



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

9 December 2023

GUNGAHLIN EASTLAKES CLUB, GUNGAHLIN

Meeting commenced 5:05pm

Attendees:

Attendee	Club
Olaf Schuermann	Gungahlin
Alan Kisbee	Gungahlin
Tommy Liu	ANU
Sheehan Lim	ANU
Brideen Allen	Southside
Aaron Chuah	CGS
Indu Sealy	Tuggeranong Vikings
Cassandra Yap	ANU
Geoff Megs	ACT Veterans
San Neo Ong	Northside
Bas Gintings	Northside
Mark Thoener	ACT Veterans
Terrance Khoo	National/Aspire
Thomas Oschenbein	ACT Veterans
Tai-Liang Ko	Northside Juniors
Michael Ngo	Gungahlin
Alvin Labios	Aspire
William Cai	Aspire
Don Siriwardena	Azure Dragon
Charith Siriwardena	Azure Dragon
Shuen Joe	Northside
Kam Joe	Northside
Goh Xing Huong	Northside Juniors
Elysia Viravong	Northside Juniors

Apologies: Raymon Kan (Treasurer), Daniel Akkidasari (Capital Juniors BC)

1. Welcome and Apologies

- The President welcomed members to the AGM noting that the quorum necessary to begin the meeting had been met.



2. Tabling of the 2022 AGM Minutes

- It was noted that the Minutes of the 2022 AGM were available online via the BACT website.
- The Minutes were tabled at the meeting with no comments received from members.

3. President's Report

- The President noted that ACT Open took place for the first time since 2019 was a very successful tournament with more than 200 competitors mostly from NSW. This also included the number one ranked men's single and doubles players in Australia.
- It was also mentioned that development BadmintonWorx facility in Fyshwick was delayed due to issues with submitting the Development Approval application.
- The President reiterated the while the Association had no financial involvement in this facility, ACTBA's commitment to work together with BadmintonWorx and make it "the Home of ACT Badminton" once the facility has been completed.
- It was proposed that an MOU be signed with the owner to recognise this partnership.
- The ABC new story produced in April 2023 was very successful in profiling Badminton in the ACT, including raising the issue of lack of suitable and available facilities and generating interest in the sport.
- The ACT Government Sports Grants Program had been reviewed with the President providing feedback on the new process and with funding now on a tri-annual basis.
- The Badminton ACT 2021-24 Strategic and 2023 Operational Plans were also discussed with it being noted that, overall, the Association was meeting its strategic goals with some definite areas of improvement identified e.g. increasing grant support and securing sponsors.
- The importance of the integrity matters amongst clubs was raised and it was mentioned that all relevant policies that clubs must adhere to are available on the BACT website.
- The President's Report was tabled with no further comment.

4. Approval of Treasurer's Report

- As the Treasurer was an apology the report was summarised by the President.
- It was noted that the accounts had now been audited to provide members and the public with assurance that funds were being expended responsibly. The audit report is on the website.
- There was a small surplus this year of around \$9700 compared to the deficit last year which was attributed to funding the trial Junior Development Officer program.
- It was noted that the Association had around 991 members across 21 clubs with two new clubs being established and affiliated this year.
- No comments were made on the financial statements or the Treasurer's Report.
- A motion to accept the report was moved by San Neo Ong and accepted by Brideen Allen. The motion passed.

5. Approval of Match Secretary's Report

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- Brideen Allen summarised the report, mentioning that lack of reliable venues is a persisting issue especially at the beginning of the year.
- Two Interclub competitions were successfully run in 2023 under the new arrangement whereby clubs volunteered to assist in running the competition. The Match Secretary thanked ANU Club and Northside for their assistance in this.
- A new grading system and interclub structure continued to be trialled. Some feedback being on the possible imbalances resulting in inflated rankings.
- This could be attributed to a mixed doubles pairing with a strong man possibly pulling up the women’s doubles players ranking. The Match Secretary took an action to review the scheme and report back to the Executive Committee in 2024.
- The association was planning to run at least three interclubs in 2024. However, members decided to hold an ACT Closed tournament instead of the first Interclub competition.
- Clubs to assist in running competitions were decided as follows:
 - March-April 2024 ACT Closed (Gungahlin/Northside)
 - July Interclub (Southside)
 - October Interclub (Aspire).
- The President noted that after approaching the ANU and AIS regarding the 2024 ACT Juniors Championships and ACT Open, that the AIS was able to accommodate the latter on 16-17 November 2024. Neither the ANU or AIS could accommodate the Juniors on the proposed date of 28-29 April 2024, with the CGS likely to be the venue (Nb. all competitions will be discussed and confirmed by the incoming BACT Committee before the 2024 Calendar is placed on the website).
- A motion to accept the report was moved by Indu Sealy and accepted by Aaron Chuah. The motion passed.

6. Election of new office Bearers

- All positions were declared vacant and a summary of the officer bearer election is below:

Executive Committee

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Second
President	Olaf Schuermann	San Neo Ong	Indu Sealy
Vice President	Alan Kisbee	Brideen Allen	Olaf Schuermann
Treasurer	Raymond Kan	Sheehan Lim	Goh Xing Huong
Match Secretary	Cassandra Yap	Tommy Liu	Goh Xing Huong
Secretary	Sheehan Lim	Goh Xing Huong	Elysia Viravong

- Applications for Associate Members were received, and the following were accepted:
 - Indu Sealy (Social Secretary)
 - Aaron Chuah (Webmaster)
 - William Cai
 - Goh Xing Huong
 - Tai Liang Ko
 - Alvin Labios
- The President noted that at the first meeting of the 2024 Committee, that one Associate Member (other than the webmaster) would be allocated to work with one Executive Committee member to assist share the work load.



11. Other Business

- Olaf Schuermann raised matters relating to:

Updating the ACTBA Constitution in 2024

- The need to update the ACTBA Constitution to account for the use of electronic systems for sending information and hosting meetings.
- A revised section on electronic mechanisms for the distribution of information and the holding of meetings would be proposed and considered at the 2024 AGM.

Integrity Matters

- Following Executive Committee endorsement of Badminton Australia's policies in 2023, the policies had been updated.
- All clubs were reminded that they are obliged to adhere to these policies.
- Each club should identify an Integrity Manager (with Club Managers holding this position by default) with the Integrity Officer for Badminton ACT being the Vice President.
- If there are issues that arise, club managers to use their common sense and prioritise the safety of their members by approaching the police first in potentially serious cases involving child abuse (amongst others) and then notifying Badminton ACT.

Revolutionise Sport Role Over (mentioned under Agenda Item 3)

- It was mentioned that the communications had already been sent out reminding club managers to update their membership lists (particularly removing duplicate member numbers for the same member) before the role over from 2023 to 2024 in both the ACTBA's 'parent' portal and individual club portals.
- This role over was delayed from mid-January until early February to allow more time for Club Managers to do this. Aspire was the exception as they use Revolutionise differently and have arranged their own roll-over schedule directly.

Major Events to be hosted in the ACT

- Unigames 2024 and the 2025 Australian Master Games to be hosted by the ACT – The 2024 Executive Committee will liaise with the organisers to see what their requirements would be to assist in running the competitions.

A member also raised clarification of the rules on service delays

- It was clarified by an ACT Technical Officials Committee representative that players can be faulted for delaying their serve by the umpire if in their view there was an undue delay and that a warning may be given, or a player could be immediately faulted depending on the circumstances.

The meeting closed at 6:25pm.