

Annual General Meeting 2026: Minutes

Wednesday 9 September 2026 | 7.00 p.m. | Brookfield Secondary School, Chesterfield | Draft for approval

About these minutes

These are the draft minutes of the 2026 AGM. They record the decisions made at the meeting and will be put forward for approval at the next AGM.

Where a decision has since been written into the League documents, the relevant clause is shown in grey beneath it.

Key decisions

- Constitution adopted
- League Rules adopted, with a clarification on ineligible players
- Code of Conduct approved, except the fines and administrative charges
- Fees unchanged; games stay at 21; digital scorecard trial approved
- Committee elected for 2026/27

1 Welcome, Attendance and Apologies

Representatives signed the club attendance register and recorded the club they were attending for.

Club	Representative(s)
Abbeyleigh	Marc Farnen
Alfreton Badminton Club	Louise Buck; Di Robertson
Ashfield	Simon Spencer
Darley Dale Badminton Club	Richard Brooks
Feather Force Chesterfield	Manu Thankappan Sugunan
Freddies	Ethan Marshall
Grenhilleg Badminton Club	Ian Bates; Ryan Smith; Richard (Rick) Heathcote; Amanda Jones
Killamarsh Badminton Club	Stephen Collins
Mansfield Oaktree	Dan Thomas
New Embers Badminton Club	Steve Lee
Ripley Leisure Centre Badminton Club	Sue Allen
Staveley	Ben Hargreaves
Steel City Strikers	Sathishchander
Venturers	Kate Rothwell-Jackson
Wirksworth Badminton Club	Alex Land

Brookfield, Broomgrove and Wisewood Badminton Clubs were not expected to attend, as they had not entered teams for 2026/27.

Committee members present

Name	Capacity
Ryan Smith	Co-Chair at opening; Grenhilleg
Richard Brooks	Co-Chair at opening; Darley Dale
Gary Jordan	League Secretary; no club affiliation
Judie Rebaudi	Fixtures and Results Secretary; no club affiliation
Simon Spencer	Website and Communications Officer; Ashfield

Apologies were received from Pete Weston (Committee member) and Adam Robinson (Treasurer and Venturers representative). The meeting was quorate. Each represented member club had one vote.

2 Previous AGM Minutes

The 2025 AGM minutes were accepted as a true record, subject to one correction: Venturers should be shown as present, not absent.

Proposed by Simon Spencer. Seconded by Kate Rothwell-Jackson (Venturers).

Outcome: Carried.

3 New Constitution

The revised Constitution was agreed and adopted.

Proposed by Steve Lee (New Embers). Seconded by Ian Bates (Grenhilleg).

Outcome: Carried.

4 New League Rules

The revised League Rules were agreed, subject to the following clarification on using starred or otherwise ineligible players in a lower division.

- A club that needs to use an ineligible player, for example to support a developing junior player or to make sure a full fixture can take place, must tell the opposing team in advance and obtain its agreement.
- The affected games may still be played, but the ineligible partnership cannot score points. Those games are recorded 21-0 to the eligible opposition, and no two-point league deduction applies.
- If an ineligible player is used without advance disclosure and agreement, the offending team forfeits the affected games and receives a two-point league deduction.

Vote: 14 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

Outcome: Carried.

Now League Rules 3.3 to 3.6. Each affected rubber is recorded 21-0, 21-0.

5 Code of Conduct

Members noted that the Code referred to fines and administrative penalties, but the League documents did not set their amount or scale. A clear schedule of costs and penalties is to be developed and reviewed.

The Code of Conduct was approved, except for the fines and administrative charges. These were deferred until the schedule has been agreed.

The proposed schedule is Appendix A of the Code, which is not operative.

6 Co-Chairs' Report

Ryan Smith and Richard Brooks reported that the 2025/26 season had generally been successful and calm. It ended with some difficulties when Killamarsh were unable to complete all their fixtures. Several teams were lost at the end of the season, and a number of new teams have joined for 2026/27.

7 Treasurer's Report and Fees

The Treasurer's report was accepted as a true record.

Members agreed to keep the existing fees for 2026/27: £10 for a club's first team and £5 for each additional team.

Proposed by Richard (Rick) Heathcote. Seconded by Sue Allen.

Outcome: Carried.

Now League Rules 2.3 and Constitution 6.1.

8 Fixtures and Results Report

Judie Rebaudi reported that the season had been administered relatively well. A small number of teams,

including some winning teams, were very late in submitting results. One team received a one-point penalty for failing to submit a result.

Clubs agreed to meet the insurance, results, fixtures, team-starring and other deadlines set out in the League Rules adopted under item 4.

9 Election of Committee

In line with the Constitution, all Committee positions were opened for nomination and election.

