

# Meeting Minutes of RJBC

Date: 21 Oct 2023  
 Time: 13:00  
 Held at: Ernesford Grange Community Academy  
 Present: Sak Wathanasin, Tosh Singh, Seaforth Dale, Suresh Sivasankaran, Pradeep Kumar, Muadz Nizam, Ajay Sangwan.  
 Also present: Parents and players  
 Apologies: Kavita Tumber, Huy

Item	Action
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| 1) Reports of the officers (attached) were read and accepted.  |    |
| 2) Election of new officers  |    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tosh Singh was elected as chair.<br/><b>proposed SW; seconded SD; elected unopposed.</b></li> <li>● Seaforth Dale was elected as secretary.<br/><b>proposed TS; seconded SW; elected unopposed.</b></li> <li>● Welfare officers: Chung, Becca<br/><b>proposed TS; seconded SW; elected unopposed.</b></li> <li>● Handover of treasurer from SW to KT<br/><b>Proposed TS; Seconded SD; elected by proxy.</b></li> <li>● PK was elected as communications officer.<br/><b>Proposed SW; seconded TS; elected unopposed.</b></li> </ul> | SW |
| 3) Moving to monthly payments  | TS |
| 4) Proposal to increase fees by £0.50p per person per session from January 2024, (Accepted unanimously)  |    |
| 5) Balancing numbers in different sessions   | SW |
| 6) AOB   |    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Possibility of one-one coaching from Level 2's</li> <li>● Player of the year, Dhruv Kumar</li> </ul>  |    |
| 7) Date of next meeting: TBD   |    |
| 8) There being no other business, the meeting ended at 14:30.  |    |



**RACQUETEERS**  
Junior Badminton Club

# **Annual General Meeting 1300 on Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2023 at Ernesford Grange Community Academy**

## **Agenda:**

- **Report of officers**
- **Election of new officers**
- **Move to monthly payments**
- **Balancing numbers in different sessions**
- **Any other business**

**More information will be available before the AGM from the website**

<http://www.racqueteers-bc.org.uk>



## **Annual General Meeting: 1300 on Sat 21st Oct 2023 at Ernesford Grange Community Academy**

### **Chairman's Report**

Welcome and thank you for taking time to join our RJBC AGM.

AT7s approach in cancelling 16-20 sessions forced us to move facilities & I believe we have found in EG our new home for the foreseeable future.

On the financials, our costs have increased for court hire and fees will have to increase based on the Treasurers report & proposal to move to monthly subscription. We've incurred increased coaching qualification fees as a result of new coaches joining the club. Huey L1, Suresh L1, Ajay L1, Muadz L1, Kavita on her L2, Pradheep on his L2. A big thank you also to Kwok, Volunteer and Becky and Chung for stepping up to being our Welfare Officers.

In terms of membership, we lost Shafi this year as he went on to university and we wish him well on his new journey. Early days but it looks like we have lost some members in the move from AT7 to EG and we will invite more to join as we have a long waiting list and the possibility of moving to 4 x 1 hr sessions.

In June RJBC won gold in the U13 Team Challenge and silver in the U17s. Fantastic efforts from all the players & great support from parents with a special thank you to Cara, who played in both U13s and U17s.

Finally, we would like to express our immense gratitude to Richard (Welfare Officer) who has already stepped down and Sak (Treasurer & Head Coach) who will step down 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2024. Both have been involved with RJBC for many years and we wish them well in finding new hobbies.

We are always on the look out for new volunteers who can help with administration & if anyone should want to get involved, please do not hesitate to approach any of the coaches or volunteers.

Finally, I would like to say that we have a sound footing for moving forward with the club and a big thank you to all the coaches and volunteers for their commitment to the club.

Tosh Singh

Chair 20/10/2023



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## Secretaries Report

The club has seen a steady increase in regular attendances over the last year with a total of around 60 plus (roughly split evenly between the 3 sessions). Unfortunately, since moving From Centre AT7 to Ernesford Grange, the downside, we had to cancel several sessions this year and 2024 because of AT7 taking the hall booking from us at short notice and going from 6 to 4 courts, we've had a drop in attendance in the first session. Sessions 2 and 3 remain strong with a healthy number of players. Also healthy, is our waiting list where we can invite potential new players across the 3 sessions depending on ability.

