, even though the original date (imposed by the league) contravened existing VBL rules for league matches. A corresponding note will be left on the score sheet of this match. (The premature end of the match did not have any significant impact on the overall result.)
- Tournaments: we have noticed a slow-down in the participation of BIBC players in official tournaments. The Daring tournament in early May will be one of the few ones at the moment where the club will be represented. Arne and Gunnar will identify tournaments where we could try and organise a larger BIBC delegation. These tournaments must not clash with any league matches.
- Lee will add a section on "how to register for tournaments" on the website. Gunnar will provide the content in due course.
- The Committee recommends that the club promotes participation in tournaments more actively, provided there are no clashes with matches. Organising groups of BIBC participants would be beneficial to the social life in the club as well as to the overall standard of play.
- Recreational tournaments should be included in this approach.

9. Next meeting

- The next meeting will take place on 25 April.