MINUTES OF ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Venue:	Banks O' Dee Sports Club	
Date:	23rd June 2026	
In Attendance:	Tom Metcalfe	Inverurie / League Secretary
	Ross Pettigrew	Inverurie / Scorecards Secretary
	Jamie King	Granite City / Fixtures Secretary
	Steven Plank	Racquets / Tournament Secretary
	Kerry Taylor	Cruden Bay
	Trevor Stapleton	Banchory
	Colin Ross	Fetteresso
	Sofia Mazzoni	University of Aberdeen
	Calum Davidson	Granite City

1. APOLOGIES

Martin Fragell	ABA / Committee Member
Lindsay Kessack	71 Club / Committee Member
Scott White	Glen Ythan
Morven Coghill	RGU / Committee Member
Martin Anderson	Aberdeenshire / Committee Member
Steve Cunningham	Badminton Scotland

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM & EGM

Proposed by Steven Plank and seconded by Tom Metcalfe.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None.

4. ABERDEEN & DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE 2025/2026 LEAGUE/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As per tradition, we started by thanking everyone on the committee for their work over the 2025/26 season for the contributions they have made. They've all played an important role in ensuring we had a successful season.

It was great to have such a good turnout of teams from the 12 clubs in our league. This past season we had 13 mixed doubles teams, 24 open doubles teams, and 8 ladies doubles teams which was very similar to last season.

As per previous years, we used Kincorth Sports Centre as our "central venue" for a number of league matches and will continue to do so next season. We have already secured the booking with Kincorth Sports Centre, with matches scheduled to be played 7pm – 9pm on Friday evenings; most likely starting in August. We encourage all players to be there ready to play for 7pm sharp so as to help minimise the risk of running out of time. As standard, 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 of September and payment for the second half of the season by 1st January 2027. Invoices will be sent out to the relevant clubs along with their annual league affiliation fee.

The fixtures list for the upcoming season will be underway soon and a copy will be sent out to all clubs in due course. We kindly ask that all club and team captains review the fixtures list and advise at the earliest opportunity of any discrepancies or issues spotted. 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 Scorecard Secretary and League Secretary 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 scorecards for completed matches are sent to the Scorecard Secretary as soon as possible but no later than 7 days after completion of said match. Should any match not be played, either by agreement or dispute, the secretaries of both clubs concerned should notify the Scorecard Secretary and League Secretary (no later than 7 days after the scheduled fixture date) by email with their reasons for claiming or forfeiting the match.

Club secretaries will receive reminders from Badminton Scotland to affiliate for the 2026/27 season, 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 able to do so, 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 asked to sign a form to say they have received it and will then be asked to return the trophy at the club doubles tournament next year.

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

Many thanks,

Aberdeen & District Badminton League Committee

5. 2025/26 LEAGUE CLUB DOUBLES TOURNAMENT REPORT

We held the Club Doubles tournament at the central venue in Kincorth where we had an entry of 13 OD pairs, 7 LD pairs, and 12 MXD pairs. These numbers were down from the previous tournament but still a decent turnout for each event to be played. The winners of the events were:

OD: Dave Conn & Mal Gall (Banchory)
LD: Leona Rhind & Chloe Brookhouse (Granite City)
MXD: Murray Spence & Leona Rhind (Granite City)

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. 2025/26 LEAGUE MATCHES REPORT & STANDINGS

The final league standings were available on the league website, and most matches were played during the season (out of 216 matches scheduled, there were 5 walkovers and 3 declared null & void). The committee requested Secretaries to (1) keep them 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.

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 club affiliation fee is currently set at £90. Individual affiliation fee for Badminton Scotland is currently set at £25 each for adults and £15 each for juniors though is not mandatory to play in our local league. If any clubs have any issues or difficulty affiliating, they are advised to contact Badminton Scotland for assistance. Club secretaries are also encouraged to check that their list of active players registered is accurate.

Calum Davidson had attended the Badminton Scotland AGM. At their AGM it was stated their finances are improving year to year. It was approved that the tournament entry fee is increasing. A discussion was had about the benefits of individual Badminton Scotland membership to players in the North East of Scotland. There is a push for more youth teams outwith ranking tournaments. Discussion was also had about Badminton Scotland replacing the traditional 3x21 scoring system with a new best-of-three, first-to-15 points format (3x15).

8. BALANCE SHEET

The finances were discussed 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. It was noted that costs for hall hire have risen as well as shuttle costs, these could affect the finances going forwards. Formal balance sheet will be shared in due course.

9. ANNUAL LEAGUE SUBSCRIPTION

The annual league affiliation fee of £40 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. 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 2026/27 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.

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

The Tournament Secretary informed those present that the Badminton Scotland North East Group was responsible for organising several tournaments each season.

Further details of tournaments are to be added to the League/NEG website or can be viewed on the Badminton Scotland website. The Tournament 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), or Martin Fragell.

12. CONSTITUTION CHANGES

In recent times there has been significant advancement in the quality of synthetic shuttles. It was agreed by those present that the constitution should be updated to allow their use in our league matches. Specific wording for the proposed change will be drafted and shared with the committee for review. It is possible the league committee will retain a list of acceptable shuttle brand/models that are allowed. Any formal change can be approved at an EGM.

Conversation was also had about allowing for replacing the traditional 3x21 scoring system with a new best-of-three, first-to-15 points format (3x15). Further discussion required.

13. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

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

• League Chairman	Vacant
• League Secretary	Tom Metcalfe (Inverurie)
• Scorecard/Website Secretary	Ross Pettigrew (Inverurie)
• Fixtures Secretary	Jamie King (Granite City)
• Tournament Secretary	Steven Plank (Racquets)
• Ordinary Committee Member	Neil Cuthbert (Fetteresso)
• Ordinary Committee Member	Tom Spencer (Banchory)
• Ordinary Committee Member	Kerry Taylor (Cruden Bay)
• Ordinary Committee Member	Sofia Mazzoni (University)
• Ordinary Committee Member	Martin Anderson (Aberdeenshire)
• Ordinary Committee Member	TBC (71 Club)
• Ordinary Committee Member	TBC (ABA)
• Ordinary Committee Member	TBC (Glen Ythan)
• Ordinary Committee Member	TBC (RGU)

14. AOCB

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

- Club Doubles Tournament currently booked for Saturday afternoons: 13th & 20th March 2027, 12pm-4pm.
- Playoffs – plan to hold Friday 26th March 2027. Kincorth currently booked and could accommodate 2 playoff matches. Additional venues such as Banks O'Dee and Lochside to be considered.
- Pre-season tournament organised by Granite City, Inverurie, & Glen Ythan to be held at Banks O'Dee Saturday 22nd August (open) and Sunday 23rd August (mixed).

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.

15. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

The league trophies were presented to the **2025/26 season's** winning teams (where present) as listed below:

Division	Mixed	Open	Ladies
1	ABA A Oilers	ABA A Oilers	ABA A Oilers
2	Granite City B	Granite City B	Banchory
3		Granite City C	
4		Granite City D	

Tom Metcalfe **League Secretary**

Jamie King **Fixtures Secretary**

Steven Plank **Tournament Secretary**