

MINUTES OF OPEN UNIVERSITY BADMINTON CLUB AGM JULY 9TH 2012

Present:

Julia Wilson, Lorna Vivian, Lynne Gibb, Mike Davis, Colin Gover, Francis Louis, Maria Robinson, Jane Baines. David Baines, Suneetha Moturu, Shanmukha Rao Moturu.

Minutes of 2011 AGM

Just one error on these minutes to be corrected:

The Ladies team would be staying in Division 1, not Division 2.

Subject to this change being made the minutes were proposed by Lorna and seconded by Francis.

Chair's Report

A written report is attached.

Treasurer's Report

A written report is attached.

The report was proposed by Maria and seconded by Lynne.

A Team Report

A written report is attached.

Ladies Team Report

A written report is attached.

Beds A Team Report

A written report is attached.

Beds B Team Report

A written report is attached.

Men's Team Report

A verbal report from Francis. The team had a very good season winning 7 games and losing just 3. They came 3rd in the division so just missed promotion. They had a good pool of players to use and a good level of commitment. Francis is happy to take over from Fabian (who is injured) as Captain for next season.

Membership & Match Fees for 2012-2013

Mike and Shan had a meeting with the OU Club. They suggested that we reduce the membership fees for next season to bring down our reserve and secure funding from them for next year. A vote was taken and unanimously decided to reduce the fees by £5 across the board. Match fees would be kept at £1, and Visitor's fees at £2. However, we must be a little more active on collecting them!

Team Entries for 2012-2013

It was decided to keep the Mixed A and Ladies in the MK League. And in the Beds League to amalgamate the A & B teams to make just one A team. Also to keep the Men's team in the Beds League.

Elections of Committee Posts for 2012-2013

Mixed A – Julia Wilson

Ladies – Lorna Vivian

Beds A – Colin Gover

Mens – Francis Louis

Chair – Mike Davis

Treasurer – Shanmukha Rao Moturu

Secretary – Colin Gover

All posts were unopposed.

Any Other Business

It was felt that the courts have definitely been better this year. However, if there are any problems in the future to let Mike know.

The shuttles have been ok, but can be a little fast. As it was possibly just a bad batch it was decided to monitor it and see how it goes.

Mann Trophy: We played well to make it to the final again, but struggled with injuries and form on the day and finished 3rd again. The format is changing next season to a single day tournament in May.

Milton Keynes Medley league: we have been asked to vote on a proposal to change the format of the Medley games in MK league – as we don't have any teams in this division it was decided that the club would not vote on the proposals.

Meeting closed 7.20pm

OU Badminton Club: Chair's Report 2011-12

This season has been a little mixed. Membership has increased again to 50 members, and very healthy Club Night sessions. On the other hand some of our league teams have struggled after winning promotion last season, and Club Nights have been quite crowded on some occasions. The Hub Theatre has been fairly stable for us again over the year. Cancellations have been kept to a minimum and Events have been helpful in keeping us informed over the year and working around any possible conflicts. Thanks to Jane, who has been very helpful in chasing up Estates over any problems with the state of the hall.

Demand for use of the hall has continued to be high across the University and amongst other affiliated clubs, and we have had an official request from Fencing to let them use the hall on Friday evenings. After some negotiation and discussion within the committee, we have agreed to push back our Friday matches from 7pm to 7.30pm from next season, with Fencing using the hall from 5.30pm. A side effect of this is that we will not be able to use the hall on Fridays for extra Club Nights in September, and possibly not during next summer either. Wednesdays may be available as an alternative, but we won't know until Easter.

Shan and I had a meeting with the OU Club Treasurer to discuss our financial situation. He was generally very happy with the state of our finances and with the actions we have taken to fill the funding gap. In the end he suggested that we could get away with lowering our fees so that our reserve drops closer to the agreed minimum more quickly – more on this later.

