

# MINUTES OF ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Venue:** Banks O' Dee Sports Club

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**In Attendance:**

Steven Chappell	ABA / League Chairman
Steven Plank	Racquets / League Secretary
Ken Watson	Scorecard Secretary
Jamie King	Granite City / Fixtures Secretary
Tom Metcalfe	Inverurie / Committee Member
Claire Johnston	Glen Ythan / Committee Member
Ken Lavèty	71 Club
Janine Ladwiniec	Glen Ythan
Colin Ross	Fetteresso
Joe Robinson	Westhill / Badminton Scotland
Claire Elder	Ladies Elite

## 1. APOLOGIES

Alistair Swan	Tournament Secretary
Kim Garrett	Committee Member
Ryan Clunie	Committee Member
Dan Broadhead	Banchory / Committee Member
Andrew Strachan	Aberdeenshire
Andrew McDonald	RGU
Kadie Smith	University of Aberdeen

## 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

Proposed by Jamie King and seconded by Colin Ross.

## 3. MATTERS ARISING

None.

## 4. ABERDEEN & DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE 2021/2022 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As per tradition, I will start by thanking all the Committee for their work over the 2021/22 season in particular Ken for keeping the league website and Facebook

pages updated with results on a weekly basis as well as our league treasurer and fixtures secretary.

After having not played the 2020/21 season, it was great to get the league up and running once again and nice to have such a good turnout of teams from the 13 clubs. This year we had 11 mixed doubles teams, 20 men's doubles teams and 7 ladies doubles teams which was great.

As per previous years, we used the central venue for a number of league matches at Kincorth and will continue to do so next season. Steven Plank has already secured the booking with Kincorth Sports Centre, with matches scheduled to be played between 7pm – 9pm and starting from the first week in September. 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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 and payment for the second half of the season by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

I presume our fixtures secretary will be looking to start working on the fixture list for the coming season shortly, so any clubs wishing to withdraw from the league or enter additional teams will need to inform the League Committee as soon as possible.

Club secretaries will receive reminders from Badminton Scotland to affiliate for the 2022/23 season in August and it is a requirement of the league that clubs are affiliated to Badminton Scotland so if club secretaries are able to sort out affiliation as soon as possible once their club night starts back, that would be appreciated.

As per usual we will present the league trophies to the league winning teams later this evening. Any team wishing to take home their trophy will be emailed a form to sign to say they have received it and will then need to return the trophy at the club doubles tournament next year.

Many thanks,

**Steven Chappell**  
**Chairman**  
**Aberdeen & District Badminton League**

## **5. 2021/22 LEAGUE CLUB DOUBLES TOURNAMENT REPORT**

We held the Club Doubles tournament at the central venue in Kincorth where we had an entry of 24 (originally 25) MD pairs, 8 (originally 10) LD pairs, and 15 (originally 16) MXD pairs. These numbers were up from the previous tournament so it was encouraging to see such a good number of entries. The winners of the events were:

MD: Chris Argyle & Douglas Gray (Granite City)  
LD: Disha Nandish & Leona Rhind (ABA)  
MXD: Sam Muir & Jodie Black (ABA)

The tournament was a success with 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 2019/20 league standings were available last season on the league website and most matches were played during the season, however, three outstanding matches had been postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic:

Mixed Division 2: University v Granite City (played and won by Granite City)  
Men's Division 1: ABA A v Fetteresso A (declared null & void)  
Men's Division 1: Westhill v Racquets A (declared null & void)

As listed above, the mixed division 2 match was subsequently played and won by Granite City (thereby winning Mixed Division 2 for the 2019/20 season), but due to unforeseen circumstances the men's division 1 matches were still outstanding and had not yet been played. It was agreed by all present at the AGM, to declare these outstanding matches as null & void. The Men's Division 1 league standings for 2019/20 therefore remain unaltered and Westhill remain in 1<sup>st</sup> place.

## **7. LEAGUE MATCHES REPORT & STANDINGS 2021/22**

The final league standings were available on the league website and most matches were played during the season (out of 185 matches scheduled, there were only 3 walkovers and 2 declared null & void). 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. The £50 club affiliation fee remains the same as last season. If any clubs have any issues or difficulty affiliating, they are advised to contact Joe Robinson for assistance. Club secretaries are also encouraged to check that their list of active players registered is accurate.

The North of Scotland Disability Badminton Championships is scheduled to take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Aberdeen Sports Village.

## **9. BALANCE SHEET**

The updated balance sheet was presented 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.

#### **10. ANNUAL LEAGUE SUBSCRIPTION**

The annual league 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 advise ASAP of any additional teams they wish to enter or existing teams that wish to resign from the league for the upcoming 2022/23 season.

The Committee also 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.

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

The Secretary 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 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022.
- North East Senior Restricted: to be held 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022.
- North East Junior Open: date TBC.
- North East Senior Open: date TBC.

Further details of the above tournaments are to be added to the League/NEG website. The Secretary 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 Plank |
| • League Secretary            | Tom Metcalfe |
| • Scorecard/Website Secretary | Ken Watson   |
| • Fixtures Secretary          | Jamie King   |
| • Tournament Secretary        | Claire Elder |

- Ordinary Committee Member            Kim Garrett
- Ordinary Committee Member            Ryan Clunie
- Ordinary Committee Member            Dan Broadhead
- Ordinary Committee Member            Ken Lavèty
- Ordinary Committee Member            Steven Chappell

#### 14. AOCB

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

- Club Doubles Tournament currently booked for Sunday mornings: 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 9am-1pm (N.B. BST begins 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023).
- Playoffs currently booked Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, 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.
- At the AGM there was some discussion about possibly limiting the number of times a nominated player can "play up". It was agreed that implementation of a rule such as this would require careful consideration and discussion with all clubs in the league. There was also discussion about whether it should be mandatory that a player must play for their nominated team.
- It was decided that the Committee will contact all clubs and request their feedback on nomination rules. Any change to the constitution can be voted on at the next AGM.
- It was proposed that an informal database is maintained that will keep track of the number of times players have played for a given team. This will help to allow for an informed decision to be made when deciding any rule change of nominated players.

iii. Player's eligibility to play in playoffs:

- It was recommended that at the next AGM a rule is added to the constitution stating that to be eligible for a playoff match, players must have played in said team at least once during that season's regular fixtures.

iv. Player eligibility for Ladies Elite:

- There was some discussion about possibly changing the requirements for players to be eligible to play in the Ladies Elite team. It was decided, for

now, to keep the constitution wording as it is and the Committee can approve any “exceptional circumstances” should they arise.

- v. Maximum number of teams per club per league:
- This topic was discussed but no consensus reached; to be monitored and reviewed throughout the season.
- vi. The League Secretary requested the League create a “WhatsApp” group chat to include at least one contact for each club. This would hopefully provide a more effective form of communication between the Committee and clubs as opposed to relying solely on email which often goes unanswered and unacknowledged.

## 15. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

Finalised standings for the **2019/20 season** had been delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic; winning teams were confirmed as listed below:

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

The league trophies were presented to the **2021/22 season’s** winning teams as listed below:

<b>Division</b>	<b>Mixed</b>	<b>Men’s</b>	<b>Ladies</b>
1	ABA A Oilers	ABA A Oilers	ABA Oilers
2	Glen Ythan	ABA B Titans	
3		Inverurie	

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League Chairman

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**Ken Watson**  
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