

## Croakers 2024 AGM Minutes – Monday 19th August 2024 19:00-20:44

1. ATTENDEES - Jed, Andy, Fran, Tim, Steve, Tehseen, Daegan, Dani, Carl, James, Kate, Alex N, Alex L
2. APOLOGIES – Colin, Raheel, Lin, Ian J
3. MINUTES OF 2023 AGM

- Accepted as no issues and a true record.

### 4. REVIEW OF YEAR

#### Financial Review

- At the start of the financial year we had **+£2406.98** in the bank, during the season our incomings were:
  - £2928.00 from guests fees, (an increase of +£140 over previous year) this included the summer pay as you play period, occasional guests fees from Thursdays, a good result considering we didn't have the additional Monday court this year.
  - £4565.00 from Membership fees, (an increase of +£431 over previous year) this was a total of 31 members and 3 pay as you play members
  - £954.00 from match fees (a decrease of -£879 over previous year due to reduction in match fee cost by 50%)
  - £200 in Miscellaneous incomings from the LBA presentation night (a decrease of -£642 over previous year due to no coaching taking place)
  - A grand total of **£8647** incomings (an overall decrease on the previous year of -£950)
- Our outgoings were:
  - £4952.30 in court costs (an increase of +£1011.60 over the previous year)
  - £3455.00 in shuttle costs (an increase of +£1253.33 over the previous year)
  - £400 in LBA costs (a decrease of -£240 over the previous year)
  - £630.00 in BE costs (an increase of +£74.50 over the previous year)
  - £296.41 in Miscellaneous costs (decrease of -£671.57 due to no coaching), this was made up of £200 for LBA evening, £38 for purchase of case and padlocks and £58.41 on website costs
  - A grand total of **£9733.71** in costs (an increase on the previous year of £1427.86)
- Meaning we ended the season with the account showing **+£1320.27**, a decrease of **-£1086.71** with a 0 discrepancy, so every pound owed was paid. This compares to the previous year where the end of year showed an increase of **+£1291.15**
- Saying this we there are two things to take into account, firstly the previous year we made a considerable profit which we were not meant to make, so knowing that court costs were increasing we also reduced match fees to balance out the profit made. Secondly whilst it looks like a £2000 swing from a +1k to a -1k we need to consider shuttle stock. At the end of the previous year I do not have exact figures, but know we did not have a lot of shuttle stock and had to do a £1125 order at the start of the season, at the end of this season we

had 34 tubes of shuttles or approx. £800 worth of shuttles. So that brings the deficit last year to approx. **-£286.71**

- So far this year the account is showing as +£2034.27 (a decrease on last year of -£265.70) with a discrepancy of -£0.00. To come off this figure are August court costs. We also have a stock of 15 tubes of shuttles and will need to purchase another 75 tubes to get us through the upcoming season which will cost approx. £1762.50 but overall I feel we are in a good position.
- It was mentioned from Jed, and the club a thank you to Andy for the continued hard work he has done to look after the club finances.

### **Season review**

- Mens 1 – Mens 1 finished 4th in the league this year which I feel is a great result after getting a free promotion last year. We lost the first 5 matches of the season but then won the last 5 matches including 3 against teams who were in higher leagues than us last year which is a great result. We will have only lost out on 3rd place in the league by a handful of rubbers. I'd like to say a huge thank you to the team.
- Mens 2 – Strange year winning 3, losing 3 in a league of only 4 teams, including winning against the team who won the league, but losing against the team who came bottom. Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in league
- Mens 3 – Good season doing well, also finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in league on same amount of wins as the league winners Trinity.
- Mixed 1 – Didn't win, didn't lose, also came 2<sup>nd</sup> in league.
- Mixed 2 – Fantastic season winning the league and getting promoted winning all matches bar one.
- Ladies – Also finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in league so didn't go back up but had a whole team for the whole season which was positive.
- Hall – Decision was made at the start of the season to stay in the higher league and in Frans words were "shat on", won two games against the team that finished bottom of the league.

