

## MINUTES OF

# WYNDGATE BADMINTON CLUB AGM



7.00pm Thursday 5th June 2025 at the Three Hills Sports Centre

### **Present:**

David Adley, Daniel Blake, Margaret Collingwood, John Coombe, Tony Gearing, Rob Hazell, Colin Hogan, Sanch Kanagarajah, Sev Newsham, Chrystele Perrier, Jamie Potter, Grant Stevens–Wade, Sarah Stevens–Wade.

### **1) Apologies for absence**

received from Roy Adams, Joe Clitheroe, Steve Dewey, Michael Douglas, Roy Page, Lloyd Reynolds, Lucy Warman

### **2) Matters arising from Minutes of the last AGM (4/6/24)**

none

### **3) Treasurer's Report** from Jamie:

(please see annual Accounts attached)

#### **Subscriptions**

For the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025, we increased the annual subscriptions from £155 to £170 for adults and from £100 to £120 for juniors. We currently have 27 members (20 seniors, 7 juniors). Seniors paid £27 to cover Badminton England and Kent Badminton fees, and juniors paid £10.50. However, some members pay these direct or through another club.

#### **Match Fees**

These remained at £6.00 per player per match. Match fees from 36 games (25 six-player, 11 4-player) were collected to the sum of £1182.

#### **Guest Fees**

Guest fees were increased from £7 to £8 in September 2024.

## **Summer Fees**

Summer fees were just £7 for seniors and £5 for juniors. Attendance in August was split with Folkestone Badminton Club, with joint attendees (e.g. Roy, Joe, Lucy, Jamie) counted as Folkestone Badminton Clubbers. Adding an extra three onto to the attendance per week for August, then, the average attendance for July and August was 13.

Since we won't be sharing with Folkestone this summer, using 2/3 hall will be too expensive (£110 for 2/3 hall hire and £21.50 for a tube of shuttles a week requires a £10 fee a person to break even). If we move to 1/3 hall hire (£60), I suggest with an estimated 5 juniors paying £6 and 7 seniors paying £8, we'd have enough to cover the court and keep using feather shuttles, or we can save a little (£5.50 and £7.50, say) using Babolat hybrids. If things become overpopulated in the hall, we can also consider moving to the 2/3 hall scenario.

## **Hire of Hall**

Precise stats on what we've hired this year are difficult to compile owing to the closure of Folkestone Sports Centre, but certainly hall hire costs have escalated considerably and remain our greatest concern. We've actually lowered the amount spent on court costs, but of course we've achieved this only by savagely reducing club nights from three hours to two.

## **Shuttles**

Because we've spent much less time on court, however, we've spent considerably less on shuttles, which has seen the 1/3 reduction one would expect. We spent £1,048.46 on 55 dozen shuttles in 2024/25 compared to 90 in the previous season.

## **Affiliation Fees**

These are the club fees payable to Badminton England and the North and South Foreland Badminton league entries.

## **Overall**

The overall situation for the year is a slight deficit of £239.16. Last year we had a surplus of £306.50, and the committee were fully expecting a large deficit this year owing to reduced membership and the turmoil brought about by the closure of the sports centre and the increased costs.

We are now carrying forward reserves of £3,231.20. We expect to pay £760 in the intervening period between now and the start of the new subscription year.

\*\*\*Following the Treasurer's Report above, we discussed arrangements for summer pay-and-play, which begins Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June. We currently have 4 courts booked, but numbers from last year do not seem to justify this and there's the potential to lose a lot of money. We discussed reducing to 2 courts immediately, but decided to continue with 4 until numbers do decline. Daniel will set up a whatsapp poll every week for members to say whether they'll attend; we'll need a cut-off time of say midday Wednesday so we can give the 3 Hills 48 hours' notice of cancellation.

There was a lot of opposition to using hybrid shuttles as in the past; we agreed to continue using feathers. Fees will rise to £9 adult and £7 junior.

#### **4) Match Secretary's Report from Sev:**

All in all not a bad season for us at Wyndgate.

This year we entered 6 teams into the various leagues across both the North and South Foreland leagues, including a new Ladies team and the amended Mens 4s. We had a total of 40 matches, with only 1 fixture that we were unable to fulfil towards the end of the season due to injuries.

