

# Dundee and District Squash Rackets Association A.G.M.

28<sup>th</sup> April 2009 Fort Bar Broughty Ferry

**Apologies:** Nick Cunningham, Maura Campbell, Ken Daly, Keith Sampson, Aileen Don, Dave Williams, David Pert, April Davidson, Jenny McTavish, Gary Johnstone, Jan Parkinson.

**Present:** Karen Respinger, Rob Respinger, Les Dick, Amanda Frenz, Sue McLean, David Carson, Matt Shaw, Irene Morrison, Mairi Cumming, Fiona Stewart, Frances McBride, Marian Paton, Gregor Newton, Bob Wyllie, David Gordon, Sue Campbell, Bruce Melville, Jennifer McArtney. (i.e. committee plus 13 players.)

The minutes of the last AGM dated 15<sup>th</sup> April 2008 were proposed and seconded.

## **Presidents report** by David Gordon.

David reported that the men's and lady's leagues functioned well this season. NUH moved to Bells sports centre and multiple teams playing from 1 centre worked fine as NUH dropped from 3 to 2 teams. The only problem was trying to fit in rearranged games.

The Tayside masters men's individual tournament was held at Forthill instead of Montrose this year. It was organised by John Bulloch and Alistair Duncan and DDSRA committee. It is not known where it will be held next year.

The individual tournament was moved to Forthill at short notice and was well attended. The cup finals also went well. David thanked the committee for their attendance and efficiency.

Stewart Smith (previous Dundee and district champion and player at Forthill, Montrose and Next generation) is immigrating to Canada in July. David wished him and his family well for the future on behalf of the district.

David discussed the fact that the bank account is healthy and his wish to keep it that way for the future.

The pre-season packs were discussed and it was proposed that they could include a jotter for results as teams often did not keep a note of these to back up any un-submitted scores or disputes. The committee will see to this for the next season.

Matt Shaw brought up that it is time consuming to fill in the individual game scores. Bob Wyllie replied that these would be required for calculation of individuals statistics.

## **League report** by Sue Campbell

A good season with 30 teams.

Sue reported that there had been 2 reports of unacceptable behaviour at matches. Sue reminded everyone to remember to maintain the friendly spirit of the game and to show respect to the markers in particular.

Sue reminded everyone to try as far as possible, to stay for supper after matches and to inform home captains as soon as possible of the numbers staying so that they avoid unnecessary expense.

Having multiple teams playing out of Bells worked well and thanks to everyone for accommodating different start times.

### **2009 winners**

Mens divion 1	Abbotsford 1
Mens divion 2	Abbotsford 2
Ladies divion 1	NUH
Ladies divion 2	North Fife
Mens knockout cup A competition	Abbotsford 1

Mens A plate	Perth 1
Mens knockout B	Abbotsford 2
Mens B plate	North Fife 2
Ladies open	Dundee University
Ladies plate	Forthill Flames
Individual tournament winner A	Gregor Newton
Individual tournament B winner	Dave Gordon
Ladies open	Julia Horsburgh
Ladies handicap winner	Sue campbell
A plate	James Douglas
B plate	Philip Babbington

**Treasurers report:** see attached accounts

Marian Paton proposed that at least 2 contact details were included for each team. A problem had occurred when a message to cancel a match was left on an answer machine and not picked up in time to contact players. Sue will ensure more contacts for each team. It was agreed that people should ensure to speak to someone in person rather than leave messages.

### **Web site.**

As you know we have updated the web site this year.

I basically divided the development into two main phases, the first one you have seen.

The first phase involved building a content management system where we could update the content using an administration system. Built in is various pages with articles, youtube videos, links a gallery and a forum.

The forum has not been used a great deal. I hope that more of you will use it in this coming season.

Registration has been taken down because of the number of 'bots' submitting registrations (around 50 a day) however this will be updated very shortly to included a measure to prevent these submissions.

As mentioned there is the facility to submit the scores via an electronic form on the site. This currently sends an email to Sue and myself and we input the score into the database using administration section of the web site.

There are a couple of data integrity issues that need to be sorted out, the main one being how we handle players names in the database to ensure we get accurate stats.

The second issue is one of security – there will need to be some password system to ensure that only authorised people can submit results.

It is your web site though so any suggestions as to content etc are welcome.

### **Election of office bearers**

Position	Person elected	Proposed by	Seconded by
president	Dave Gordon	Les Dick	Sue Campbell
secretary	Jennifer McArtney	Dave Gordon	Marian Paton

treasurer	Jennifer McArtney	Dave Gordon	Marian Paton
Mens match sec	Bob Wyllie	Dave Gordon	Sue Campbell
Ladies match sec	Sue Campbell	Marian Paton	Bob Wyllie
Tournament committee	No nominations / volunteers		
Other members	Bruce Melville	Sue Campbell	Marian Paton

League Subscriptions. The committee proposed that these stay the same ie £40 per team, £55 if paid after the cut-off date. Sue will send a reminder and dates for diaries as an e mail to all captains. The date of the Individual tournament will perhaps be moved forward by 2 weeks to mid November- date to be confirmed.

## **AOCB**

- David Gordon said it was of note that former DDSRA player Mike Spalding was voted player of the year for Grampian and his photo was on the front of their fixture books.
- David proposed a return of the “Manpower” tournament played with teams of 3 men and 2 women. He invited comments to be placed on the web site.
- Dundee University ladies team of Zoe, Elaine, Jo and Lisa won the Scottish and British Universities competitions.
- Marian Paton thanked the committee and Sue for attending their rearranged cup match.
- The subject of hospitality for cup matches was raised as some misunderstandings have occurred. Previously the upper team on the draw were always at home therefore the first seed would always be at home and the costs for hospitality were shared. Now teams will play alternate home and away matches therefore an agreement is required.
- Decision: for cup matches, home team always pay food and the bar bill is shared as per league matches. (ladies home team pays all the bill). This decision will be posted on the web site.
- Sue McLean asked if it was possible to field a second Perth ladies team. They may play from Glenalmond as Bells want courts available for the public. Sue said that the league could be organised to accommodate that.
- Marian Paton brought up the subject of correct way of teams writing down their team order before a match. Options used are a) home team write their team first and b) both teams are written on separate papers before seeing oppositions.
- Decision: option b – this will be posted on the web site.
- Next year the team orders will be traceable and it will be flagged up if people are playing out of order.
- Amanda Frenz noted that it is difficult to organise rearranged matches and questioned if the rules should state that matches have to be played on the fixture date. Discussions ensued and it was felt that common sense should be applied and teams could discuss with Sue or other committee members and that matches would only be awarded after re arrangement failed.

The meeting was closed by David Gordon. Presentation of trophies took place followed by a quiz.