

BADMINTON.

BADMINTON ASSOCIATION MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Badminton Association was held at the London V.R.B. Drill Hall, Bunhill Row, on March 27, 1903.

The accounts for the season 1902-3, showing a balance on March 21 of £22 13s. 2d. (exclusive of £14 11s. held in deposit for the tournament), were duly passed. The number of affiliated clubs was reported to be 125, as against 103 in the preceding season.

The result of the election of the committee for 1903-4 was declared as follows:—President, P. Buckley, Esq. (Guildford); hon. secretary and treasurer, G. W. Vidal, Esq. (Crystal Palace); other members: C. P. R. James, Esq. (Dundrum); S. M. Massey, Esq. (Ealing); C. Agnew Turner, Esq. (Cheltenham); Ralph Watling, Esq. (Great Yarmouth); E. Young, Esq. (Blackheath); H. L. Mellersh, Esq. (Guildford); A. D. Prebble, Esq. (Crystal Palace).

The following amendments and additions to the rules and the laws of Badminton were considered and passed:—

Rule 5.—For "Oct. 1" read "Nov. 1."

Rule 6.—Add as follows: "In the event of a vacancy occurring in the representation of the Irish Badminton Union, that body shall have power to elect a fresh representative. In the event of any other vacancy occurring, the committee shall have power to co-opt a member."

Rule 8.—Substitute for existing rule: "A balance-sheet of the accounts of the association shall be laid before the annual general meeting, and a copy, when passed, shall be forwarded to each affiliated club, together with a list of the members of the committee elected at such meeting."

New Rule.—Add between Rules 6 and 7 the following new rule: "The committee may at any time appoint and delegate powers to sub-committees for any purpose that may be desirable. The president and hon. secretary shall be *ex officio* members of all sub-committees so appointed."

Law 11.—Last word, for "taken" read "delivered." This amendment was carried subject to a proviso being added to make it clear that Law 10 (b) was not affected by this amendment.

Law 15.—Revise as follows: "The server and the player taking the service must stand within the limits of their respective courts (as bounded by the short and long service, the central and side lines) until the service is delivered."

The above amendment was carried, authority being at the same time given to the president and hon. secretary to make the necessary provision in Law 10, declaring it to be a "fault" unless the feet of the player taking the service are in his own court until the service is delivered.

A letter from "The King's" (Southport) B.C. on the subject of shuttles was referred for the early consideration of the committee.

Owing to the resignation by Mr. S. M. Massey of his office as member of the committee, Mr. R. F. St. A. St. John has since been elected to fill the vacancy.

Match List.

Surbiton v. Hersham.—Played at Surbiton on March 16, the home team winning by 5 to 0 events.

MIXED DOUBLES.—Miss Stawell-Brown and J. W. H. Keeling (S.) bt Miss Brooks and C. C. Robinson (15/8, 13/18, 15/8); bt Miss H. Brooks and R. J. McNair (15/7, 15/8); Miss Johnson and T. W. Fetherstonhaugh (S.) bt Miss Brooks and C. C. Robinson (13/15, 15/10, 15/6); bt Miss H. Brooks and R. J. McNair (15/6, 11/15, 15/7).

LADIES' MATCH.—Miss Stawell Brown and Miss Johnson (S.) bt Miss Brooks and Miss H. Brooks (15/1, 15/12).

Open Tournaments.

SUSSEX COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The first annual championship meeting of the Sussex County Badminton Association was held at the Hove Badminton Club on April 4, with the results given below.

Challenge cups were presented by Major Waller (Hove) and Mr. P. Buckley (Guildford), which were competed for in Event III., and won by Miss Hammond Spencer and Mr. A. Shallow.

Most of the affiliated clubs were represented, but it is hoped that by next season all the Sussex clubs will have joined the association, which has been lately formed to promote an annual championship meeting and other matters concerning Badminton.

The prizes, which were mostly subscribed for by the members of the Hove Club, were distributed by Colonel Morse, of Worthing, who is president of the association, whilst Mrs. John Frangopulo (12, Third Avenue, Hove), is honorary secretary, to whom all matters referring to the association may be addressed.

LADIES' DOUBLES (Sussex County Association Championship).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. Shallow and Miss Kindersley bt Miss Rowley and Miss Phillips (15/1, 15/0).

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. Shallow and Miss Kindersley bt Miss Bayly and Miss Blair (15/2, 15/1).

Miss Drake and Miss Reay bt Miss Hammond Spencer and Mrs. Frangopulo (15/11, 17/14).

FINAL.

Miss Drake and Miss Reay bt Miss H. Spencer and Mrs. Frangopulo (15/10, 15/9).

MEN'S DOUBLES (Sussex County Association Championship).

FIRST ROUND.

Major Waller and Mr. A. Shallow bt Rev. R. B. Little and Mr. Moffatt (15/3, 15/5).

SECOND ROUND.

Waller and A. Shallow bt Lt.-Col. Carter and Rev. R. C. Bacon (15/4, 15/3).

Shallow and D. Shallow bt Col. Morse and Cogswell (15/6, 15/8).

FINAL.

Waller and A. Shallow bt Shallow and D. Shallow (15/8, 15/8).

MIXED DOUBLES (Sussex County Association Championship).

FIRST ROUND.

Major Waller and Miss Kindersley bt Cogswell and Miss Blair (15/5, 15/6).

A. Shallow and Miss H. Spencer bt D. Shallow and Mrs. Frangopulo (17/18, 18/13, 15/7).

Shallow and Mrs. Shallow bt Moffatt and Mrs. Myers (15/1, 15/4).

SECOND ROUND.

A. Shallow and Miss H. Spencer bt Waller and Miss Kindersley (15/5, 15/6).

Shallow and Mrs. Shallow bt Col. Morse and Miss Bayly (15/1, 15/9).

FINAL.

A. Shallow and Miss H. Spencer bt Shallow and Mrs. Shallow (15/6, 15/2).