WYNDGATE BADMINTON CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at

THE SPORTS CENTRE, FOLKESTONE

on Monday, 24 June 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Steve Dewey (Chairman) Roy Adams (Treasurer) Colin Hogan (Match Secretary)

Chris Graham Greg Dewey

Rob Hazell David Hogan Dianne Baker Peter Cash John Coombe Grant Stevens-Wade Sarah Baker Mary Sullivan Tony Gearing

1. **Apologies:** Conor Willson

2. **Tribute to Heather Baker**
   Roy Adams presented a tribute to Heather who died last month.
   It really is so very sad that in the past month we have had to say goodbye to Heather. Heather joined the club back in the late 70s / early 80s and had been club secretary since 1994. She did a superb job for us over the past 25 years. The minutes of all committee meetings and the AGM were all so detailed and accurate. In addition she arranged all the meetings, sent out all the membership renewal notices and kept me on my toes. I checked my emails the other week and she had sent me over 600 emails since 2011, the majority of these were to do with badminton. She will be a hard act to follow but I hope someone will be up for the challenge.
   By coincidence, as some of you will know her husband is also named Roy and he also played for Wyndgate. On the peg board I was Roy A and he was Roy B. Over the years though, some members seem to have been confused when receiving emails from Heather & Roy. Some assumed I was in fact Roy B and that we were married. It made us both laugh.
   Heather was from time to time a member of the mixed team and I believe last played in the 2007/08 season.
   A very long time ago, and only Chris and maybe Di will remember, Wyndgate Badminton Club was part of ANSCA which was the Anglo Netherlands Social & Cultural Association. Folkestone and Middelburg were twinned and along with other clubs we would spend a long May weekend with each other. The Dutch always seemed to beat us both in Holland and here in Folkestone. Heather & Roy always took part and one year hosted a BBQ for all us at their home in West Langdon.
   The night before her last visit to the club she enjoyed an evening with us at the ten pin bowling. She was so excited when she got a strike. When playing badminton she was normally very calm but at times a little yelp could be heard after a good shot that pleased her and her competitive streak showed itself.

She will also be remembered for being rather partial to the doughnuts that Rob would bring for the matches.
Heather's funeral was only last Wednesday and some of us attended. From her daughter's reading and other attendees it was obvious she was very well liked. Not that I need to tell you that but some of you only knew her through the Badminton club but others, like myself, knew her socially and she will be sorely missed, not only by us but by many other people and especially all the villagers in West Langdon.
Steve Dewey echoed these thoughts and club members expressed their sadness as well as happy memories of Heather.

3. **To approve the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting** (circulated with this Notice).
   Chris Graham proposed these as a correct record of the meeting and Greg Dewey seconded this.

4. **Matters arising**
   There were no matters arising.

5. **Treasurer's Report**
   This was given by Roy Adams.
   Another financial year has flown by.
   All of the annual subs and fees stayed the same as the previous year. I had budgeted for a deficit of about £40 and we turned in a deficit of just under £14 so not a bad result.
   Looking at the detail, subscriptions were down this year as our net membership fell by five. Match fees were up as we played one more match. Visitors' fees increased and the summer pay and play did better this year.
   The hire of the hall was up by £91 as we had one extra night. I cannot believe we actually booked 51 Friday nights in the year.

   Shuttle costs were slightly higher and we got through 86 dozen shuttles which is £1.34 per shuttle.
   Affiliation fees were lower due to fewer members. We had two unpaid fees where people disappeared. There were some extra website costs this year.

   At the 30 April 2019 we had a surplus of £4,106.64 but this will be reduced by about £850.00 by the start of the new subscription year so we are still in a healthy position.

   In the year we have changed shuttle suppliers but since then the price has gone up again. A tube of twelve is now £14.80

   Out of interest average attendance for the period September to April has stayed consistent at 20 per night.

6. **Match Secretary's Report**
   Colin advised that in the South Foreland League the Mixed Division 1 Team had won its division although it was noted there were only 3 teams in the League. In the Mens

Division 1 the A Team had won their division narrowly beating Scorpions in the final match. The B Team had come 3rd in the same division so a good result for both teams. Wyndgate had come 2nd in the Composite League.

In the North Foreland League the Mens Team had come 2nd to Kings and again a good result.

It was noted that there had been a heavy use of reserves over the season with the Mens A Team using 12 and the B Team using 21. The Mixed were more stable with only 1 reserve used when Sadie filled in. The Composite Team used 5 reserves and 4 were used by the Mens Team in the North Foreland League.

Colin advised a new club may be setting up in Dover at the new Sports Centre.

Sarah queried the possibility of entering a Mixed Team in the North Foreland League. Chris and Mary play for Ajax in the North Foreland League and, if they continued to do so, would not be available for Wyndgate so this step would rely on other women being available. There was also a query regarding whether we could fit additional match nights into the calendar. The possibility of a combined entry with Folkestone was also mooted but this reduces the number of clubs available and may have other difficulties.

7. Chairman's Report

Steve Dewey thanked everyone for coming with particular thanks to Roy for doing the accounts. He reflected that the club is in a healthy and stable position and that we had gained a few Juniors. He advised that Roy puts in a great deal of work and members do not always realise what goes on behind the scenes.

Steve thanked the team captains, Ian, Greg, Chris, Peter and John. He also thanked Colin for his work as Match Secretary and for managing the South Foreland website which is always up to date.

Steve also recognised how well Ian, Greg, Geoff and Sarah had done in winning the North Foreland Handicap Tournament.

Thanks were expressed to Tony for organising the social event when we went bowling in Ashford.

Steve advised that we will probably continue with Pay and Play in July and the club will resume in September. All dates will be advised.

8. Election of Officers.

We reflected that the position of Secretary was now vacant due to the sad loss of Heather. John offered to try to pick this up and was proposed by Mary and Greg seconded this. The rest of the Committee were reappointed en bloc proposed by Tony and seconded by Sarah.

9. Appointment of Auditors

Steve and Chris had been acting as auditors but when Roy checked the Constitution he realised there should be 1 Committee member and 1 ordinary member. Accordingly Chris will stand down and Steve will continue. Greg proposed Mary as auditor and Colin seconded this.

10. Any other business.

Colin advised that the website is now with a new server. He has discovered that BT provide a free service for non-profit organisations. Colin has struggled to update the website as he is unfamiliar with the system it uses so Grant offered to set the website up again and Colin will then be able to keep it up to date.

Roy confirmed that on 28 June there will be a 443 configuration of courts.

From 5 July, for the month, it will be 332 from 7-10pm with a cost of £5 and throughout August it will be 33 between 7 and 9 pm at a cost of £5.

Roy reminded club members that we are all responsible for clearing up after ourselves and team captains must ensure that they clear away any food, water or litter after each match.

It was noted that at the South Foreland AGM Scorpions suggested that they may not enter a Mens Team in the South Foreland league next year but could play in the North Foreland League instead. They were unhappy about Wyndgate playing their two best players in a match, believing this was an effort to prevent Scorpions winning the Division. The matter of who can play in which teams wlll be reviewed by Philip Chipperfield who will propose a method of selecting teams. Wyndgate had kept to the current rules in team selection.

Greg advised that he and Steve are the Safeguarding officers for the club and any concerns should be brought to them.

In a change of rules tournament players must now pay their fees directly to Badminton England.

Finally, Roy distributed trophies to those who had been in winning teams.