

**MINUTES OF ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE 2010
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Venue: Aberdeen Grammar FP Club

Date: Tuesday 7 September 2010

In Attendance: Robin Ripley, Chairman and Grampian Police Badminton Club
Colin Anderson, Committee and Racquets Badminton Club
Ken Watson, Committee Member
James Law, Beacon Badminton Club
Richard Burnett, Central Buchan Badminton Club
Rob Wheadon, Cults Badminton Club
Jason Guyan, Fetteresso and CAS Badminton Clubs
Gordon Pirie, Glen Ythan Badminton Club
Rhona Wilkie, Glen Ythan Badminton Club
Graeme Cowie, Gordonians Badminton Club
Johnny Milne, Granite City
Gordon MacLeod, North East Junior Badminton Club
Donald Leith, North East Junior Badminton Club
Punithan Ponnusamy, Titan Smashers Badminton Club
Tong Teh, Titan Smashers Badminton Club
Julie Price, Westhill Badminton Club
Stephen Hammond, Westhill Badminton Club
Nicol Webster, Westhill Badminton Club

1. APOLOGIES

Ian Wright, Secretary
Malcolm Campbell, Committee Member
Hamish Duncan, Aberdeen University Badminton Club
Hilary Cowe, Banchory Badminton Club
Lindsay Kessack, 71 Club
Roy Brownlee, Portlethen Badminton Club
Lesley Alsop, Vetco Gray Badminton Club

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

Proposed by Richard Burnett and seconded by James Law

3. MATTERS ARISING

None.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome to the 2010 Annual General Meeting.

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 new representatives.

I would like to thank the Committee members for their commitment over the last year. Martin Stuart has moved to America with his work and Shona Gatt has intimated her intention to stand down from the committee and I would wish to record our thanks to them for their efforts over the years in the minutes.

I would also like to record our appreciation to Ken Watson for maintaining the league website and updating the results. A token of appreciation will be given to Ken on behalf of the league.

Last season we again continued holding matches for a large number of clubs at a 'central venue'. This continued to be successful with 91% of all scheduled fixtures completed.

We are grateful to RGU for providing us with facilities 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 there is no other facility that can provide the required court times. 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.

The construction work on the new Bucksburn Academy is now completed and the Beacon Badminton Club is back playing at the refurbished Beacon Sport Centre. The upgraded facility is proving very attractive with a significant increase in players attending on a regular basis.

The committee had a relatively easy job this season with all matches played in good spirits and no disputed claims to resolve.

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.

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

5. 2009 LEAGUE CLUB DOUBLES TOURNAMENT REPORT

Holding the Club Doubles tournament on a Friday evening at the central venue (RGU) proved very successful with a large entry of 59 players resulting in the mixed double final having to be completed at a later date. The men's doubles was won by Ross Watson and Richard Satterley, The Ladies Doubles by Tracy Thomson and Claire Johnston and the Mixed Doubles by Jason Guyan and Robin Martin.

The committee have decided that the tournament will 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 one or two Friday evenings dependant on entries.

We 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.

6. LEAGUE STANDINGS 09/10

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. BALANCE SHEET

Due to the Secretary being unable to attend the meeting at short notice the Chairman informed those present that the League was presently in a good financial position and the Secretary continued to administer the hire costs of the central venue on behalf of all teams playing matches there.

9. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

Following the success of the League Club Doubles Tournament and to further encourage participation, the Chairman proposed revising the league affiliation fees to include two entries per club in the respective event in the tournament.

If agreed the proposal would be for the League tournament to be held over two Friday evenings at the central venue with no other fixtures scheduled on these dates and the dates to be notified along with the league fixtures.

An affiliation fee of £30 per team was proposed. Following discussion the proposal was unanimously agreed.

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 To be decided by committee
- Committee Members Malcolm Campbell
 Julie Price
 Punithan Ponnusamy

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. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

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

Div	Mixed	Gents	Ladies
1	CAS	Gordonians	CAS
2	North East	Racquets	University

13. 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. Colin Anderson and Donald Leith indicated that they would be prepared to assist.

14. AOCB

Proposed Singles League

The Chairman informed those present that a proposal has been made to introduce a singles event within the Aberdeen and District League.

Discussion took place regarding the possible formats of a 'singles league'. As most clubs had not yet started playing for the season, with Secretaries unable to commit to entering a singles team, it was agreed that the format for the forthcoming season would be for individual players to be split into pools, with each player arranging to play every one in their pool on an individual basis, either at their own clubs or on hired courts on a shared cost basis. The final stages of the singles will be held at the League Tournament.

Dependant on the support for singles further consultation will be required with all clubs regarding the format of a full singles league in subsequent seasons.

Robin Ripley
League Chairman

Colin Anderson
Tournament Secretary