

**Woodstock Badminton Club
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, April 22, 2008
Called to order at 7:43 pm**

1. Attendance:

Present: Wendy Clements, Penny Parkes, Dave Hart, Russell Yeung, Deb Snowden, Anne Lim, Karen Edwards, Bill Thompson, Jordan Hearn, Jerry Singh, Chuck Hart, Sajjad Malik, and Rob Fowler.

2. President's Report – Jerry Singh

Welcome and thanks to all for your attendance and interest in the continuing success of Woodstock Badminton Club. As we come to the end of another busy year, I would like to thank all the members for their support. You will hear from our Board – they have fulfilled multiple roles maintaining the programs and activities of the club. A special thank you to Russell Yeung for updating our website, and to everyone in attendance for showing their support to the club.

3. Vice-President's Report – Chris Singh

Thanks to everyone for coming out and supporting the club, and all of the Board for their hard work and dedication to the success of the club. Now, you will hear from our board, updating you on the year's work.

4. Reading of SGM Minutes of Sept.11, 2007 – Wendy Clements

Minutes were handed out. Motion by Deb to approve, seconded by Dave. Carried.

5. Treasurer's Report – Dev Snowden

These balances are as of April 21, 2008

Bank balance	-	\$14308.81
Bingo account	-	\$ 203.92
GIC balance	-	\$ 3077.01

Question was raised: Is there a way to defer revenue?

Answer: We need funds to do major renovations (insulate ceiling) but don't want to lose Grant money by showing profit. Deb will ask Sandi Hart.

Deb made a suggestion to look into changing the way lessons are handled and maybe charging a fee for one night.

Question asked: Why are bird expenses so small as opposed to the budget?

Answer: Birds were purchased in April 2007 so we didn't need them for quite some time.

A special thank you to Dave Wilton for helping throughout this past year doing the cash collecting, counting and deposits.

6. Fundraising Report – Karen Edwards

These were our fundraising efforts this past season.

Nov.	-	\$694.51	-	Cheese sales profit
Dec.	-	\$300.00	-	Elmira Chicken profit
Jun	-		-	Golf Fundraiser is at Downs at Cedar Creek on Sat.June 7/08

1 pm tee-off

Potluck back at the Badminton Club

Golf carts are available – 9 holes - \$10.00 each	-	Green fees - \$19.00
-18 holes - \$15.00 each	-	Green fees - \$30.00

Karen presented a bit of info regarding Yuk Yuk's to give us an idea on how much it might cost us to do a large fundraiser. It could run upwards of \$3000.00, but the return would be far more than that if we advertised properly.

Many thanks go to all who helped with organizing these events. Any help with these fundraising ventures are greatly appreciated.

7. House – Jordan Hearn

The kitchen has been stocked regularly. New food items have been introduced and seem to be selling well enough.

If we combine the consignment items and regular sales we have made roughly \$4000.00 profit. We still owe Victor roughly \$6000.00 for birds we have purchased.

8. Maintenance – Eric Kendall

Another year has flown by with the usual maintenance issues at the club. We are in the process of upgrading our emergency exits with new signs which we will continue in the new season. The year also saw repairs to the hand rails going down to the men's change room and repair work to the walls in the change room as well. In the new season it is my hope to see more exit lights purchased along with new windows in the kitchen and upstairs. I would like to thank John Snowden for his continued help with any of the electrical work that needs to be done around the club. Finally, Karen Edwards and I were at a fundraising session recently and spoke with several organizations that may be able to help us with grant money. Of course this requires the help of others to put committees together to make it all happen. I'm sure more discussion on this matter will happen with the new Executive. I've enjoyed helping out his year and hope to do more to help next year.

9. Membership/Social – Wendy Clements

The total numbers for this season were 115 members, with 46 being juniors. This is an increase from last year, when we had 109 members.

10. Publicity – Penny Parkes

There were three newsletters sent out this year. Newsletters were distributed via e-mail in order to save cost of postal mailings. They were also posted at the club for those that do not have email. I do encourage members to list their emails on their membership forms in order to receive any club information that is sent out.

Advertisements for the Club opening were placed in the newspaper in September, as well as Advertising for half-year memberships.

There were also a few articles about the club in the paper this year.

11. Tournament – Rob Fowler/Dave Hart

Our club hosted four this year.

The ABCD Dairy Open – didn't run it – we tried twice with OBA for September 2007 and March 2008, both times they didn't have the tournament posted until the week prior to the tournament. Two years ago it was essentially the Western University Team participating...we need the support of the membership

The HP Jr. Early Bird – went very well, ran smoothly. We had 102 participants, which was up from 83 in 2006

The Woodstock Masters – was small in numbers but ran well.

