**University of Southampton**: Constitution of Southampton University Recreational Badminton Club and associated Eagles Badminton Club

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1. **Club Name and Affiliation:**

The Club will be called ‘Southampton University Recreational Badminton Club’, divided further into ‘Recbad’ and ‘Eagles Badminton Club’. The ‘Eagles Badminton Club’ will be affiliated with Southampton and Winchester Badminton leagues. The Eagles Badminton Club will participate in Southampton and Winchester leagues.

1. **Objective and Aims:**

The main objectives of ‘Recbad’ are:

* To provide an organised environment where individuals of any badminton ability can play in a social setting.
* To provided suitable equipment to members of the society, including badminton rackets and plastic/nylon shuttlecocks.
* To provide opportunities for members to develop their badminton abilities (for example, through tours to ISBT tournaments which enable members to play in a different environment with a variety of people).
* Enable badminton players of all ages and nationalities within the students union to meet and socialise.

The main objectives of ‘Eagles Badminton Club’ are:

* Provide an organised and friendly environment for masters, postgraduates, alumni and staff to engage in recreational badminton .
* Provide a foundation to competitive badminton through participation in Southampton and Winchester Leagues.
* To provide the ability to play through the provision of feather shuttlecocks.

1. **Running of the Club:**

‘Recbad’ will be run by a committee composing of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, two Social Secretaries, two Tour Secretaries, Welfare Officer and an Eagles Representative. These positions are shared between more than one individual as appropriate. The ‘Eagles Badminton Club’ will liaise with the ‘Recbad’ President via their representative as appropriate and will answer questions relating to the running of their club.

The ‘Recbad’ committee will be elected at an Annual AGM, with the exception of the Eagles representative. The Eagles representative will be a member of the ‘Eagles Badminton Club’ who nominates themselves, and is then supported in this nomination by the ‘Recbad’ President. The Newly elected committee will take up their post after a handover meeting, which will be agreed between the old and new committee after the AGM has taken place. The Eagles representative will be expected to attend this meeting. Documents relating to the next committee can be provided to respective members between the AGM and the start of the new academic year.

1. **Membership:**

All members who provide their email addresses to ‘Recbad’ at the Bunfight will be invited to a trial session (to be set at Jubilee’s discretion). Individuals are allowed to attend 2 ‘Recbad’ Sessions per academic year free of charge, before membership must be purchased via the SUSU Box Office. Full membership benefits can be viewed on the Group Hubs Page.

* Membership cost is revised each year and agreed upon by the committee.
* Only full members are eligible to vote at AGM’s.
* Only full members are eligible to run for committee positions.
* A register of members can be viewed via the Group Hubs Page and through box office membership purchases.
* As the ‘Eagles Badminton Club’ membership is mainly focused around masters, postgraduates, alumni and staff, undergraduates will be allowed to join by invitation of the ‘Eagles Badminton Club’ committee. This will also enable the club to achieve their aim of providing a foundation for competitive badminton.

1. **Finance and Accounts:**

All committee members are jointly liable for the proper management of the Club’s finances.

* All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the Club
* The accounts will be kept and managed by the Treasurer, who must be able to provide a statement of finances at the AGM and when requested.
* Should Southampton University Recreational Badminton Club no longer be viable, any residual funds (after all creditors have been satisfied) shall be donated to a Club or organisation with similar aims and objectives.

1. **General Meetings:**

Annual General Meeting (AGM):

* ‘Recbad’ must hold an AGM in each academic year, with no more than 15 months elapsing between successive AGM’s.
* The minimum notice period for an AGM is 10 days.
* As stated above, only fully paid members are eligible to vote in the AGM. Members must be physically present to vote.

Handover Meeting:

Once the AGM has been completed and the new committee elected, the current and future president must organise a date for a handover meeting which as many members of the current and future committee can attend, in order to handover relevant information. There must be a minimum attendance of the old and new President, the new and old Treasurer, and the Eagles Representative. However, as stated above, information can be requested from the previous committee at any point between the AGM and the start of the next academic year.

Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM):

* A general meeting that is not an Annual General Meeting is called an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM).
* The committee may call an EGM at any time.
* The committee must call an EGM meeting if requested to do so in writing by at least five Full Members of ‘Recbad’.
* The members written request for an EGM must state an agenda for the meeting.
* Once requested, the committee have 10 working days in which to hold the EGM, with a required notice period of 3 days.