



Aboyne Tennis Club Committee Meeting – 21st November 2022

DRAFT Minutes

Present in person: Andrew Fyfe, Pat Smith, Cat Manzi, Tammie Sebire, Joss Marshall, Sarah Hoare, Trish Atkinson, Craig Mitchell (via video conference)

1. **Apologies** – Alan Curran, Emma Ferguson, Brian Howell, Keren Beveridge
2. **Minutes of meeting 15th August 2022**
Approved (proposed by Sarah, seconded by Joss)
3. **Actions and matters arising from 15th August 2022 meeting**
 1. Review website and update all sections and add new committee member photos. Tammie and Andrew have updated website. Committee meeting minutes to be added to website. Club coach has tidied up coaching sections, removed redundant sections and included direct links to Deeside Tennis Academy website. Committee to continue to maintain website in background. **Closed.**
 2. Club to purchase a new ball machine and update ball machine procedure. **Open.**
 3. Tammie to prepare club survey. Survey drafted and with committee for review before circulating to members **Open.**
 4. Facilities repairs (door, court 3 nets + court scoreboards). **Open.**
 5. Open new bank account to reduce cost of bank charges. Keren is progressing. **Open.**
 6. Discuss sharing of bowling club facilities with bowling club. **Open.**
4. **Facilities**

Ball machine – no update. Action remains open.

Court cleaning and moss spray delayed due to weather.

Floodlights – Alan following up to arrange a full maintenance program including installation of bird spikes.

Court painting – Alan following up on options and quotes. **Action** – Alan and Andrew to find out who did Ballater and Braemar courts and consider getting a contractor booked in 2023/24.
5. **Membership**

Summary of the membership report:

Membership remains reasonably healthy although the number of adult and family members this year have significantly reduced compared to last year but are similar to levels we had in 2019 before the Covid-19 pandemic.

Action – review impact of increased electricity fees and consider whether adjustments to membership fees are required/appropriate.

Action – include benchmarking of fees against similar clubs in next membership report.

Action – include a question on value for money in club survey.

6. Treasury

No update.

7. Competitions

Summary of competitions report:

A busy and successful year of competitions for the club.

Now 3 Aboyne teams in Ladies NESLTA league. Ladies A team have been promoted to division 1 whereas B and C teams remained in divisions 3 and 4 respectively.

Ladies Deeside league moved to Wednesdays instead of Mondays. Some challenges getting players to play for Deeside league due to limits on players also competing in NESTLA.

A number of new faces in Men's NESLTA league. 3 teams took part. All teams remained in starting division except for A team which slipped to division 3 but aiming to bounce back to division 2 in 2023.

Aboyne withdrew from Fleming Cup this year but hope to enter in 2023.

Aboyne Mens doubles won Kincardine and Deeside Tournament. Good result from Ladies doubles also getting to semi finals.

Seniors championship now in its second year was very successful and will continue in 2023.

Sarah will be stepping down as ladies captain in 2023. Jemina has agreed to be captain of A and B teams and Keren has agreed to be captain of C team.

8. Welfare

No major updates to report. Couple of updates have been made to the website and to make the code of conduct easier to find.

9. Succession planning

Sarah and Joss confirmed they will be stepping down at next AGM.

Pat has agreed to take on role of vice chair.

Some new candidates for the committee have been identified and discussions ongoing. **Action** – Cat to give Pat admin rights to clubspark.

10. LTA registration

In progress. Post-meeting update – registration now completed and all registration documents saved on goggle drive.

11. Juniors



Club coach on a break until Easter 2023. Club coach will communicate details of potential changes to coaching arrangements to parents.

Considering kid fun days and parent/child sessions.

12. Social

Quiz night arranged. All tickets sold. Event will include games and a 300 club and box raffle. Emma will confirm total fundraising balance at next meeting.

13. **AOCB**

Committee approved funding for 50% of cost of training for 2 additional coaches.

Action – Tammie to follow up with Victory Hall.

Committee has received another complaint about missing lighting curfew on courts 3 and 4.

Action – Rather than send members all NESLTA emails that come through to club inbox, NESLTA update to be added as a standing item to committee agendas. Andrew to provide any updates.

Action – Sarah to add Jemina and Keren to NESLTA emails.

AGM scheduled for 13th March. **Action** – Cat to look at whether Scout Hut would be available.

14. **Date, time and venue of next meeting**

16th February at 7pm. Venue TBC.

Cat Manzi, Secretary