

**MINUTES OF ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE 2008
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Venue: Aberdeen Grammar FP Club

Date: Wednesday 3 September 2008

In Attendance: Robin Ripley, Chairman and Grampian Police Badminton Club
Shona Gatt, Committee Member and Westhill Badminton Club
Colin Anderson, Committee Member and Racquets Badminton Club
Ken Watson, Committee Member
Colin Ross, Fetteresso Badminton Club & CAS
Malcolm Campbell, Committee Member,
Rob Wheadon, Cults Badminton Club
Ali Dow, Westhill Badminton Club
Julie Price, Westhill Badminton Club
Stephen Hammond, Westhill Badminton Club
Roland Lim, Vetco Gray Badminton Club
Lindsay Kessack, 71 Club
James Law, Beacon Badminton Club
Martin Stuart, Gordonians Badminton Club
Mark Pain, Granite City
Jason Guyan, Fetteresso Badminton Club
Jim Beaton, Banchory Badminton Club
Steven Chappell, Victor Sports
Stephen Bell

1. APOLOGIES

Hamish Duncan, Aberdeen University Badminton Club
Richard Burnett, Central Buchan Badminton Club
Eddie Middleton, Glen Ythan Meadows Badminton Club
Lindsay Kessack, 71 Club
Hilary Cowe, Banchory Badminton Club
Susan Nicoll, North East Badminton Club

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

Proposed by Colin Ross and seconded by Malcolm Campbell

3. MATTERS ARISING

None.

4. Chairman's Report

I would like to welcome all present for attending to represent their respective clubs. If it were not for the voluntary work undertaken by the various committee members we would not have an active badminton league. I extend a particular welcome to those representing the new clubs who have noted an intention to enter the league. Also attending is Steven Chappell of Victor Sport UK who has approached us as a potential sponsor. He will be in a position to provide clubs with promotional information and shuttle samples.

I would like to thank the Committee members for their commitment over the last year on behalf of the league. I would also like to record our appreciation to Ken Watson for maintaining the league website and updating the results. The Committee feel that Ken's valuable contribution should be recognised and we seek approval from the League members to authorise the committee to progress this matter.

The club doubles tournament was again held this year at Northfield Academy in February. The event was successful with multi entries from a number of clubs and entries up due to the automatic entries included in the League membership fees. Thanks to Colin Anderson for organising the tournament and to the committee for running the event on the day. It is intended to hold the event again this year and I would encourage all clubs to participate. The tournament is handicapped and if the committee get the handicapping right there should be some very close games like we had this year. It was particularly rewarding to see the up and coming youngsters participating and doing well in the tournament.

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

Unfortunately we have lost the let for Kincorth and the Committee required to find an alternative 'central venue' at short notice. We will discuss this issue later in the meeting. I understand some other clubs are also looking for alternative halls.

In order to give clubs as much notice as possible the committee will be holding the fixtures meeting next week, with matches due to start during the first week in October. If any additional Clubs wish to consider utilising the new central venue we will endeavour to accommodate them into the schedule. Due to the construction work on the new Bucksburn Academy, the Beacon Badminton Club will be moving temporarily and it is intended to schedule their home fixtures during the first half of the season to enable them to continue to participate in the League.

As stated last year the committee are looking at revising the League constitution and we were making progress with this issue and hoping to present the revised document for consideration here, however due to the change in central venue further work will be required following discussions tonight.

The league encourage all clubs to endeavour to play fixtures when scheduled, but if you are not able to do so, could both clubs notify the league secretary of the mutually agreeable alternative match date. Efforts should be made to try and play all scheduled fixtures in each half of the season. .

The 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.

5. 2007 LEAGUE CLUB DOUBLES TOURNAMENT REPORT

Over 50 competitors from most clubs in the Aberdeen and District Badminton League participated in the annual handicapped club doubles tournament at Northfield Academy on Sunday 3rd February 2008.

An enjoyable day's badminton was had by all with some very close fought matches and the prizes going to a number of clubs.

The winners of each of the events were:

Ladies Doubles	Robin Huthwaite & Anne Shipley, CAS Badminton Club
Men's Doubles Club	Andy Hinchcliffe & Ross Watson, Fetteresso Badminton Club
Mixed Doubles	Danielle Nicoll and Harry Burness (Jnr), North East Badminton Club

6. LEAGUE STANDINGS 07/08

The Final League Standings were available on the League Website and most matches were played during the season.

7. BADMINTON SCOTLAND

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

8. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR SEASON 2007-2008

This was approved.

9. EVALUATION OF CENTRAL VENUE

Detailed in Chairman's Report and was it was reiterated that the central venue improved the fulfilment of fixtures and there was no significant problems in the season with the venue.

10. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

It was agreed that the entry fees would remain at £15 per team.

teams within the divisions for distribution and approval by the League. It was agreed that some of these changes would take immediate effect.

Victor Sports

Steven Chappell of Victor Sports provided an input in respect of products that his company could provide for badminton clubs and distributed catalogues to those present.

The Chairman advised those present that Victor Sports had approached the League offering potential sponsorship. It was agreed that the Committee should progress this offer on behalf of the league.

Ian Wright
League Secretary