

# Blackpool & District Badminton Association

## Meeting Minutes

Meeting held on Wednesday 5th February 2025

Present: Mike Percy, Ant Cross, Fred Barnes, Nicky Percy, Trevor Bell, Steve Blackburn, Jamie Sedgwick, Carol Howarth.

Apologies: Michael Banks, Carole Booth, Nikki Wilford, Jon Jackson, Serena Hindle.

### **1. Matters Arising from 2024 AGM**

Update on registration of players/change to rule – Ant confirmed that all was going well so far this season, and all teams are complying with the new rule introduced this season regarding the registration of player. 1 match has been conceded, and a few have had to be re-arranged mainly due to venue availability (league extended by 1 week as a result).

YMCA Courts – Nikki has confirmed that she is still in conversation with the YMCA at Thornton. They are undergoing a change of management, so she will speak with the new manager when available.

Tournaments – Nikki has confirmed that she is looking to run at least a levels handicap tournament. There was a suggestion that we allow entries from the Lancaster League to boost numbers, and this suggestion was agreed by Council. The handicapping panel will need to have experience of any players from the Lancaster League to ensure that handicaps are set at the correct level.

It was also mentioned that the venue can be difficult to get to for some players and maybe we could consider other venues. Preesall is generally used as it is cost effective and the availability over the weekend is good, but we are open to considering alternative venues. Jamie and Carol will investigate the possibility of using Ribby hall in the future.

Christmas Party – this was a good event which was attended by about 20 people at Ribby Hall. Serena was thanked for organizing. There were suggestions that in the future we could look at alternatives (maybe something like the Presentation Evening) to attract more attendees. To be discussed further.

### **2. Gazette and Bridgewood Trophy Competitions**

Matches in the 2 rounds before the final will take place at the home venue of the first drawn team.

Round 1 is to take place in either W/C 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> April. Semi-finals to take place W/C 21<sup>st</sup> April

Top named team is the home team and is to contact their opponent with a date for the first-round match and semi-final, as required.

The away team is to pay the home team £30 to cover the cost of the venue and shuttles in these two rounds.

The finals will take place at Preesall Sports Hall on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025. *Action: Ant to arrange.*

The league will cover the cost of the venue and shuttles for the finals.

The draw was made, and details are at Attachment 1, along with the handicaps.

### **3. AGM Date**

It was agreed that the AGM will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 at the Ashley Club in Thornton. Start 7:30pm. *Action – Nicky to book venue and send out calling notice.*

### **4. End of Season Function/Presentation Evening.**

The date of the presentation evening was agreed as Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Venue/cost etc. TBD. *Action: Nicky to liaise with Serena to start planning.*

### **5. AOB**

A proposal has been received from Rob Cockerill that we reduce the league junior subscriptions from next season. Following a discussion, it was agreed to reduce to £3 per head for juniors aged 17 and below on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Carole will complete her term as President for the association at the end of this season, so a new President will be required. The process is for the current incumbent to nominate/recommend the next President. *Action: Nicky to liaise with Carole for a nomination.*

Trevor provided an update on the junior coaching. This is still going strong with between 18 to 25 attendees per week. There are on average a couple of new enquiries per week and recently had 3 new girls have joined the training sessions. Trevor is continuing to speak with local schools, however, this can be quite difficult with little success. Ben New has recently achieved his level 1 Coaching Certificate. Well done, Ben!

A reminder will be sent out for nominations for the season's Most Improved Junior Boy and Girl, to be presented at the Presentation Evening. *Action: Nicky to send.*

**Attachment 1 - Gazette and Bridgewood Trophy Competitions Draw**

**GAZETTE CUP**

Kirkham Charter A (-30)  
vs  
Kingfisher B (-80)

Poulton A (-230)  
vs  
Lightning B (-30)

Hesketh Fleetwood A (-230)  
vs  
Lightning A (-150)

Lids A (-30)  
vs  
Kingfisher A (-180)

**BRIDGEWOOD TROPHY**

Stanley B (-20)  
vs  
Kirkham Charter B (Scr)

Lids B (Scr)  
vs  
Hesketh Fleetwood B (-50)

Project 12 (-40)  
vs  
Poulton B (-100)

Stanley C (+90)  
vs  
Stanley A (-60)