

**NSCBA Committee meeting
8th March 2023
Teams meet at 8pm**

Minutes

Attending: Melissa Davey (Chair), Stephen Willis (Head Coach), Matt Asbrey (Treasurer), Bhavika Mistry (Social Media), Simon Sturgess (Assistant Coach), Karen Sturgess (Invitee)

Apologies: Rachel Maywood (committee member)

1: ICT – Transport

Action
MD

Transport to ICT is down to the parents to get their child to the venue on the Monday. This is in line with previous years. Melissa to inform parents

2: Futures

SW

Squads – ages or ability? It was decided that the format should be based on ability, but age would also play a part.

How many groups? Depending on numbers, it was desirable to have 2 groups, however this would also depend on the availability of courts.

Session Duration: Weekly or fortnightly? It was decided that the sessions would be better weekly (Thursday night as is) and Simon volunteered to assist on a weekly basis. Stephen will arrange a rota for other coaches to assist as more coaches are needed for each session.

3: Trials

MA
MD

Trials will be arranged to be held in May (end preferably) or June if venues are an issue. Ideally each age group will have 2 hours (1.5 hours of trials and 30 minutes warm down and prepare for next group).

We will have U11, U13, U15 and U17. Split into 9:00-10.30, 11:00-12:30, 13:00-14.30, 15:00 – 16.30. Matt will contact Northampton Boys School to try and arrange if the squads can return to that venue. If yes also see if there is a date in May for Saturday or Sunday for the trials.

Once date arranged, Melissa will arrange an invite and offer this to all members and parents to distribute county wide and Schools too.

4: Shires League and Restricted tournaments

MD

It was suggested that registration for Shires League should be started now to avoid the possibility of missing out for another year. Melissa will contact Mark Downie at Badminton England as soon as possible to enquire about the registration.

Restricted

The restricted tournaments used to be arranged in November of the years over two weekends. U12 & U16 one weekend and U14 & U18 the other. Melissa will investigate booking dates for these. Matt will also seek out all the trophies and see if there are suitable ones to award at these restricted.

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5: Social Media

BM
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Bhavika gave an update on how she's progressing on the social media. It was acknowledged that she was having a positive response from many followers, however more followers are sought. Melissa agreed to share the link amongst the county players over WhatsApp. The intention is to use these social media channels to communicate with the parents during ICT.

6: AGM

MA
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The AGM was agreed to be held in June or July after the junior county trials. It was suggested that this format be more of a social event, during the daytime (weekends) and to involve the players as well as parents. Their opinion matters as this is their county and they should have a say in the future and the moulding of the county committee. This was also agreed to include as many players and parents as possible. There were also suggestions of a venue, being NBS and Melissa will co-ordinate with Matt if he hears from NBS. Otherwise, other venues will be sought.

7: Constitution

MD

Melissa gave an update on the new constitution and that it is being re-drawn but still a work in progress. She will distribute this when complete and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

8: Venues

BM
MD

Still Waiting to hear from the council regarding their assistance into finding a venue. Also awaiting an update from Mike Reid at Badminton England about the roll out mats etc. Melissa will chase him again. Bhavika gave an update on the weaver (?) school venue and it is anticipated that they will reject request. Bhavika will send the contact details over to Melissa who will chase Mike Reid and speak to the council regarding this situation.

9: Any other business

SS

Simon raised the question of arranging matches between the ICT team and Towcester club before ICT. These to be in the format of ICT matches to gain some practice etc. Simon agreed to orchestrate this, and Melissa will extend the Thursday night booking when the date is agreed.

10: Date of next meeting

ALL

Wednesday 19th April 2023 8pm preferably face to face at The Yeoman in Wootton.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.12pm

Signed.....

Date