

MINUTES OF ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: Banks O' Dee Sports Club

Date: 07 May 2019

In Attendance:

Steven Chappell	ABA / League Chairman
Steven Plank	Racquets / League Secretary
Ken Watson	Scorecard Secretary
Jamie King	Granite City / Fixtures Secretary
Claire Johnston	Ladies Elite / Committee Member
Robin Martin	Fetteresso
Colin Ross	Fetteresso
David Rutledge	Glen Ythan
Aileen Petrie	Glen Ythan
Ken Lavety	71 Club
Nicol Webster	Westhill

1. APOLOGIES

David Ross	Glen Ythan
Dixie Crawford	Ladies Elite
Joan Prieur	Aberdeenshire Council
John Anderson	Aberdeenshire
Simon Green	Banchory
Sarah Kennedy	RGU
Rachel Jappy	University of Aberdeen
Alistair Swan	Committee
Kim Garrett	Committee

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

Proposed by Nicol Webster and seconded by Jamie King.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None.

4. ABERDEEN & DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE 2018/2019 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

To start with, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Committee members this season for their commitment over the course of the 2018/19 season and in particular Ken for keeping the league website updated with the league results and the league secretary, Steven Plank, for all his work.

We continued holding a number of league matches at the central venue in Kincorth and will continue to do so next season. Steven P has secured the booking again with Kincorth Sports Centre, with matches scheduled to be played between 7pm – 9pm. As always Kincorth require payment in advance, consequently clubs using the central venue are required to pay for the first half of the season's hall hire by 1st September and the payment for the second half of the season by 1st January 2020.

Jamie will start to work on the fixture list for the coming season and will look to have this compiled by the first week of July. I encourage all clubs to play the fixtures when scheduled, both at the central venue and outwith. This year 10% of all matches were not played which again is too high, although slightly better than the 2017/18 season. Mixed Division 2 had the highest percentage of walkovers – 6 matches in total, while Men's Division 3 was also fairly high with 8 walkovers, although the number of games played in this division is almost double that of Mixed Division 2. A total of 40 of the 155 matches played were rescheduled meaning 26% of matches which is an increase on the 17% last year.

Club secretaries will receive their reminders from Badminton Scotland to affiliate for the coming season in August. It is a requirement of the league that clubs are affiliated to Badminton Scotland so if the club secretaries are able to sort out affiliation as soon as possible once their club night starts back that would be appreciated.

As per last year we will present the league trophies to the league winning teams later tonight. Any team wishing to take home their trophy will need to sign say they have received it and will need to return the trophy at the Club Doubles tournament next year. I am unlikely to be there due to work commitments, but if they are able to pass the trophy onto another committee member that would be appreciated.

CLUB DOUBLES

We held the Club Doubles tournament at the central venue in Kincorth where we had an entry of 24 MD teams, 4 LD teams and 11 MX teams. These numbers were slightly down on the previous year but still a good turnout. The winners of the events were:

MD: Colin Hopkins & Gabriel Godfrey (ABA)
LD: Claire Wishart & Victoria Crossland (Granite City)
MX: Neil MacLean & Claire Wishart (Granite City)

I was unable to attend the event again this year due to work commitments, but by all accounts, the tournament was well run and there were a lot of close and competitive matches. The tournament will again be held at Kincorth in the second half of the season allowing players the opportunity to play in one tournament each side of Christmas. As always, we encourage all clubs to participate, which the majority did this year.

Steven Chappell
Chairman
Aberdeen & District Badminton League.

5. 2018/19 LEAGUE CLUB DOUBLES TOURNAMENT REPORT

See Chairman's Report.

6. LEAGUE MATCHES REPORT & STANDINGS 2018/19

The Final League Standings were available on the League Website and most matches were played during the season. Ken Watson requested 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 (using the correct electronic scorecard). A summary of completed match statistics for each division can be found on the website.

7. BADMINTON SCOTLAND

All clubs were reminded that to participate in the League, clubs must be affiliated to Badminton Scotland. Affiliation should be done ASAP at the start of the season.

The Grampian Regional Development Officer, Andrew Mackenzie, left his position 30/04/2019 to be the new Scottish Disability Sports West of Scotland Regional Manager. Badminton Scotland are now advertising for a replacement to fill the position.

8. BALANCE SHEET

The updated balance sheet was circulated at the AGM and those present were informed that the League was presently in a good financial position and would continue 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. PROVISIONAL DIVISION OF THE LEAGUES

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

For the 2018/19 season, Inch entered a team in each of the following divisions: Mixed Division 2, Men's Division 3, & Ladies Division 1. Inch informed the Committee they will not enter any teams for the 2019/20 season due to difficulties fielding enough players for matches. Inch may make a formal request to re-join the league at some point in the future.