The Bill Parkes Memorial – always successful thanks to Sharon Rice and Penny Parkes.

Thank you to all of the people who helped run all of these tournaments this year.

Club Championships – there were only 8 teams for men's doubles. We need to get more people involved in the club championships. Even if it is just a social event we need the support of the membership.

With the possibility of a Summer Camp, we should probably do a tournament on the weekend of the camp. That way the kids can stick around and we can get people involved.

Dave Hart and Rob Fowler will be going to the WOBA AGM. They will be trying to get the WOBA Junior and the WOBA Open Championships for our club.

General concerns were that we need to get in contact with OBA well in advance of setting a tournament up, by at least 2-3 months, so that they can have it set up in Tournament Software and have it posted on the website.

We will be making a big push to get the members of the club involved in the tournaments that we have. Without their support it is impossible to have a fully successful tournament.

12. Youth – David Hart

There is a definite showing of interest in the rebuilding of the youth program. I would like to propose for next season that we offer more court time for the youth. A possibility would be to offer Monday and Thursday after school from 4-7 with instruction made available for interested players. This would mean discontinuing Wednesday evenings but Saturday could be set for lessons, splitting times between beginners and advanced players. Monday night would still be high performance night. Darlene Hull would do the Monday and Thursday evenings. She has discussed this format with Saj Malik already.

]The Limited Afternoon group is an interesting group. I believe what this group offers our club should be an inspiration to the club as a whole. There are players in this group that have shown an incredible improvement and

that is only because everyone mixes in and plays with everyone. It is social, and I emphasize social, but they enjoy a challenge of a good game. Saj Malik has even started with some instruction for them. This is what Friday night's could become if given a little more encouragement and some participation from everyone. Why do we have people come from such a distance to play here? Because of our facility, coaching, and existing players. But let's not be happy with what has happened in the past. Things are changing...let's be aggressive and make some challenging improvements.

13. Merit Award – Wendy Clements

Each year the members are asked to nominate a member who they feel is an outstanding member of our club. The nominees were Deb Snowden and Darlene Hull. The winner was:

Darlene Hull:

- Is a good leader, the best instructor and leader the club could ever have.
- When you miss a day, she is phoning, emailing and has you out the next session.
- Brought in Epiphany Church families on a few Friday and Saturdays
- Contacting and bringing in the Sentinel Review to come interview, take photos for publication.
- Coaching the children of the club.

Congratulations Darlene!! Darlene was presented with a certificate worth \$100.00 to spend in the concession or to use towards membership next season.

Honourable mention was made to Gerry Hart for his continuous dedication to the Wednesday Round-Robin group.

14. Other Business:

We are receiving complaints from Chalmers Church about parking. It has been suggested that if we make a monthly donation of \$100.00 that might smooth the way a bit. After all, we have been fortunate for all these years. They are going through the process of amalgamating with Central Church. At this point, we do not know what church will be kept...could be a complete change of tenant in the future anyway. This is something to consider at the least.

15. Election of 2008-2009 Board of Directors

Nominations Committee Chair – Jerry Singh

President	-	Anne Lim	-	nominated by Deb	
				seconded by Jordan	
	-	Dave Hart	-	nominated by Rob	
				Seconded by Bill	

The vote was 4 in favour of Anne and 5 in favour of Dave. Dave won the vote and accepted the position.

Vice-President	-	Anne Lim	-	nominated by Deb	
				seconded by Jordan	
		Rob Fowler	-	nominated by Dave	
				Seconded by Jordan	

The vote was 8 in favour of Anne and 1 in favour of Rob. Anne won the vote and accepted the position.

Treasurer	-	Deb Snowden	-	nominated by Jordan	
				Seconded b Penny	- declined
		Jerry Singh	-	nominated by Anne	
				Seconded by Chuck	- accepted

Secretary	-	Wendy Clements	-	nominated by Karen	
				seconded by Dave	- acclaimed

Fundraising	-	Karen Edwards	-	nominated by Dave	
				seconded by Penny	- acclaimed

House	-	Jordan Hearn/Eric Kendall assist	-	nominated by Dave	
				seconded by Rob	- acclaimed

Maintenance	-	Vacant	-		
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Membership/Social	-	Wendy Clements	-	nominated by Dave seconded by Rob	-	acclaimed
Publicity	-	Penny Parkes	-	nominated by Anne	-	declined
		Vacant				
Tournament	-	Dave Hart/Rob Fowler	-	nominated by Anne seconded by Saj	-	acclaimed
Youth	-	Vacant				

A Special General Meeting will have to be called in order to present this motion.

Adjournment:

Thank you all for coming and participating.

Motioned by Rob, seconded by Saj, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm. Carried.