### **Social Activities**

- Xmas badminton session with food which will continue.

## **5. COSTS/MEMBERSHIP FEES 2023/24**

The following points were not discussed and are carried over from the previous year:

- To maintain reasonable playing time, membership numbers to be capped at 32. However, the Committee would have the discretion to consider new applications on a case-by-case basis.
- Members cannot play competitively in the leagues for other clubs unless permission is given by the Committee at its discretion.

There was a large discussion about a required change to the home match location due to not being able to play at Rolleston on Mondays for the upcoming season with various options being

discussed and how that would affect match fee costs. It was agreed on a vote that match nights would change to Wednesday nights at Rolleston and therefore Membership and Match fees would stay the same as the previous season detailed below:

- Membership fees will be **£150** covering the season **1 September 2024-30 April 2025**, and includes the cost of BE and LBA registration.
- To incentivise early payment, the membership fee of **£150** must be paid by the **end of September 2024** otherwise players will be liable for club membership of **£140** from the start of October and **£6** per session played in September.
- Fees will be pro-rated monthly thereafter for new joiners.
- For anyone wishing to make a membership payment plan, arrangements can be accommodated on a case-by-case basis. However, a minimum of £37.50 must be paid as a first instalment to cover registration costs. Please speak individually to Andy.
- **£3** for matches, **£6** for guests and Pay & Play sessions.
- Wherever possible, payments should be made electronically to the Clubs bank account.

## 6. TEAMS & PLAYING ACTIVITIES

- It was agreed after discussion that the club would continue with the 2nd mixed team for the upcoming season, and the following captains were retained/appointed:

Team	Captain
Ladies	Dani
Mixed 1	Kate
Mixed 2	Steve
Mens 1	Andy
Mens 2	Jed
Mens 3	Tim
Hall league	Fran

- From September, all club playing activities will continue to take place at **Fullhurst College** between **19:00-21:00**, with first club night **Thursday 5th September**.
- It was agreed that home matches will be played at **Rolleston** on **Wednesday** nights **19:00-21:30** from **October to April**. The cost of the 2 x courts is £75 due to the need for a janitor to go home and come back to let us in and then to come back to lock up again. This reduces to £50 if we get someone there from 17:30 so the janitor only has to come back to lock up. It was agreed that Fran's friends would be able to continue to use this 1.5 hour session so that the use of the hall is at the cheaper rate and that it would also be put out free to club members who would need to provide their own shuttles.

## 7. COMMITTEE POSITIONS:

- The following positions were duly nominated and appointed:

Chairman	Jed
Match Secretary	Fran
Treasurer / Club Sec.	Andy
Social Committee	Alex N / Lin
Website Admin	Daegan / Tim

- It was mentioned by Jed and the club, a thank you to Colin for his work as Match Secretary over the past seasons and thank you for agreeing to attend the LBA fixtures evening and help support Fran in her new role.

## 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- It was noted that the website needs updating, Daegan has updated the Match Secretary and match location details, but further work is required.
- It was agreed as per the previous year for the Ladies to have an exclusive court on one club night to try out pairings in preparation for the season. This is for the team captain to organise.
- It was agreed that piggy backing could be used by league pairings to practice for matches with no limits
- It was discussed that the club had purchased one tube of Airchy shuttles from Colin to trial due to being informed that they were lasting longer and were considerable cheaper than the current Yonex AS30 shuttles being used. For the quantities we normally purchase they would be £5.00 cheaper per tube so based on buying 75-100 tubes a season it could be a considerable saving for the club. The trial will take place on Thursday 22/08/24 and feedback will be required as a decision will need to be taken quickly as to which shuttles to purchase.
- Pegboard rules were felt to be being followed but on occasions there were still issues with mixing, this was felt that this was only on nights with higher numbers however it was highlighted that players should try to pick players they haven't played with to mix the night further.