

Sutton & District Badminton League

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Friday 4th September 2026, 8.00pm

New Malden Sports Club, Somerset Close, New Malden KT3 5RG

The Chair was taken by Mani Frempong (Storm).

- 1 Apologies for absence: Simon Chaing (Chadacre), Karen Marsden (Dorking), Anne-Lise Garcin (Limpsfield), Venkat Duraiswamy (LSK), Aidan Kiernander (St Margarets).
Not present: Coulsdon & Purley, Hayes.
It is the responsibility of missing clubs to arrange fixtures within one month of this AGM.

- 2 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 5th September 2025
These had been circulated and were accepted as true records.

- 3 Matters arising
None.

- 4 Finance
Income about £150.
Costs - Web hosting £61.73. Engraving (two new trophies £80) £229.30. Total £291.03.
About £159.62 in the bank before any payments for this season, plus some cash to be banked.
Fees need to be increased. £5 a club, £1 a team likely next season.

- 5 Matches Report

	2025-26	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	2019-20	2018-19	Comment
Clubs	24	26	22	22	26	27	
Teams	82	81	76	72 (80)	76	80	
Matches	378	382	316	280	376	418	
Matches in May	18	19	18	7		11	
Matches, 2 Pairs	4	4	2	2		3	
Invalid Player	26	4	2+19 CW	0		26	
Walkovers	18	19	12	29		26	
Not Played	0	1	1	4		1	
Moorman entries	0 (6)	0 (6)	0 (6)	0 (6)	COVID	0 (8)	

Most Valuable Players.

Ladies – Geeta Chinnappa (Sutton & Cheam, Fours division 2), winning 25/30 rubbers.

Mens – Andrew Bracey (Bookham, Sixes division 1) , 21/24 rubbers.

Mixed/Hybrid – Harrison Burki (Woodcote, Hybrid Division 2), 35/36 rubbers.

Rule changes.

6. All matches will be played in accordance with the Laws of Badminton and in particular using the Alternative Rally Points 3x21 Scoring System as outlined in law 7.
12. Standard feather shuttlecocks to be used in matches, to be provided by the home team.
Hybrid shuttles, approved by the Badminton World Federation, may be used. Plastic shuttlecocks may be used provided both teams are in agreement.

22. Match start times. These match start times will need the opposition to agree to play.
For 9 rubber (6 players per team) matches, after 7pm on a single court.
For 6 rubber (4 players per team) matches, after 7.30pm on a single court.
For 9 rubber (6 players per team) matches, after 8.30pm on two courts.
On multi-court matches, all matches should be expected to finish by 11pm.
These were agreed.

Dan Christopher mentioned that County Juniors will start to play 3x15 this season and the scoring system will need to be reviewed for the 2027-28 season. Agenda point for next season.

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, St Margarets. Fours 2, **Sutton & Cheam**.

Men's: Division 1, VRAMMS 1. Division 2, **Ebbisham B**. Division 3, **New Malden 1**.

Men's: Fours 1, **Clapham Warriors F1**. Fours 2, **Storm F2**. Fours 3, **Clapham Warriors F3**. Fours 4, **Clapham Warriors F4**. Fours 5, Coulsdon & Purley F-MS5.

Mixed: Division 1, **Wimbledon**. Division 2, **Clapham Warriors 2**. Division 3, **Sutton & Cheam 2**.

Hybrid: Division 1, **Clapham Warriors H1**. Division 2, **Woodcote**.

Moorman Cup: Not Played.

8 Any other business.

Food would be at the discretion of the host club.

Some clubs are finding it difficult to supply any food due to over zealous school rules.

Water must be available within the sports hall complex of each club, meaning indoor shoes do not need to be changed to obtain water.

New Malden were thanked for the use of their hall for this meeting.

The committee was thanked for their hard work.

The chairperson drew the meeting to a close and thanked everyone for attending.

A quick meeting of 15 minutes and fixture arranging finished fairly early.