As you can see from the tables, we put up a strong fight across the board and almost won the South Foreland Composite, missing out by number of games won. What you can't see is how close a lot of the other games were, with so many 3 set games. Well done everyone!

We didn't just expand our footprint in the leagues, we also had more club players involved in the matches this year; and it was good to see Ewan, Luke and Ian stepping up to play in the last men's match of the season. I would also like to say Thank you to Jamie, Michael, Rob, Steve and Daniel for each taking a team to captain.

I hope everyone enjoyed the season, hopefully we'll continue to grow (and have less pain points with the court bookings!).

(final league tables are attached)

#### **5) Chairman's Report:**

Tony's brief remarks on the night have been supplemented by his written report:

I would like to thank everyone for attending.

I would like to especially mention the committee for their hard work in keeping the club going this year. The first year has been tough and a learning curve for the committee. Special mentions to John who has had to book and negotiate with Three hills booking the courts;

Jamie for picking up the accounts and sorting out the financial matters; lastly Sev who has the job of sorting out the matches.

Especially as we had to change venue at short notice.

As Sev informed us it's been a very good effort from all that competed in the matches. Also it was important that a lot of new members got to play.

Thanks also go to Daniel for arranging club shirts and he has added if any members of the club would like one, they are not only for match players.

I would also like to thank Colin for arranging the club tournament, everybody seemed to enjoy it.

I also wish Colin the best as he is stepping away from the club, but has promised to still pop down occasionally.

Going forward I hope we can start to grow the membership and have another successful season.

## **6) Election of Officers**

David was elected to the committee: proposed by Sev, seconded by Jamie.

All other committee members (Tony, Jamie, John, Sev, Daniel, Sarah) were re-elected en bloc (P: David; S: Colin).

(Subsequent note: it's been pointed out that we currently do not have a Safeguarding Officer, which we should. Daniel has volunteered for the role, and has been unanimously welcomed!)

## **7) Appointment of Auditors**

Sarah was unanimously re-appointed. Margaret was elected to replace Colin (P: Daniel; S: Colin)

## **8) Any other business**

### **a) How to make club night matches more competitive**

Some of the better players do not come often enough to club night, partly because they are often playing home matches on a Friday, and partly because the level of play at club night is seen as low.

More frequent tournaments would help to increase the number of competitive matches; we agreed to run another tournament in September (could be same format or different). Also perhaps a 'ladder'.

We discussed a proposal to move matches away from Friday nights, with a requirement that players should turn up to a minimum number of club nights in order to qualify for playing in a team. This would ensure that the better players attend more often on Fridays, but is logistically challenging and needs careful management to ensure the additional court bookings are cost-effective and covered by match fees.

(Subsequent note: apologies from John for failing to express at the meeting Michael's emailed comments: "My only concern is the discussion about moving league games to a different night.... I feel it may alienate some and cause a psychological split in the club if some league players are seen less often at club nights. Also, there is a visible interest and support which may help encourage the younger players to volunteer when subs are needed").

We also discussed increasing standards by attracting new members to the club. David felt that we could do a lot more on social media. Sev suggested approaching players from other clubs who do not run a summer club, e.g. Racqueteers.

David suggested an anonymous survey of members to ascertain views on the above (plus on e.g. coaching – see below), and gauge members' concerns/expectations.

All of the above to be discussed further at the committee meeting following the AGM.

#### **b) Coaching**

Daniel is hoping to pass his level 2 coaching certificate later this year and suggested running coaching sessions for members of all levels. This could be on a different evening (perhaps dovetailing with alternative match nights, or during – or immediately before or after - Friday club night).

This was broadly welcomed – details tbc.

#### **c) Junior team**

Daniel suggested entering a team in the North Foreland junior league and cup competition – to discuss with juniors.

#### **d) Club shirts**

These have been a success for our team players but need not be restricted to them. Wearing them at club night would help club cohesion. The shirts are of good quality and a nice design. We need a minimum order of 10; Daniel will organise.

**e) Non-members playing in matches**

Recently we have used one or two players who are not regular club members to fill in at matches. This is acceptable as long as it is in accordance with league rules (the player must not have played for another team in the same league; and must be registered with Badminton England).

