

# MINUTES OF ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Venue:** Virtual Meeting (via Video Conferencing App)

**Date:** 12 July 2021

**In Attendance:**

Steven Chappell	ABA / League Chairman
Steven Plank	Racquets / League Secretary
Ken Watson	Scorecard Secretary
Jamie King	Granite City / Fixtures Secretary
Alistair Swan	Tournament Secretary
Kadie Smith	University of Aberdeen
Tom Metcalfe	Alford
Simon Green	Banchory
Colin Ross	Fetteresso
Eilidh Smart	Westhill
Gordon McLean	Granite City
Andrew Strachan	Aberdeenshire

## 1. APOLOGIES

Claire Johnston	Committee Member
Kim Garrett	Committee Member
Andrew McDonald	RGU
Katie Abbott	Ladies Elite
Lindsay Kessack	71 Club
Janine Ladwiniec	Glen Ythan
Joe Robinson	Regional Development Officer

## 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

Proposed by Colin Ross and seconded by Steven Chappell.

## 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 support over the last year. Despite no league being played we have all kept in regular contact and we have caught up a number of times to discuss the upcoming season as well as how the 2019/20 season should be finalised.

In the 2021/22 season we will continue to hold a number of league matches at the central venue for which Steven Plank has secured the booking again with Kincorth Sports Centre from the 3rd of September 2021 with matches scheduled to be played between 7pm – 9pm on Friday nights. As always Kincorth require payment in advance, consequently clubs using the central venue will be required to pay for the first half of the season's hall hire by 1st of September 2021 and the payment for the second half of the season by 1st January 2022.

Jamie King has started working on the fixture list for the coming season and will look to have this compiled once all outstanding matches from the 2019/20 season have been completed. As always we encourage all clubs to play the fixtures when scheduled, both at the central venue and outwith.

Club secretaries will receive their reminders from Badminton Scotland to affiliate for the coming season in early 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.

Unfortunately, we will be unable to present trophies as we have done in previous years but we will work to get all the trophies engraved and handed out to the teams, if they so wish, in advance of the start of the season on the 3rd of September.

Steven Chappell  
Chairman  
Aberdeen & District Badminton League.

#### **5. 2019/20 LEAGUE CLUB DOUBLES TOURNAMENT REPORT**

We held the Club Doubles tournament at the central venue in Kincorth where we had an entry of 16 MD teams. Unfortunately, LD and MX did not proceed due to Covid guidelines but had it gone ahead, 4 LD teams and 9 MX teams had entered. These numbers were slightly down on the previous year but still good. The winners of the events were:

MD: Nicol Webster & Wanarun Kulminate Wanarunwong (Westhill)  
LD: N/A  
MX: N/A

The MD 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.

#### **6. FINALISATION OF THE 2019/20 SEASON**

The League Standings were available on the League Website and most matches were played during the season. Three outstanding matches were postponed due to the Coronavirus pandemic:

Mixed Division 2: University v Granite City  
Men's Division 1: ABA A v Fetteresso A  
Men's Division 1: Westhill v Racquets A

The Committee expressed their preference for these outstanding matches to be played as soon as possible prior to the start of the 2021/22 season. Following resolution of said matches, winners of the Mixed Division 2 and Men's Division 1 will be confirmed.

Due to restructuring of the divisions for the upcoming 2021/22 season, Playoff matches were not required except for Mixed Division 1 2<sup>nd</sup> bottom v Mixed Division 2 2<sup>nd</sup> top. This match is to be played as soon as possible.

**7. LEAGUE MATCHES REPORT & STANDINGS 2019/20**

See Section 6 above.

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) and ensure full names (first and last names) are entered on the scorecard.

**8. 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.

Joe Robinson took on the role of Grampian Regional Development Officer in 2019 and is based in the Sport Aberdeen Office in Broadfold House. In 2019 Joe made personal introductions to each club in the league and made a concerted effort to attend each Club's club night at least once.

**9. BALANCE SHEET**

The updated balance sheet was presented at the AGM and those present were informed that despite showing a small loss for the 2019/20 & 2020/21 period, 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.

**10. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

The annual affiliation fee of £35 per team remains.

**11. 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.

The committee requested that all clubs confirm that their club nights, match nights, and all contact details on the league website are accurate and up to date.

ASV will no longer be running badminton sessions and have pulled their teams out of the league.

**12. PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGE**

The league committee has updated the league constitution. Most of the rules are the same as the previous revision of the constitution, but the document has been

restructured so it will flow more easily. Minor updates were made to the wording in Rules 2, 5a, 8, 10, 13, 15, 16d, 22a, 22b, 23, 24 & 25.

Significant updates were made relating to player eligibility as per Rules 11 & 12. Rule 27 was also added relating to appeals. Rule 29 was amended to define that a majority of the quorum present is required to approve any alteration to the Constitution. Rules 11, 12, 27, & 29 are listed below for reference:

11 a.) To represent a club, a player must be a registered member under that club's Badminton Scotland affiliation unless an exception is agreed upon in advance with the League committee.

11 b.) No player shall play for more than one club, in any one section of the League, in any one season without consultation of the committee. The player involved must submit in writing, reasons for deferral to the league secretary for the assessment of the committee. The committee reserve the right to accept/reject the proposal.

11 c.) No player shall play in more than one match at any one time unless an exception is agreed upon in advance with the League committee.

12. In the event of a team fielding an ineligible player (as defined in Rule 11a, 11b, or 11c) in any match, the opposing team will be granted a walk-over as defined in Rule 22.

27. Clubs may appeal a committee decision in writing within 7 days of the said decision, and in any event before the end of the season.

29. Any alteration to the Constitution and Rules must be approved at the AGM by a majority of the quorum present (one vote per Club shall be counted). Clubs wishing to propose any amendments should intimate their proposals in writing to the Hon. Sec. no later than the season end date for consideration at the next AGM.

The approved League Constitution document has been put into effect for the 2021/22 season and can be downloaded from the League website.

### **13. 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 the following tournaments each season:

- North East Junior Restricted: to be held 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- North East Senior Restricted: to be held 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021
- North East Junior Open: currently not proceeding this season.
- North East Senior Open: to be held 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Further details of the above tournaments can be found on the League/NEG website. 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).

#### **14. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

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

- 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
- Ordinary Committee Member      Tom Metcalfe

#### **15. AOCB**

i. Dates for Club Doubles & Playoffs at Kincorth Sport Centre:

- Club Doubles Tournament currently booked for Sunday mornings: 13th & 20th March 2022, 9am-1pm.
- Playoffs currently booked Friday 25th March 2022, 6-10pm.

ii. Confirmation of Club's nominated players:

- Each Club will be required to confirm their nominated players before their first fixture.
- The list of nominated players will be detailed on the website.
- Each League Committee member and each Club Secretary should review the list of nominated players and notify the Committee of any objection in a timely fashion.
- If, throughout the season, any issues arise, the Committee should be notified as soon as possible.

iii. League & NEG Website:

As agreed at the 2019 AGM, a new website was created. This is a joint website shared between the NEG and the League; similar to what other badminton groups within Scotland do. The cost of this new website is split between the NEG and the League. The website has been a success and will continue to be used going forward.

iv. 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.

#### **15. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES**

The league trophies are to be presented at a suitable future date.  
Current standings for the 2019/20 season's winning teams are listed as follows:

<b>Division</b>	<b>Mixed</b>	<b>Men's</b>	<b>Ladies</b>
1	Westhill	TBC: Westhill or ABA A	Westhill
2	TBC: ABA or Granite City	Granite City A	Glen Ythan
3		ABA C	

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**League Chairman**

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