Sutton & District Badminton League

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Friday 5th September 2025, 8.00pm New Malden Sports Club, Somerset Close, New Malden KT3 5RG

The Chair was taken by Mani Frempong (Storm).

- Apologies for absence: Chalbury, Coulsdon & Purley, Wimbledon Deaf.
 Not present: Hayes, VRAMMS.
 It is the responsibility of missing clubs to arrange fixtures within one month of this AGM.
- 2 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 13th September 2024 These had been circulated and were accepted as true records.
- 3 Matters arising None.
- 4 Finance

Milind reported: £381.69 in the bank, plus some cash to be banked. No need to increase fees.

5 Matches Report

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	Comment
Clubs	26	22	22	26	27	26	
Teams	81	76	72 (80)	76	80	76	
Matches	382	316	280	376	418	376	
Matches in May	19	18	7		11	3	
Matches, 2 Pairs	4	2	2		3	5	
Invalid Player	4	2+19 CW	0		26	1	
Walkovers	19	12	29		26	32	
Not Played	1	1	4		1	0	
Moorman entries	0 (6)	0 (6)	0 (6)	COVID	0 (8)	8	

Most Valuable Players.

Ladies – Ran Hughes (Clapham Warriors, Fours division 2), winning 23/24 rubbers. Mens – Alex Abordo (Clapham Warriors, Sixes division 1), 23/30 rubbers.

Mixed/Hybrid – Ben Faulkner (C&P, Mixed Division 2), 29/30 rubbers.

Rule changes (www.suttonbadminton.co.uk/RulesProposed.pdf).

- A. Clarification of rules 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 16b (new). New rule 16b states minimum player numbers for a match.
 - This was agreed.
- B. Nominated players rule changes. Rule 10. Existing rules are too complicated and don't work. Suggested Nominate as many as you like, others can only play twice. It was agreed to try this for a season with the committee able to use discretion if a club seems to have genuine difficulties with long term injuries.
- C. Open classification. Rules 14, 15, 16. Badminton England have amended their inclusion/transgender policies. It's felt we should follow suit.

 These changes were rejected, classifications to stay as is.

6 Election of Officers.

Neil Bartlett (Match Secretary) and Milind Keer (Treasurer) were prepared to continue in office.

This was gratefully accepted by all present.

7 Presentation of Trophies (present in bold).

Ladies: Fours 1, Storm F1. Fours 2, Clapham Warriors F1.

Men's: Division 1, VRAMMS 1. Division 2, VRAMMS 2. Division 3, **St Margarets.** Division 4, **Storm 1**.

Men's: Fours 1, VRAMMS F1. Fours 2, VRAMMS F2. Fours 3, **Storm F2.**

Mixed: Division 1, Wimbledon. Division 2, Storm 1. Division 3, Storm 2.

Hybrid: Division 1, Clapham Warriors H1. Division 2, Croydon Adults.

Moorman Cup: Not Played.

8 Any other business.

When recording names of players in matches, first and last names must be input. If players do not want their last name recorded they can request this directly by contacting the League Match Secretary.

The committee was thanked for their hard work. New Malden were thanked for the use of their hall for this meeting.

The chairperson drew the meeting to a close and thanked everyone for attending. A quick meeting of 35 minutes and fixture arranging finished fairly early.

N.L. Bartell