It was stressed that such substitutions should only be made when there is no other suitable Wyndgate player who is willing to play.

**f) Badminton England insurance**

B.E. insurance stipulates that we should keep an Accident Book to record full details of any accident/injury suffered whilst playing at Wyndgate; and that we record full contact details for any guest/visitor, from their first visit to the club. A suitable form for this, and an Accident Book, will be provided in the club box.

**g) Tournament 30/5/25**

Generally this was felt to be a success and worth repeating. Colin reported that any glitches on the night would be ironed out for next time. There were several very close games, which implied that the handicap system had worked well. The overall winners, after close scrutiny and countback, were deemed to be Joe and Ian.

(Subsequent note: we have pencilled in Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September for the next tournament).

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Attached:

Accounts for year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Final league tables 2024/25.

**WYNDGATE BADMINTON CLUB**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

	<u>YE 30.4.2025</u>	<u>YE 30.4.2024</u>
<b>Income</b>		
Subscriptions 27 (2024 - 31)	4,016.00	4,521.50
Subscriptions refunded re previous year	(150.00)	-
Members BE and Kent Fees received	603.00	524.50
Match Fees	1,182.00	1,248.00
Junior Fees	61.75	241.50
Visitors Fees	454.50	419.00
Summer Fees	505.00	716.00
Miscellaneous Income	25.50	-
Shirt Sales	476.00	-
Interest Received	29.73	28.94
	<u>7,203.48</u>	<u>7,699.44</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Hire of Hall	4,844.00	5,130.00
Shuttles - 55 Dozen (2024 - 90)	1,048.46	1,613.44
Members BE and Kent Fees paid	598.75	524.50
Club Affiliation Fees	195.00	60.00
AGM Room Hire	75.00	30.00
Website Costs	42.48	-
Shirt Purchases	476.00	-
Sundries	162.95	35.00
	<u>7,442.64</u>	<u>7,392.94</u>
<b>(Deficit)/Surplus for the year</b>	(239.16)	306.50
<b>Add Accumulated Surplus at the beginning of the year</b>	3,470.36	3,163.86
	<u>3,231.20</u>	<u>3,470.36</u>
<b>Represented By:</b>		
Bank Account	4,476.95	1,894.37
Premium Bonds	-	900.00
Cash	-	51.50
Amounts owing by the Club	(2,047.00)	(69.75)
Amounts owing to the Club	525.00	475.50
Stock of Shuttles	276.25	218.74
	<u>3,231.20</u>	<u>3,470.36</u>

Still subject to auditing by:

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Colin Hogan

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Sarah Stevens-Wade

**NOTE**

Net expenditure to be incurred between 1st May and start of new subscription year.

760.00  
Est

716.00  
Est

## Final league tables 2024/25

### North Foreland:

<b>Mens6 1</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Ags t</b>	<b>Pt s</b>
Ajax I	10	8	68	22	26
Apollo (Ashford)	10	8	61	29	26
Canterbury Kings	10	6	43	47	18
Racqueteers	10	4	42	48	18
<b>Wyndgate</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>16</b>
Faversham	10	1	24	66	12

<b>Mens4 1</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Ags t</b>	<b>Pt s</b>
Faversham	8	6	29	19	20
Rovers	8	5	32	16	18
<b>Wyndgate</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>
Apollo	8	4	25	23	16
Racqueteers	8	0	4	44	5

<b>Composite 1</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Ags t</b>	<b>Pt s</b>
Canterbury Kings Blue	6	6	41	13	18
<b>Wyndgate</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>
Westgate I	6	1	14	40	8
Canterbury Kings White	6	1	18	36	4

<b>Ladies4</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Ags t</b>	<b>Pt s</b>
Racqueteers	6	5	24	12	16
Canterbury Kings	6	2	15	21	10
Westgate	6	3	15	21	9
<b>Wyndgate</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>

### South Foreland:

<b>Mens</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Ags</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Ajax	6	6	41	13	41
Invicta Pilgrims	5	3	25	20	25
<b>Wyndgate</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>23</b>
Homewood	5	1	10	35	10

<b>Composite</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Ags</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Invicta Pilgrims	4	3	22	14	22
<b>Wyndgate</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>
Ajax	4	0	13	23	13