Position	Elected	Proposed by	Seconded by	Result
Chairperson	Ryan Smith	Ian Bates	Steve Lee	Elected as sole Chairperson
Vice-Chairperson	Vacant	No nomination		To be considered for co-option
League Secretary	Richard Brooks	Not recorded	Not recorded	Elected after a contested vote: Brooks 10, Jordan 0, 4 abstentions
Treasurer	Adam Robinson	Amanda Jones	Ben Hargreaves	Re-elected
Fixtures and Results Secretary	Judie Rebaudi	Simon Spencer	Kate Rothwell-Jackson	Re-elected
Welfare and Safeguarding Lead	Richard (Rick) Heathcote	Ian Bates	Ethan Marshall	Elected
Website and Communications Officer	Simon Spencer	Manu Thankappan Sugunan	Ethan Marshall	Re-elected
General Committee Member	Ben Hargreaves	Richard Brooks	Richard (Rick) Heathcote	Elected; succeeds Pete Weston
General Committee Member	Louise Buck	Ethan Marshall	Steve Lee	Elected to a new position

10 Team and League Structure

The team and league structure was agreed after discussion and amendment. Members also agreed this order of priority when forming divisions in future seasons:

- 1 Promotion and relegation earned at the end of the previous season comes first.
- 2 A new team whose players can show recent experience at a high standard, within the previous season, may be placed by the Committee in a suitable division. This must not displace or override any earned promotion or relegation.
- 3 A new team without evidence of previous playing ability enters at the bottom of its Open, Mixed or Ladies league.

Now League Rules 12.1 and 12.5 to 12.7.

Division	Teams
Open 1 (7)	Abbeydale; Venturers A; Mansfield Oaktree A; Staveley A; Staveley B; Mansfield Oaktree B; Grenhilheg A
Open 2 (5)	Darley Dale A; Freddie's A; New Embers A; Steel City Strikers; Wirksworth A
Open 3 (6)	New Embers B; Darley Dale B; Ashfield; New Embers C; Ripley A; Grenhilheg B
Open 4 (5)	Wirksworth B; Venturers B; Ripley B; Ashfield B; Feather Force
Mixed 1 (5)	Freddie's A; Venturers A; Staveley A; Freddie's B; New Embers A
Mixed 2 (6)	Darley Dale; Venturers B; New Embers B; Alferton; Ripley A; Ripley B
Ladies 1 (4)	New Embers A; Alferton; Grenhilheg; Mansfield Oaktree
Ladies 2 (4)	Venturers; New Embers B; Ripley; Darley Dale

11 Division 1 Synthetic (Hybrid) Shuttle Trial

The words "mutual agreement" were removed from the proposal before the vote. The proposal for a synthetic or hybrid shuttle trial in Division 1 was not carried.

Open and Mixed Division 1 will continue to use feather shuttles. From Division 2 downwards, the home team may choose feather, hybrid or plastic shuttles. The Committee will publish a list of League-accepted shuttle brands.

Outcome: Not carried.

Now League Rules 9.1 to 9.4.

12 Ladies Shuttle Choice

The home team may choose the shuttle type in every Ladies division, and must tell its opponent which type in advance.

Proposed by Richard Brooks. Seconded by Sue Allen.

Outcome: Carried.

Now League Rules 9.2 and 9.3 (notice no later than 48 hours before play).

13 Digital Scorecard Trial

A one-season trial of the digital scorecard upload application developed by Ryan Smith was approved. It runs alongside the usual paper scorecard, which must still be completed and signed during the match.

Only the home team submits the result, through www.cbldscoresheet.co.uk. It enters the league, team names and final score, and uploads a photograph of the completed paper scorecard. The away team no longer submits separately, but must sign the paper scorecard.

Proposed by Kate Rothwell-Jackson. Seconded by Alex Land.

Outcome: Carried.

Now League Rules section 8.

14 Scoring System

Members voted to keep best-of-three games to 21.

Vote: 12 for keeping games to 21, 2 for moving to games to 15, 0 abstentions.

Outcome: Games to 21 retained.

15 Match Confirmations

Clubs agreed that each club should provide a reliable way to send or request match confirmations through a nominated person, such as the club secretary or match secretary. WhatsApp or a similar messaging tool was recommended. Email is still acceptable, but club inboxes may not always be up to date or checked regularly.

16 Any Other Business

Members asked the Committee to look into reintroducing end-of-season trophies, an end-of-season social event and an end-of-season tournament. The Committee will review these options.

17 Fixtures Meeting and Close

The Fixtures Meeting will be held in the Sportshall Classroom at Brookfield Secondary School on Wednesday 23 September 2026, from 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

The next AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 8 September 2027. The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

Post-Meeting Action Log

Area	Action	Owner	Target
League Rules	Update and publish the agreed provisions on ineligible players, promotion and relegation priority, new-team placement, shuttle choice and deadlines.	Committee	As soon as practicable
Code of Conduct	Develop a clear schedule of fines and administrative charges (Appendix A), review it and return it to member clubs for approval.	Committee	As soon as possible
Committee	Publish the elected Committee and consider co-option to the vacant Vice-Chairperson role.	Committee	As soon as practicable
League structure	Publish the confirmed divisions and use them to prepare fixtures.	Committee; Fixtures and Results Secretary	Before fixtures are finalised
Shuttles	Produce and publish a list of League-accepted shuttle brands.	Committee	Before fixtures begin
Digital scorecard	Launch the trial and issue instructions for home teams.	Ryan Smith; Committee	Before fixtures begin
Match confirmations	Provide a reliable nominated contact method for confirmations.	All clubs	Before fixtures begin
End-of-season activity	Review trophies, a social event and a tournament.	Committee	During 2026/27

Approved as a true record at the AGM held on:

Date of approving AGM

Chairperson

Date