

Minutes of South Leic's Badminton Club 36th AGM
Held at Broughton Astley Leisure Centre on Friday 5th June 2026.

Members Present; L MacNeill, I Bosworth, M. Cooper, D Smith, S Mahmood, T Mahmood, R Phipkin, K Godhaniya.

Apologies; I Gee, C Smith, D Riches, N Cooper

We all opened the meeting at 7.37pm.

All agreed that it was a true account of the reading of last years' minutes.

Secretary's Report

We welcomed new members, Georgia, Ellis and Kevin to the club. We hope you have enjoyed your first season with SLBC!

We trialled Match night on Wednesday (plus one extra court for club) and club night on Friday 2/3 courts, which have been quite well attended. We will discuss costs and sustainability later in AOB

Leics used a new match reporting system, Baddersweb, which had some glitches and mistakes (by the humans!) but mostly positive reviews.

A new format for Ladies matches is being proposed. More info and a vote will be required in AOB.

A free women's Badminton Festival was held on Saturday 28th March, which was a reasonable success, and a lot of fun! Thank you so much to the volunteer members who gave up their time on the day :)

Some of our members unfortunately sustained injuries during the season (Kate, Jayden, Ian, Jenny D) and we hope you are on the road to recovery?

Lots of members enjoyed a free day out at the All England tournament again, and we thank Ray for keeping up with the paperwork that means we qualify as a Premier Club.

The new Junior club session from 4-5pm has been a roaring success, and we gained lots of new junior players as well as an added bonus, coach, Jon Hancock from Badminton England :)

Junior and senior members have taken advantage of the junior club's generous offer to pay for coaching courses, as long as they benefit the future of the club.

Male and female junior club members have played a big part in matches this season, of which we are grateful and very happy to see their progress. More from Ray in the Junior Club report.

Lorraine and Dave have updated their safeguarding and Welfare officer qualifications, to keep us all safe :)

I recently used Badminton England's insurers- Howden Group to claim for a broken racket.

I can report that it was an easy process and I received £127!

If you need to claim for a broken racket, I can forward the information.

This year's presentation Evening is at Fat Cat in town on Friday 16th June.

If you want a ticket, let me know.

Treasurer's Report

Darren distributed a very detailed financial report.

A copy will be placed in the club locker, should anyone wish to view it.

Most of the monies have been collected, but three people still owe subs, who are Jenny B, Khalid and Tim Summerfield.

Shuttle costs have risen massively, but we collected quite a few visitors fees.

The junior club profits generously subsidised the extra costs attributed to extra court costs and shuttle price increase. We thank Ray and the team for allowing the senior club to run at a loss.

There are options with regard to shuttles next season.

a) Swifties synthetic shuttles

b) bulk buy Ling Mei shuttles through the Performance Centre

We will purchase a tube of Swifties to test during the summer.

Hitesh explained that organising a club tournament would be a good way of raising money, and, since he has experience in hosting tournaments, he would volunteer to organise, so long as we had enough volunteers to make the day run smoothly.

Sue, Loz and Darren volunteered on the night, and the coaches that have received a bursary from the Junior Club should also make themselves available if possible.

Maybe looking at March. Hitesh to co ordinate.

A proposal to increase subscription fees by £5, which all present agreed to.

No reduction in quality of shuttles and no increase in match fees.

Match Secretary's Report

First season using the online app, Baddersweb. The Winners should input the data, and the opposition should verify the result within a week.

We had a mixed season as far as results go, but the most notable is that Mens 1 were relegated from the first division.

There was a proposal that Mens and Mixed 1 should play their matches on a Wednesday, but on reflection, there are not enough court hours to fit a match into.

2 courts 8-9pm and 3 courts 9-10pm is not enough time, unless an established 8pm block booking relinquishes their booking.

Therefore all matches remain on a Friday until further notice.

Junior Club report.

Ray distributed comprehensive Junior Club financial reports for the members to peruse.

There are copies should anyone wish to look over them.

An overview of Junior Club activities, 2026 season;

The venue at Broughton Astley Leisure Centre enables the club to have sessions for all the 38 weeks of Schools Autumn, Spring & Summer Terms. A Badminton England grant was obtained to help introduce a new 4:00pm to 5:00pm session in addition to the weekly Friday club night sessions from 5:00pm – 6:30pm and 6:30pm – 8:00pm. We now have registered a total of 40 "Junior Community Club Member (12-18)", 24 "Junior Community Club Member (5-11)" & 1 "Junior Compete Member (5-11)" Badminton England membership for 2025/26. Currently attending are 18 girls & 47 boys aged from school years 3 to 13.

