

**MINUTES OF ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE 2016
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Venue: Aberdeen Grammar FP Club

Date: Wednesday 24 August 2016

In Attendance:

Robin Ripley	Chairman
Ian Wright	Secretary
Ken Lavety	71 Club
Ken Watson	Scorecard Secretary
Graeme Cowie	Gordonians BC
Colin Ross	Fetteresso BC
David Ross	Glen Ythan BC
Colin Anderson	Racquets BC
Tom Lambert	Badminton Scotland (Regional Rep)
Joan Prieur	Aberdeenshire Council
Nicol Webster	Westhill BC
Jen Webster	Westhill BC
Diane Cooper	Central Buchan
Andrew Strachan	Central Buchan
James Law	Beacon BC
Jamie King	Granite City
Liselotte Osugo	Granite City
Kieran Mackenzie	RGU
Scott Duncan	RGU
Simon Green	Banchory BC
Mark Gauci	ASV
Steven Plank	Racquets
Lizzie Findlay	Ladies/ Racquets
Lindsay McCall	Aberdeen Uni

1. APOLOGIES

Rachael Rennie	CAS/ Ladies Elite
Jason Guyan	Fet/ CAS
Jenny Brooker	Westhill/ Ladies Elite

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

Proposed by Colin Anderson and seconded by Colin Ross

3. MATTERS ARISING

none

**4. ABERDEEN & DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE 2015/2016
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

ABERDEEN & DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE 2015/2016 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome to the 2016 Annual General Meeting. I extend a particular welcome to new club representatives (Aberdeen Sports Village and RGU University).

I would like to thank the League Secretary Ian Wright and Committee members for their commitment over the last year, in particular Colin Anderson for organising the Club Doubles Tournament.

I would also like to record our appreciation to Ken Watson for maintaining the league website and updating the results.

During the last season there were a similar numbers of players entering both the Aberdeen and District and North East Group Tournaments hosted in Aberdeen.

We again held the Club Doubles tournament on a Friday evenings at the central venue (Kincorth) there was an entry of 66 players slightly up on the previous seasons. The men's doubles was won by Barry Wallace and Nicol Webster, The Ladies Doubles by Claire Johnston and Liselotte Osugo and the Mixed Doubles by Lizzie Findlay and Virender Moudgil.

The committee have decided that the tournament will again be held in the second half of the season in order to give senior players the opportunity to play in one tournament in each half of the season (North East Restricted is scheduled by Badminton Scotland). We will be using the central venue on two Friday evening's in March with the playoffs on the last Friday in March.

I would encourage all clubs to participate, remember entry is included in the affiliation fees. The tournament is handicapped and if the committee get the handicapping right there should be some very close games, like we had this year.

Last season we continued holding matches for a large number of clubs at a 'central venue'. This continued to be successful with 130 fixtures completed out of 134 scheduled

We are grateful to Kincorth Sports Centre for providing us with facilities to enable the Central venue fixtures to take place and enable the League to survive.

The committee have again managed to secure a booking at Kincorth Sports Centre this season as our central venue with most matches still scheduled between 7pm and 9pm, giving us the flexibility to extend slightly to conclude the matches removing the requirement for clubs to complete games at a later time.

Due to the significant increase of team's from the start of last season there are no spare dates for matches at Kincorth and all matches require to be played on the allocated date.

We have on four occasions Fetteresso A and B along with Racquets A and B playing mixed matches on the same night. Similar scheduling will also exist in the men's doubles with the merger of Racquets and Gordonians.

Kincorth require payment in advance. Consequently clubs using the central venue will require to ensure their payment for the first half of the season's hall hire is with Ian Wright by 1st September 2016 and the payment for the second half of the season by 1st January 2017.

In order to give clubs as much notice as possible the fixtures list will be distributed as soon as possible, with matches due to start on 16th September. The fixture list as it stands at present will show seven match dates for each RGU home fixture, as the team has not yet learned what day of the week they are to be allocated the use of the RGU sports hall. A revised fixture list will be published as soon as this information becomes available.

