



Aboyne Tennis Club Committee Meeting – 16th February 2023

DRAFT Minutes

Present in person: Andrew Fyfe, Cat Manzi, Tammie Sebire, Joss Marshall, Trish Atkinson, Alan Curran, Emma Ferguson, Keren Beveridge, Brian Howell

1. **Apologies** – Sarah Hoare, Craig Mitchell, Pat Smith

2. **Minutes of meeting 21st November 2022**

Approved (proposed by Joss, seconded by Andrew)

3. **Actions and matters arising from 21st November 2022 meeting**

1. Club to consider purchase of a new ball machine and update ball procedure. **Open**. In progress. Will revisit once get a clear idea of what coaching options we will provide going forward.
2. Facility repairs (door, court 3 net + court scoreboards) **Open**.
3. Open new bank account. **Open**. In progress.
4. Discuss sharing bowling club facilities. **Closed**. May no longer be an option.
5. Find out who painted Ballater and Braemar courts **Open**.
6. Review impact of increased electricity fees on membership fees **Closed** – see membership update
7. Benchmark club fees against nearby clubs **Closed** – see membership update
8. Include a question on value for money in club survey **Closed**
9. Give Pat admin rights to clubspark. **Closed**
10. Follow up with Victory Hall **Closed**
11. Add NESLTA as a standing agenda item to agendas **Closed**
12. Inform NESLTA of new ladies captains. **Closed**
13. Book venue for AGM. **Closed**. Scout Hut booked. Aboyne Library and Golf Club potentially available for future tennis club committee meetings.

4. **Coaching update**

An emergency meeting took place on 23 January 2023 to discuss coaching concerns. It was agreed at that meeting that:

- The committee would ask the coach to provide details of his coaching plans for 2023 by 14th February 2023; and
- That coaching feedback received by the committee would be shared with the coach and a development plan implemented and a timeline agreed to address the concerns raised.

The coach was contacted about these actions. The coach submitted his resignation on 8th February 2023. The committee agreed to organize a thank you/leaving gift for the coach to thank him for all his hard work over the last 10+ years.

Alan, Tammie, Trish and Joss have been working on organizing tennis activities for juniors. One of these activities is a youth club night on Thursday evenings for juniors aged 12+ years old. Club representatives would supervise this session. A rota is being prepared to ensure sufficient

supervision is in place. A number of parents have expressed interest in helping to support the club with tennis activities for juniors. **Action** – Trish to speak to parents to find out what they would like. A number of individuals are in the process of completing their coaching training and offered to support the club with coaching. The club will contribute to some of their training costs.

Recruitment of a new head coach may take up to a year. A job advert is being prepared.

Other tennis activities being considered:

- Box league or ladder competitions
- Doubles sessions for ladies
- Adult/child days

5. **Club calendar**

A draft version of the 2023 club calendar was shared with the committee as a pre-read.

Comments received:

- Spring clean to be done before NESLTA league starts.
- Opening day – consider doing something different to encourage more attendees outside of the committee such as a family day, BBQ, games. To consider making it a whole day event and combine with spring mixed doubles playoffs.
- Texas golf scramble date TBC
- Deeside league date TBC
- To include community day on 1st July in calendar.

Action – Cat to update calendar for comments received.

Action – Pat to book courts for NESLTA matches.

6. **Treasury**

Keren is in process of changing bank account from Virgin to RBS as Virgin are now charging fees whereas RBS do not charge fees.

Draft 2022 accounts have been prepared. £12k surplus. £11k transferred into sinking fund. Sinking fund total now £66k above target of £44k.

Keren will be stepping down from role as Treasurer but will stay on the committee in her role as captain of ladies C team. Keren asked for suggestions of a replacement Treasurer.

7. **Membership**

Membership numbers now back to pre-covid levels.

Brian has completed benchmarking of Aboyne club fees against Banchory and Stonehaven. Aboyne is more competitive than these clubs.



Club has not yet incurred increase in electricity fees due to excellent fixed term rates. This is due to expire soon and so electricity fees will increase significantly. The club should now qualify for Government support with electricity fees. The committee agreed to recommend a 10% increase in fees to be proposed at AGM for approved.

8. AGM

All AGM reports were requested to be submitted by 27th February so that they could be included in AGM invitation email to all members.

9. Social

300 club – 100 tickets unsold. Committee will try to sell more tickets throughout the year. It was agreed that no adjustment will be made to terms of 300 club for unsold tickets.

10. Facilities

Court lights – currently 13 of the 32 floodlight panels are no longer working even though life expectancy is ~10 years. Alan speaking to supplier to arrange repairs. Appears to be due to a bad batch. Same supplier will also install bird scaring devices.

Court re-painting – Alan has received a quote for £12,650, which is higher than the £8,108 included in the financial plan for this job.

Insurance is in place.

CCTV security camera is not charged. Alan to recover it and investigate.

11. Competitions

Action – Andrew to confirm number of men's teams to be submitted to NESLTA.

Waiting to hear on timing of Deeside league.

Action – Cat to submit NESLTA league report.

13. AOCB

Ran out of time to discuss AOCB due to Golf Club closing.

14. Date, time and venue of next meeting

7pm on 17th April at Aboyne Golf Club.

Cat Manzi, Secretary