For season 2025/26 all members / volunteers when they join are presented with a free Club T-shirt and Hoodie.

At the Club trophy presentation night & meal on 03/07/26 William Lunn will receive the "Outstanding Club Member" trophy for 2025/26. Samuel Haywood (4:00pm – 5:00pm); Jack Kane (5:00pm-

6:30pm) & Darcey Gee (6:30pm -7:00pm) will receive the "Most Improved Session Member" trophy 2025/26.

The seventh internal club tournament events were held during Spring Term 4 so as not to disrupt older players exams. This enabled all events to take place in respect of the Girls & Boys Singles & Level Doubles events for U12's; U14's; U16's, U18's . Also, U10's Girls Singles and Boys Singles & Level Doubles event. A total of 56 trophies for all winners and runner-ups will be presented.

During season 2025/26 Darcey Gee, Ruth Burton, Zack Johnson, Harvin Chana, Hitesh Godhaniya and Kiranam Singumahanti obtained the Badminton England Foundation award and Kiranam Singumahanti Badminton England Level 2 coach award.

Eliza Douglas and Walter Mather attended the Badminton England East Midlands Young Leaders Academy.

Darren Kibrik, Isabella Chan, Finn Burchett and Micah Du represented the club in the LSBA U11's Primary Club League.

Club players have entered non-county badminton tournament events with special mention to Zack Johnson who has won both U17's Boys Doubles and Singles.

The club have helped members in respect of their D of E awards in respect of (i) physical (ii) volunteer elements for all levels. Also, any video recordings required for their Badminton PE GCSE.

The club now has 5 Foundation and 5 Level 2 Badminton England coaches available to be able to adapt the structured programme for each week of the term session to suit the players technical & tactical badminton skills on the respective courts.

To develop the Junior Members of a suitable playing standard, the Adult Club entered a Men's III team in Division 7 of the LBA League and Adult players partnered Junior players.

Parents, Volunteers, Coaches and especially players dedication, commitment, help and support enables the club to continue to grow.

Please see the video featured by Badminton England at their Club & Coach Conference - Safeguarding & Welcoming Environments Workshop (see -Latest News website) : <http://www.southleicestershirebadminton.org.uk>

Ray Phipkin – Head Coach (28/04/2026)

Election Of Officers

All officers were willing to re-stand;

Chairman- Darren Riches

Match Secretary – Ian Bosworth

Secretary- Lorraine MacNeill

Treasurer- Darren Smith

Ass Treasurer- Ray Phipkin

Head Coach- Ray Phipkin

Committee members- Sue Mahmood

Jayden Poole

Team Captains

Sue asked to step down as captain of mixed 2. Georgia Potter will be approached and offered the captaincy. Loz to take over captaincy of Mixed 1.

Team Captains Reports - a resume. Lorraine has the originals

Mens1 – Mark Cooper. A difficult season, we lost strong players, Andrew Frost, Mark J, Tom P. Had to use many Mens 2 players. Relegated.

Mens 2- Ian Bosworth. Survived in a good, competitive season.

Mens 3- Ian Bosworth .Safe, Ed Malpass was a big loss, but the standard of other junior players is increasing rapidly. Thanks to everyone who helped out.

Mixed 1 – Mark Cooper , safe. We had just enough wins to survive in division 1. Well played everyone.

Mixed 2.Sue Mahmood. Safe- just. A difficult season due to no regular pairings and lady players moving to other clubs. Darcey Gee - most improved player.

Ladies. Sue Mahmood. Safe in Division 1 due to Meltonshire conceding their matches.

Some injuries weakened the team, but we managed to field a full squad every time. Thanks to all.

All Leicestershire club representatives have been asked to give an opinion regarding the ladies divisions changing to 4 players in a team, because of falling participation numbers (as per Coventry, Lincs league etc)

We have voted in favour, and aim to field two teams, one in division one and one team in division two.

As of yet, no official decision has been made, but we will make the ladies aware as soon as a decision is made!

Any Other Business

Those present agreed to change in wording in the Constitution regarding of a condition in the Junior Club.

Sue to present trophies at the Annual Junior Club presentation on Friday July 3rd.

Food/Drink/Music/trophies/ lots of badminton :)

We talked about the possibility of a social event for the senior and junior club combined.

We all agreed it would be a lovely idea- maybe for September???

The committee will discuss further during the summer months.

Meeting closed 9.37pm

Lorraine
Secretary
South Leic's BC
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