We welcomed Suresh, Ajay, Huy and Muadz as new Level 1 coaches with assistance from Kwok, we also welcomed back Pradeep and Kavita as new Level 2 coaches, so the club is looking quite healthy as far as the coaching staff goes. However, if anyone is thinking of volunteering and or getting coaching qualifications, please come and talk to us. We will welcome you with open arms.

The Badminton England online membership system is working a lot smoother this year. Although at times it can be a bit tricky to navigate but is a whole lot better than when it was launched.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sak for his advice, knowledge, and support not just to Racqueteers Junior Badminton Club, but to badminton in general. We owe a big debt to Sak for his leadership, guidance and growing the club to what it is now. After many years of successfully running the club, Sak has decided to step down in January 2024, and we cannot thank him enough for his work and dedication and wish him well for the future.

Seaforth Dale

Club Secretary 2022/23



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## Treasurer's Report

The financial reports for the year up to 19th Oct 2023 are attached. As can be seen, we have made a small loss, but I am hopefully that can break even by the end of the year.

Our main cost is the hall fees, and this can only increase in the coming years. Training costs are the next biggest expense, but that this has increased is a good sign as without coaches we cannot run. We have gained 4 new Level 1 and 2 Level 2 coaches, so this is money well-spent. The move to EG has also resulted in slightly lower attendances, but this is starting to recover.

The small operating loss is more than covered by our stock of T-shirts and shuttles. Speaking of shuttles, I would like to thank Central Sports BC, Monsoon BC and the organizers of the 2023 Masters Challenge Tournament for their donation of used shuttles; it really helps to keep our costs down.

I recommend that fees be increased by £0.50 for 2024/25 to cover the increased cost of hiring the hall at Ernesford Grange.

I would also like to propose that we move to monthly fees from 2024. This was clearly impractical during Covid; AT7 was also prone to cancelling our hall booking at short notice, and it would have been too time-consuming to deal with refunds or credits. However, bookings at EG are more stable and we know well in advance which sessions will be cancelled and can adjust fees accordingly.

Finally, I would like to give notice that I will step down as treasurer from 1st Jan 2024 or as soon as the banking mandate can be changed.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to have worked at this club.

Sak Wathanasin

Club treasurer 2022/23

## Reconciliation of Funds at 19th Oct 2023

	2023	2022	2021
Bank Balance	2398.16	2556.78	2276.15
Paypal Balance	0.00	71.76	605.76
Cash in Hand	<u>13.48</u>	<u>37.28</u>	<u>37.28</u>
Total Funds	2411.64	2665.82	2919.19
Coaching	240.00		
AGM expenses	<u>100.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b><u><u>2071.64</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>2665.82</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>2919.19</u></u></b>
Funds held 1 Jan of prev year	1677.07	2504.24	3140.10
Deficit/surplus for year	<u>-166.42</u>	<u>-827.17</u>	<u>-635.86</u>
<b>Funds held 31st Dec</b>	<b><u><u>1510.65</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>1677.07</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>2504.24</u></u></b>

Notes

## Income & Expenditure Account to 19th Oct 2023

	2023	2022	2021
<b>INCOME</b>			
Subscriptions	6,896.21	6,816.87	2,697.26
Interest Received			
Donations/Other	<u>351.76</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>1,001.95</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>7,247.97</b>	<b>6,846.87</b>	<b>3,699.21</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Court Fees	5,793.50	5,877.80	2,276.90
Coach Training/Reg'n	765.80	423.00	277.50
Badminton England Fees	317.80	313.50	-
Grant/loans Repaid	-	-	-
Tournament expenses	171.59	-	-
T Shirts	-	535.80	361.60
Website	-	43.16	-
Presents	6.00	274.78	64.00
Sundry Expenses	<u>359.70</u>	<u>206.00</u>	<u>1,355.07</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>7,414.39</b>	<b>7,674.04</b>	<b>5,402.87</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit for Year</b>	<b>- 166.42</b>	<b>- 827.17</b>	<b>418.51</b>