

**MINUTES OF ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE 2009
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Venue: Aberdeen Grammar FP Club

Date: Wednesday 26 August 2009

In Attendance: Robin Ripley, Chairman and Grampian Police Badminton Club
Martin Stuart, Committee and Gordonians Badminton Club
Shona Gatt, Committee Member
Ken Watson, Committee Member
Malcolm Campbell, Committee Member,
Julie Price, Westhill Badminton Club
Stephen Hammond, Westhill Badminton Club
Hilary Cowe, Banchory Badminton Club
James Law, Beacon Badminton Club
Mark Pain, Granite City
Richard Burnett, Central Buchan Badminton Club
Jason Guyan, Fetteresso and CAS Badminton Clubs
Gordon MacLeod, North East Badminton Club
Kien Low, Titan Smashers Badminton Club
Kelvin Tan, Titan Smashers Badminton Club
Ian Wright, Secretary

1. APOLOGIES

Hamish Duncan, Aberdeen University Badminton Club
Eddie Middleton, Glen Ythan Meadows Badminton Club
Lindsay Kessack, 71 Club
Colin Anderson, Committee Member and Racquets Badminton Club
Colin Ross, Fetteresso Badminton Club & CAS
Rob Wheadon, Cults Badminton Club
Lesley Alsop, Vetco Gray Badminton Club

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

Proposed by Julie Price and seconded by Jason Guyan

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 new and clubs returning after an absence of several years, who have noted an intention to enter the league.

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. Following from the general approval at last year's meeting I would like to present Ken with a token on behalf of the league, which the committee have agreed should continue on an annual basis to cover the cost of maintaining our website.

(Ken Watson was presented with a gift by Robin Ripley at this point)

Due to initial difficulties obtaining a suitable date for the club doubles tournament and subsequent clash with other bigger events once arranged the number of entries was insufficient to justify running the tournament.

At a recent meeting the committee agreed that the clubs that paid the higher rate affiliation fees last season will have their pre paid tournament entry carried forward to this season. We will also be looking at the Badminton Scotland Tournament Fixtures Schedule to establish a more suitable date earlier in the season. 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.

Last season we again continued holding matches for a large number of clubs at a 'central venue'. This continued to be successful with 93% of all scheduled fixtures completed.

We are grateful to RGU for providing us with facilities at short notice to enable the Central venue fixtures to take place and enable the League to survive. Although it is accepted that these facilities may not be the best available locally for badminton, our recent research has confirmed that they do provide the best value for money available out of the three venues able to accommodate our requirements. There are additional dates available this season, to enable all matches for existing clubs using the central venue to be scheduled at the central venue with additional dates available should additional clubs wish to take advantage of these facilities.

In order to give clubs as much notice as possible the committee will be holding the fixtures meeting very shortly, 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 are still in temporarily accommodation at Dyce Academy and matches will initially be scheduled to take place there but will move back to the Beacon Sport Centre once opened again. Secretaries will be updated once this move takes place.

Following last year's AGM the committee revised the League constitution which was circulated for consultation with the request that any clubs having any concerns with the

proposal to get back to the committee. No clubs raised any concerns and the revised constitution, as circulated, is on the agenda for adoption tonight.

The committee unfortunately had to meet to discuss a number of claimed fixtures, which ultimately decided on final league positions. (This was partly as a result of the unfortunate helicopter crash, rendering the Police Mixed and Ladies Teams being unable to play any matches or reschedule games in April).

We encourage all clubs to endeavour to play fixtures when scheduled, 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 that the Secretaries of both clubs concerned should notify our 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 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.

Some of you may not be aware that most of your Committee members also sit on the North East Group Committee of Badminton Scotland, and are responsible for organising a number of adult and junior national ranking tournaments each year. I wish to record in our minutes the thanks of the league to the retiring Tournament Convener Andy Alexander for his involvement in organising these events for some considerable time. I have inherited this post and along with Colin Ross will actively be seeking voluntary helpers on the tournament dates from clubs in the Aberdeen & District League. Could anyone interested in helping please speak with Colin.

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

5. 2008 LEAGUE CLUB DOUBLES TOURNAMENT REPORT

The tournament did not take place and the committee are to look at alternative dates and venue for this season's tournament.

6. LEAGUE STANDINGS 08/09

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

13. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

- 13.1 The newly purchased league trophies for all divisions were presented to the previous season's winning teams:

Div	Mixed	Gents	Ladies
1	CAS	Gordonians	CAS
2	Cults	University	Westhill

14. AOCB

The revised league constitution was adopted on the proposal of Robin Ripley seconded by Julie Price.

Robin Ripley invited all Clubs present to advise Colin Ross of any members from their clubs are prepared to help with the three North Group Tournaments held each season.

It was agreed that all clubs should provide a second point of contact to enable matches to be confirmed in the event that the match secretary could not be contacted. Robin Ripley undertook to request all clubs to provide this information for inclusion in the club contacts list.

A number of clubs were experiencing difficulties regarding hall lets, increasing costs and shortage of dates to play matches, several requested that the committee endeavour to schedule Men's and Ladies home fixtures on the same night if possible in order to reduce costs. It was agreed by those present that this practice may also increase the number of Ladies matches completed (There was only one men's match not played last season).

Ian Wright
League Secretary

Robin Ripley
League Chairman