

Kingussie Tennis Club
Minutes of the A.G.M. held on 6th November 2011

1. **Apologies** were received from Marion and Jeff, Dick Webster, Joan Knox, John Robertson and Marjorie Deans. **Present** were Ken Deans, Keith and Joyce Robertson, Alistair Peebles, Helen and Sandy Peebles, Gilly and David Howarth, Mae Maxwell, Mary Anderson, Jo and Alan Simpson, Tom Davy and Ginny Fenton.
2. **The Minutes from the last AGM** - were adopted - proposed by Keith Robertson and seconded by Jo Simpson.
3. **Matters arising from the Minutes** - changes to the catering adopted this season were a success and will continue. Gilly will draw up a rota.
4. **President's Report** - Blaes had been put down by members on courts 1&2 but it was too much therefore some was removed and bagged for the future. Courts were much improved. The bagged blaes will now be put on courts 3&4. The opening tournament in May was a success although the courts were not ready until after the leagues had started because of the weather. A Strawberry Tea was held in June that was enjoyable even though the weather was not good. The President thanked the league secretaries (Moir and Keith) for organising the matches. Ladies ended in the middle of the league - late starters! It was suggested that they play in April at Newtonmore. The new arrangements for catering worked well. The Finals happened over a period of weeks because of the weather but all adult matches were successfully completed. There are ongoing developments to be discussed later in the meeting.
5. **Treasurer's Report** - The club is in a sound financial position. The Honesty Box did very well and there was no charge for the coaching. Expenses included fees affiliation to Highland District, the LTA and the local Sports Council. Balls were the only equipment bought this season. There is £4,045.89 in the current account. Adoption of accounts proposed by Alan seconded by Mae.
6. **Election of Office Bearers** - Sandy reiterated that he would like to resign and formally did so.
President - Sandy prop. Keith - nomination was turned down.
Vice - President - Jo Simpson
Secretary - Moira Webster
Treasurer - Helen Peebles
Committee members - Gilly, Mae, Judith, Keith and Ken Deans
7. **Highlands District/LTA** - Discussion re e-mails received regarding the changes we are required to make to our constitution to fit in with the LTA. Insurance cover comes through being affiliated to the LTA and to if we want to play in the leagues we must be affiliated therefore will be insured. Moira to check this in March. Also can we be affiliated even if we do not make the changes?
8. **Highlife Highland** - Lively discussion took place regarding these changes. It is thought that we would need to register the club with Highlife Highland then we would book the courts for our sessions. Questions as to what the charges would be? If you are a Highlife member you should have free use of the courts - how would this impact on membership fees for the club? It was

noted that the badminton club have to charge members per session to keep going. Questions about upkeep of the clubhouse and maintenance were raised. It was decided to have a meeting with Donna Reilly with the following questions being raised.

- a) How is it going to run?
- b) Access to courts
- c) Will the courts be locked
- d) Maintenance - who is responsible for what?
- e) Block bookings - costs?
- f) Coaching - courses for juniors.
- g) Lease?
- h) What proposals do High life Highland have?
- i) Setting up the courts - who is responsible?

It was suggested Moira arrange a meeting and also talk with Matt Brown/Ken Tait re the swimming club and John Robertson re football and shinty clubs.

9. Membership - Ken Deans proposed reducing the junior membership to £5 and advertising the fact. No change to other member's fees.

10. Coaching - We had 2 nights coaching with Jimmy McKechnie which was very worthwhile. Members would like more sessions. Possibly 5/6 Mondays before July.

11. Juniors - Tania and Eileen are keen to get involved in coaching. This might bring in more junior members. Need to advertise in both primary and secondary schools. Could just be supervised play to begin with. Moira to speak to both about doing some courses. We need a junior organiser. Funding is available for balls/rackets/mini tennis nets etc.

12. Court maintenance - Blaes to go down on courts 3 and 4 and nets to be removed on Sunday 13th November.

13. A.O.C.B - the information board needs to go on the outside wall and Keith will ask about putting the direction sign at the cross back on the wall.

- Nigel to update the Championship boards - Moira.

- Sandy thanked Gilly and David for all their work re the BBQ's and other social events.

- It was suggested that we bring the Finals Day forward to allow more time if weather is bad - 2nd last weekend to be set aside for this. Must do the draw earlier.

- Moira to contact Donna re putting down the courts - ask for a schedule.

- Position of President - Sandy prop. by Mae, seconded by Joyce. Accepted for one more year.

Club Champions for 2011

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| - Men - Sandy | RU - Ken |
| - Ladies - Judith | RU - Moira |
| - Mixed - Helen and Sandy | RU - Ken and Marjorie |
| - Men's Plate - Keith | RU Ben |
| - Ladies Plate - Joyce | RU - Ginny |

No junior trophies were played for due to lack of interest.