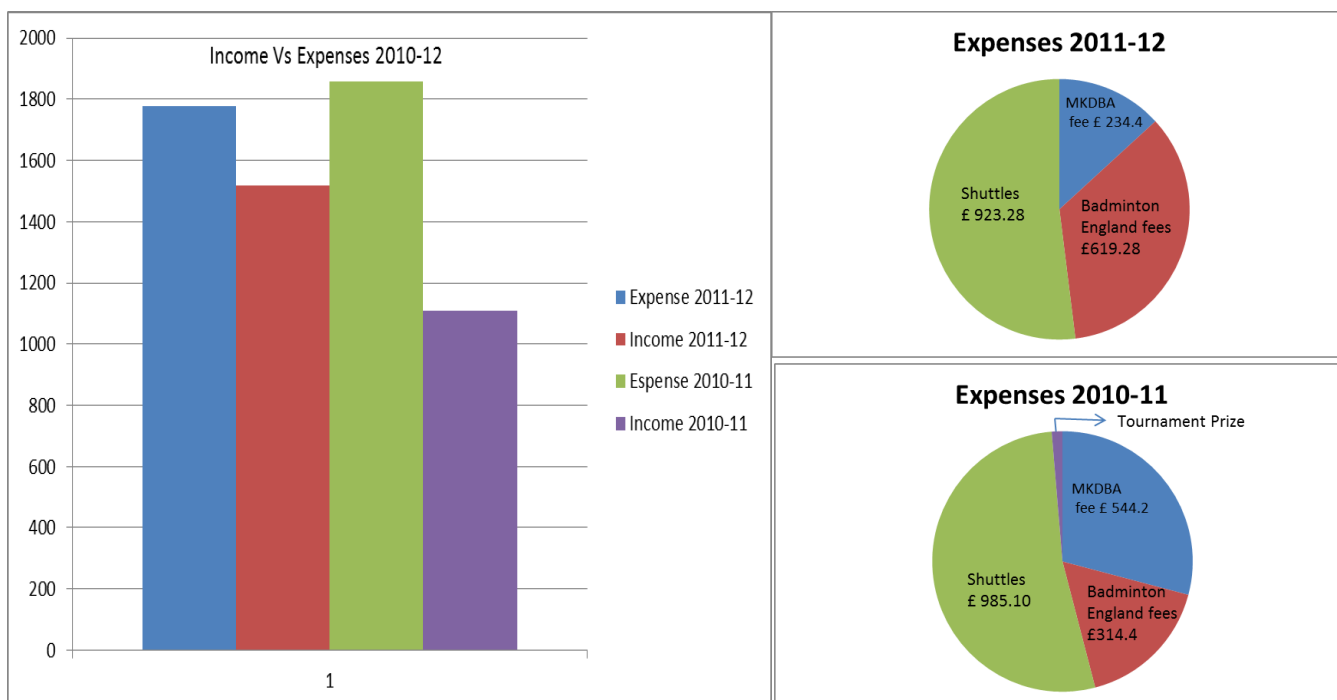
Finally, I would like to thank everyone involved in running the club, particularly Shan, who agreed to take over as Treasurer this season; Colin, for helping with the organisation of leagues and matches; Julia, for agreeing to take minutes yet again; and all the team captains for keeping things going throughout the year.

Mike Davis
Chair, Open University Badminton Club

OU Badminton Club: Treasure Report 2011-12

We've had very pleasant season. We have 50 members, compare to last year we have couple more. In the beginning of this season (2011/12) we have introduced £5.00 hike for all members' fee, £2.00 pounds for visitor per club night, £1.00 away and home match fee to fill the gaps of current and last season. This season shuttles cost was raised to £0.50 per tube compare to last season. The income was raised by £409.00 (+/- £50.00) when compared to last season (2010/11). But the expenditure remains same with £1776.78 (+/- £100.00). We have purchased so far three and half box (a box contains 24 tubes), which costs £923.38.

So far the financial conditions are same as last season. The closing balance as of now is £1289.11,



compare to last season it is down by £257. The usage of the shuttles during the club nights and matches are far enough. This season we have received very few broken shuttles compare to last year. The club night so far on regular, summer Fridays and bank holidays will remain same as last seasons. We have enough shuttles in reserve for this season.

On the other hand, The OU club continuing the "saving money" policy, as every season we have requested funding from OU club which was taken into consideration and the decision was left open till the season (2011/12) ends. The membership fee for the upcoming season will be revised during AGM meeting 9th July 2012.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone involved in running the club successfully.

Shan Moturu
Treasurer, Open University Badminton Club

Captains Reports

MK A TEAM END OF SEASON REPORT 2011-2012

It has been a very difficult season for the Mixed A team this year. Our promotion to Division 1 was always going to be a difficult ask, mainly because the majority of the other teams in that division play at a higher standard. We didn't win any games at all, although we weren't whitewashed in every match. I am in no doubt that we will be relegated to Division 2.

Having said that I have, as usual, had a high level of commitment from my squad and I thank them for that.

If we want to get ourselves back amongst the better players at the end of next season then we need to train, and consistently play match level games at Club nights.

I am happy to stand as Captain again.