ABA will enter an additional men's team (Men's Division 3) and a new mixed team (Mixed Division 2) for the upcoming 2019/2020 season. ABA are also considering entering a ladies team.

Glen Ythan to confirm ASAP if they will enter a ladies team for the 2019/2020 season.

Once the number of ladies teams entering the league has been confirmed, the Committee will decide whether to split the ladies league into 1 or 2 divisions and whether or not to hold both home and away matches.

The possibility of a composite league was also discussed. It was decided that a Crombie Cup competition (see section 14v.) would be trialled first. If successful, a composite league could be introduced in the future.

11. PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGE

Amendments to the league constitution so as to reflect changing the date of the AGM from August to May were approved (minor wording change to Rule 8, Rule 17 a), & Rule 22). The approved League Constitution document has been put into effect for the 2019/20 season and can be downloaded from the League website.

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

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

- North East Restricted (Under 19's singles, adult open and handicap events)
- North East Junior Restricted (U13, U15, U17): to be held 7th September 2019 and used for selecting the junior inter-group team to represent the North East area in October.
- 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 Steven Chappell & Colin Ross (both of whom are on the NEG Committee).

13. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

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

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| • League Chairman | Steven Chappell |
| • League Secretary | Steven Plank |
| • Scorecard/Website Secretary | Ken Watson |
| • Fixtures Secretary | Jamie King |
| • Tournament Secretary | Alistair Swan |
| • Ordinary Committee Member | Kim Garrett |
| • Ordinary Committee Member | Claire Johnston |

14. AOCB

i. Kincorth Sport Centre booking for next year:

- Usual Friday slot 6-10pm for Club Doubles Tournament & Playoffs not available.
- Club Doubles Tournament therefore currently booked for Saturday mornings: 14th & 21st March 2020, 9am-1pm.
- Playoffs currently booked Friday 27th March 2020, 7-10pm, but arranging an earlier start (6pm or 6:30pm) if required should be possible. TBC in due course.

ii. As it stands, total game points can decide league standings (after wins, rubber count, & game count). A pair would, however, earn more game points winning a rubber in 3 sets as opposed to 2 sets. It was agreed at the AGM that using game point difference would be fairer. The Committee will therefore look into implementing this for the upcoming season.

iii. Confirmation of Club's nominated players:

- Each Club will be required to confirm their nominated players at least 1 week before their first fixture.
- The list of nominated players will be circulated to the entire Committee who must each give their formal acceptance or rejection.
- Each Club Secretary will also review the list of nominated players for the entire league, acknowledge receipt of this list, and give their formal acceptance or rejection before matches start.
- If, throughout the season, any issues arise, the Committee should be notified ASAP.

iv. League & NEG Website:

It was agreed that a new website will be created. This will be a joint website to be shared between the NEG and the League; similar to what other badminton groups within Scotland do. The cost of this new website will be split between the NEG and the League.

v. Senior Crombie Cup:

SC proposed the idea of a Senior Crombie Cup competition. Attendees present at the AGM showed interest and agreed this would be good to pursue but it would be run as a NEG tournament as opposed to a League tournament. The competition would most likely be held over 2 weekends. Matches are proposed to have the following (or similar) format:

Singles 1 v Singles 1
Singles 2 v Singles 2
Ladies Singles 1 v Ladies Singles 2
Doubles1 v Doubles 1
Doubles 2 v Doubles 2
Ladies Doubles 1 v Ladies Doubles 1
Doubles 1 v Doubles 2
Doubles 2 v Doubles 1
Mx Doubles 1 v Mx Doubles 2
Mx Doubles 1 v Mx Doubles 2

vi. Club Doubles Tournament:

It was suggested that going forward, the Club Doubles Tournament could be split into an A and B section based on the ability of participating pairs. This suggestion was well received, and the Committee will consider implementing this for next season's tournament.

It was also suggested that when submitting entries, each Club Secretary ranks the pairs by strength thereby assisting in the process of assigning handicaps.

- vii. JK asked about the North East running a tournament equivalent to the Highland Championships. It was stated that in the past a similar tournament was held but did not have the required participation and consistently ran at a loss.
- viii. KW requested the League create a “WhatsApp” group chat to include at least one Club Secretary contact for each club. This would hopefully provide a more effective form of communication as opposed to relying solely on email which often goes unanswered and unacknowledged.
- ix. KL enquired if there would be any benefit to group purchasing of shuttles. As it stands, each club already bulk buys enough shuttles to meet their own requirements at the cheapest price available. No further financial benefit can be gained and so it was recommended for each club to continue on in this fashion.

15. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

The league trophies were presented to the 2018/19 season’s winning teams:

Division	Mixed	Men’s	Ladies
1	Westhill	Westhill	Fetteresso
2	Glen Ythan	Racquets B	
3		ABA B	

Steven Chappell
League Chairman

Steven Plank
League Secretary

Ken Watson
Scorecard/Website Secretary