

PORTLETHEN TENNIS CLUB AGM 2011 – Unapproved minutes

Held on Thursday 31st March 2011

Presentation of Trophies

Ladies Singles Winner: **Aenea Reid** Runner Up: Sandra Wallis

Ladies Doubles Winners: **Aenea Reid & Sandra Wallis**

Runners Up: Ingrid McNiven & Kerry Slessor

Gents Singles Winner: **Keith Allan** Runner Up: None (other half of draw not completed)

Gents Doubles Winners: **David Leiper & Martin Walsh**

Runners Up: Gordon McCulloch & Ian Still

Mixed Doubles Winners: **Aenea Reid & Doug Sinclair**, Runners-up: None (other half of draw not completed)

Alan Tait Trophy Joint Winners: **Aenea Reid & David Leiper**

Runner Up: Alex Hamilton

Boys singles Winner: **Jack Davidson**, Runner-up: none (other half of draw not completed)

PRESENT

Alex Hamilton, Aenea Reid, Sandra Wallis, Martin Walsh, Gordon McCulloch, Sheila Jamieson, Nicola Harper, Steve Davidson, Jack Davidson, Doug Sinclair

APOLOGIES

David Leiper and Keith Allan

Minutes of 2010 AGM – no matters arising

Proposed – Gordon; Seconded – Martin

Presidents Report – See Attached

Treasurers Report – See Attached

Fees - Recommended no increase. Senior Membership is declining we are not attracting new members. Club has healthy bank balance. We had reduced expenditure on the courts due to the Council arranging/paying for the demossing and fixing the lights.

Proposed - Steve; Seconded - Alex.

Team Reports

Ladies Team -	Division 3 came 6 th in the League. Ladies team member Ingrid has emigrated to New Zealand.
Men's Team -	Division 3 came 8th in the League and will move down to Division 4. Division 3 had very young and fit players.
Junior team	A joint venture with Stonehaven Tennis Club as we only had 2 players. Matches played well won 2 lost 1. Steve thanked Stonehaven for sharing their players which allowed Jack & Scott to play in the team and also gave Stonehaven players more a chance to play in a team. Unable to enter a team this year as the majority of our members under 16 are beginners; you have to be quite good to play in the league.
Junior Coaching	Well attended. Jack will be the coach this year and available for 2 hours on a Thursday. 8 week block to start on 28 th April – priority will be given to members. Possible Summer Coaching will be available. Jack has recently passed his Level 2 coaching qualification.

Election of Committee

President - Alex appointed – proposed Doug; Seconded Sheila
Vice president - Martin appointed - proposed Aenea; Seconded Gordon
Treasurer - Aenea appointed - proposed Sheila; Seconded Martin
Secretary - Sandra appointed – proposed Martin; Seconded Aenea
Match Secretary Gents - Doug appointed – proposed Martin; Seconded Jack.
Match Secretary Ladies – Sheila appointed - proposed Sandra; Seconded Aenea
Junior Team Co-ordinator – Jack appointed – proposed Aenea; Seconded Nicola
Junior Committee Member - Ailsa appointed - proposed Jack; Seconded Sandra
Committee members – Appointed Nicola - Sheila proposed; Seconded Jack, Appointed Gordon – proposed Martin; Seconded Sandra

We require one further member for the Constitution; therefore Aenea will email David to see if he would agree to be a Committee Member.

Gents Match Secretary: Iain Still to be asked if he is willing to act as backup to Doug. If not, Martin will act as backup.

LTA Constitution Requirements

The LTA is about to become an incorporated association, primarily to limit it's legal liability. As part of this process it is also reviewing its rules and Disciplinary Code and separating the latter into a separate document. All clubs affiliated to the LTA

are being asked to amend their constitution to make it a condition of membership that members agree to be bound by and subject to the rules and Disciplinary Code of the LTA. Members should also be asked to sign a form saying that they agree to comply with the rules and the LTA have suggested that this should be included in the membership renewal process. They have provided sample text for the constitution amendments, for member compliance and for notices to be posted beside the courts. Constitution changes should be made by 1st October 2011, which is when the incorporation of the LTA will take effect.

The new committee will need to discuss the changes that have to be made to the constitution and review what aspects of the LTA Rules and Disciplinary Code may be of particular relevance to our members. Since the rules are 87 pages long and the Disciplinary code is 111 pages long, it is unreasonable to expect our members to read these documents in full. It was agreed that the change to membership renewal forms to require a members to sign that they agree to be subject to the rules of the LTA should be postponed until 2012. Once the committee have drafted changes to the constitution we will need to hold an EGM for the membership to ratify the changes.

LTA/NESLTA membership

There has been a change in the membership fees levied by the LTA. They have moved from a charge based on membership numbers to a charge based on the number of courts which will reduce the cost for Portlethen Tennis Club. LTA fees in 2010 were £378 and this has gone down to £200 for 2011. On top of this we may still have to pay a per head membership fee to NESTLA. We paid £117 to NESTLA in 2010.

Membership of LTA/NESTLA is a requirement for playing in the local leagues. Other benefits include Liability Insurance for the club and access to resources at Tennis Scotland. Kirsty McRae, the Tennis Development Coach, is very helpful with any advice the club may need to help it develop/attract new members. To date, we haven't applied for any grants or financial advice from Tennis Scotland but there is the potential for this

AOCB

After discussion it was decided to offer a £10 rebate (increased from £5) for Senior & Family club membership if a member recruited a new member. If it's an ex member they have to have not been a member for 2 years.

Discussed whether we will enter teams for NESLTA Winter League as it's a struggle to get members to play – No we won't this year. Instead we will have Sundays as an Open Mixed Session from September onwards.

Bowling Club/Tennis Club Facilities

We have had no response from our emails to the council, Secretary will contact Iain Paul to request update and sort out the demossing. Suggested we write a letter to the Bowling Club thanking them for letting us share the Bourtree Pavillion and to find out if they have any update on their Development plans. The Bowling Club has a new committee and the President is Hugh Stewart.

Wimbledon Tickets, closing date will be the Open Day Sunday 17th April.

Alex stated he would suggest to the men that they bring brooms to give the courts a good sweep. Hedge is too tall and has not been trimmed for a long time – we are losing a lot of tennis balls into the hedge. Base lines - we have paint left over for this.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm for refreshments.