We encourage all clubs to endeavour to play fixtures when scheduled by taking advantage of the facility to play with a reduced team if required, but if you are not able to do so, could both clubs please notify the league secretary and Ken Watson of the mutually agreeable alternative match date. Efforts should be made to try and play all scheduled fixtures in each half of the season.

It is requested that Score cards for completed matches are sent only to Ken Watson. Should any match not be played, either by agreement or dispute the Secretaries of both clubs concerned should notify the League Secretary Ian Wright by e-mail with their reasons for claiming or forfeiting the match, at the time rather than waiting to the end of the season, in order that the committee can consider the circumstances?

The Club Secretaries among you should by now have received the Badminton Scotland Affiliation forms. Could I remind all Club secretaries that it is a requirement of the league that clubs are affiliated to Badminton Scotland in order to participate in our leagues. We do get reminders of any clubs that do not affiliate.

I look forward to seeing you at matches and tournaments during the forthcoming season.

Robin Ripley
Chairman
Aberdeen & District Badminton League.

5. 2015/16 LEAGUE CLUB DOUBLES TOURNAMENT REPORT
See Chairman's Report

6. LEAGUE STANDINGS 2015/16

The Final League Standings were available on the League Website and most matches were played during the season. Ken Watson pleaded with Secretaries to (1)

keep him up to date with rearranged matches and (2) send scorecards in as soon as possible following the match being played, i.e. the next day. (Using the correct electronic scorecard)

7. BADMINTON SCOTLAND

All clubs were reminded in order to participate in the League clubs must be affiliated to Badminton Scotland.

8. BALANCE SHEET

The Secretary circulated the balance sheet at the meeting and informed those present at the meeting that the League was presently in a good financial position and would continued to administer the hire costs of the central venue on behalf of all teams playing matches there.

9. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

The annual affiliation fee of £35 per team remains.

10. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following people were elected to serve on the Committee for the following season.

- Chairman Robin Ripley
- Secretary Ian Wright
- Scorecard Secretary Ken Watson
- Tournament Secretary Colin Anderson
- Trophies Secretary Rachael Rennie
- Committee Members Nicol Webster
 Karen Stuart

11. PROVISIONAL DIVISION OF THE LEAGUES

The Committee was given discretion to divide up the divisions and leagues as appropriate in line with the revised league constitution.

12. GORDONIANS & RACQUETS MERGER

Discussed, proposed and agreed to the merger.

13. REQUEST FOR CONSTIUTION CHANGE RE RULE 19

2 clubs proposed Rule 19 be reviewed, changed and extended to include the possibility of a third team in a section be entered. Long discussion surrounding this and the committee were tasked with providing a revised Rule for AGM 2017 to be adopted then.

14. CENTRAL BUCHAN VENUE & NAME CHANGE

Central Buchan requested to move their home venue to Turriff and with that a change of name to 'Aberdeenshire'. Proposed, discussed, agreed.

15. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

The league trophies for some divisions were presented to the previous season's winning teams (a plea for missing trophies was also made):

Div	Mixed	Gents	Ladies
1	Westhill	Westhill	Westhill
2	Granite City	Racquets	Fetteresso
3		Granite City B	

16. REQUEST FOR HELP AT NORTH EAST GROUP OF BADMINTON SCOTLAND TOURNAMENTS

The Chairman informed those present that the North East Group of Badminton Scotland were responsible for organising three tournaments each season:

- North East Restricted (Under 19's singles, adult open and handicap events)
- North East Junior Restricted
- North East Junior open

The Chairman asked those present if they or any members of their clubs would be prepared to assist in helping manage the tournaments at the venues, and if so to contact Colin Ross (Fetteresso) who was Chairman of that organisation. The first of the tournaments to be held in November – Colin Ross will be in touch

14. AOCB

None

Robin Ripley
League Chairman

Ian Wright
League Secretary