Fees collected £72

Julia Wilson
OU A Captain

21st May 2012

OU Ladies Captain's report. Season 2011 – 2012

Team:

Lynne Gibb, Lorna Vivian, Maxine McMenamain, Kam Kelly, Julia Wilson, Gill Williams

Thanks to the lovely team.

We had a fairly convincing season this year, winning 5, drawing 1 and 3 losses out of 10. We even beat All Stars A team at home. (Ssh I think they had six reserves) Thank you to Julia and Gill for stepping in at late notice for some games. Apologies for my appalling play for the last few games – tennis elbow is confirmed and I am awaiting the date for a horrid injection.

Monies collected - £1 per game per player - £36

Running costs including: paper, stamps, envelopes, texts and phone calls, photocopying, printer ink - £5

Balance £31

Ladies Division 1	PI	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
All Stars A	10	8	1	1	49	11	17
Shenley A	10	7	2	1	43	17	16
Birds A	10	5	2	3	35	25	12

Open University A	10	5	1	4	31	29	11
All Stars B	10	2	0	8	20	40	4
Woughton A	10	0	0	10	2	58	0

Beds A Captain's report. Season 2011 – 2012

Team:

Chris Powel, Lynne Gibb

Tahir Gulfraz, Lorna Vivian

Kevin Kelly, Maxine McMenamain

Thanks to the team.

We had a fairly difficult season this year, mainly due to not being able to field a regular team for most games. As a consequence we did not win as many games as we normally do and have ended up 2nd to last in Division 1. We are likely to go down a division, but I have not yet heard officially. Having said that our team actually played quite well, we had many close game results and sets to three, just not many winners.

Thanks to Colin, Mike, Julia, Dan and Kam for standing in as subs.

Next Season I am standing down as captain, after over 8 years service and propose that Colin Gover take over as Beds Medley captain.

Chris Powel and Tahir Gulfraz have stepped down from the A team and will not play in the Beds A league for OU next season, so a whole team reshuffle is needed.

Monies collected - £1 per game and home games an additional £1 per home team player = £60

Running costs including: paper, stamps, envelopes, texts and phone calls, photocopying, printer ink etc - £5

Balance £55

Medley - Medley Division 1							
		1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Bedford & County A		9-0 Won	3-6 Lost	7-2 Won	6-3 Won	7-2 Won
2	Challney A	0-9 Lost		1-8 Lost	0-9 Lost	1-8 Lost	0-9 Lost
3	Leighton Buzzard A	5-4 Won	9-0 Won		9-0 Won	7-2 Won	9-0 Won
4	Open University A	3-6 Lost	9-0 Won	1-8 Lost		1-8 Lost	3-6 Lost
5	Vauxhall A	2-7 Lost	7-2 Won	6-3 Won	7-2 Won		9-0 Won
6	Vauxhall B	1-8 Lost	6-3 Won	5-4 Won	5-4 Won	1-8 Lost	

Standings of Medley - Medley Division 1												
		Points	Played	Won	Draws	Lost	Matches		Games		Points	
1	Leighton Buzzard A	84	10	8	0	2	68	- 22	0	- 0	0	- 0
2	Bedford & County A	82	10	8	0	2	66	- 24	0	- 0	0	- 0
3	Vauxhall A	74	10	7	0	3	60	- 30	0	- 0	0	- 0
4	Vauxhall B	45	10	5	0	5	35	- 55	0	- 0	0	- 0
5	Open University A	38	10	2	0	8	34	- 56	0	- 0	0	- 0
6	Challney A	7	10	0	0	10	7	- 83	0	- 0	0	- 0

Beds B Division 2 - Captains Report for the 2011-2012 Season

- Games played – 10
- Games won – 2

Although we had a positive start to the season by winning our first match, it was short lived and ended up proving to be quite a difficult season. The level of play in this division is of a good standard and most teams field quite strong teams with very little difference in the standard of play across their pairings.

Unfortunately this and our overall sharpness and consistency on court proved to be our downfall, which in the end was affecting the moral of the team and influenced results on games where we should have won.

Definitely a bit more team spirit wouldn't go amiss to pick everyone up during matches where the going is tough.

I feel our team can compete in this division, regrettably we will need to implement a team restructure and once done the selected team will need to do a bit of court training to improve our overall standard and sharpness in preparation for the new season.

I cannot see us staying up in this division and if we go down to Division 3 I would rather not field a team, as the standard of play between the divisions is vast. It would be not beneficial to the team to play in Div 3.

I am happy to retain captaincy for another season, if we stay up or make a joint decision to restructure our league teams.

Thanks,

Colin