

## **PORTLETHEN TENNIS CLUB      AGM 2012 – Unapproved minutes**

Held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013

### **Presentation of 2012 Trophies**

Junior Girls Singles Winner: **Abigail Doran** Runner Up: Karen Thomson  
Junior Boys Singles Winner: **Tyler Doran** Runner Up: Jordan Tait  
Ladies Doubles Winners: **Marsha Doran & Sandra Wallis** Runners Up: Heidi Gordon & Kerry Slessor  
Gents Singles Winner: **John Cole** Runner Up: Norman Christie  
Alan Tait Trophy Winner: **Sandra Wallis** Runner Up: Gordon McCulloch

Ladies Singles Winners: Final not yet completed.  
Gents Doubles Winners: Cancelled  
Mixed Doubles Winners: Matches not yet completed.  
Presidents Trophy & Boys Doubles– Insufficient Entries

### **PRESENT**

Aenea Reid, Sandra Wallis, Martin Walsh, Gordon McCulloch, Sheila Jamieson, Randall MacLennan, Keith Allan, Doug Sinclair, Karen Stephen, John Cole; Marsha Doran, Tyler Doran, Abigail Doran, Gary Alexander; Susan Alexander

### **APOLOGIES**

Ian Still, Susan McGregor; Kerry Slessor; Heidi Gordon, Oyin Adekola

### **Minutes of 2012 AGM**

Proposed - Keith    Seconded – Sheila

### **Matters arising**

Revision of club constitution is still outstanding but current club constitution has been put up on the club website. Sub committee of Aenea, Martin, Gordon & Sandra re-appointed to review and update the constitution.  
Clean up day was organised.  
Council attended to de-mossing of courts in time for the Open Day.

**Presidents Report** – See Attached

**Treasurers Report** – See Attached

Club has healthy bank balance and we should look into spending some of the money on the club. Eg. Net posts. Recommend no increase in fees. Membership numbers have remained at a similar level over the last few years with no drastic decline and unfortunately no major increase.  
Keith proposed; Doug seconded.

**Team Reports** – see attached.

Ladies Team -        Division 3 came 7<sup>th</sup> in the League  
Men's Team -        Division 4 came 7<sup>th</sup> in the League

We have struggled for Ladies in previous years but 2012 we were inundated with new and returning members which was great. We managed to play all our matches apart from one where the opposing team couldn't get a team.  
Men – weather ended up cancelling a lot of games and sometimes they couldn't get a team but overall it was 2 wins, 3 draws and 1 loss.  
Both captains gave a big thank you to all team players.

## **Junior Coaching**

The Club was delighted that Marsha (Club Member) agreed to do the Coaching. The Club have contributed towards the costs of her extending her coaching qualification to Level 2.

3 blocks were run, (Spring weekly classes; Summer Camp and Autumn Camp) The 1<sup>st</sup> block was washed out by the weather but the 2 camps were good.  
Marsha has agreed to continue with coaching for the next season.  
Marsha is looking at contacting the local Primary Schools about getting the Aegon School Kits and offering ½ hour sessions which would run for 6-8 weeks before the Spring, hopefully this will encourage some more juniors to join the club.  
Other suggestion was that we have a Junior Club night on Mondays, 4 to 5:30pm – this was agreed on.

## **Election of Committee**

**President** - Martin appointed – proposed Gordon; Seconded Gary  
**Vice president** - Karen appointed - proposed Aenea; Seconded Sheila  
**Treasurer** - Aenea appointed - proposed Sheila; Seconded Martin  
**Secretary** - Sandra appointed – proposed Aenea; Seconded Sheila  
**Match Secretary Gents** - Ian appointed – proposed Martin; Seconded Keith.  
**Match Secretary Ladies** – Sheila appointed - proposed Sandra; Seconded Susan  
**Junior Team Co-ordinator** – Marsha appointed – proposed Aenea; Seconded Martin  
**Junior Committee Member** - Tyler appointed - proposed Marsha; Seconded Aenea  
**Committee members** – Appointed Gordon - Martin proposed; Seconded Sheila,  
Appointed Doug - proposed Gordon; Seconded Karen, Appointed Gary – proposed Aenea; Seconded Sheila

It was mentioned that Marsha had been co-opted to the Committee in 2012 when she became the Club Coach.

## **AOCB**

It was proposed that we rename the Gents Singles Trophy in honour of Alex Hamilton our Club President who passed away in 2012 – it was unanimously agreed that we would.

Membership is low and we haven't been successful in increasing the members much. A suggestion of joining up with Stonehaven Club was put forward as a way of introducing more players. Comments made were that it would complicate being in the Neslta league as you can only play for one club. We had successfully merged with them for the Junior Team one year and this is an option that we will look at again. Various points were raised; it was decided that further discussion would take

place at future meetings as careful consideration would be required as to what we want and can offer.

Marsha had a list of ideas on attracting new member. She said we should be looking at what other clubs are doing and mirror them. Suggestions were at the Open Day we should make it more of a family fun afternoon, with a BBQ and music. We should have mixed sessions, club evenings, Tennis & coffee sessions and possibly even Cardio Tennis. Other members stated we have tried most of those things over the years but due to declining membership we ended up not being able to offer those sorts of things. Cardio Tennis we will not pursue that this year.

We will try a BBQ this Open Day; this can be advertised in the Clochandighter for their Spring edition. We will do a Tennis & Coffee Session on Tuesdays at 1pm. A Club Evening on Thursdays at 7pm. Junior Club Night on Mondays. These can all be mentioned on the website and on the Membership cards.

The men said that anyone is welcome to their Wednesday morning session plus the Sunday Morning Men's match practice as sometimes there are not enough players and you end up with 3 people. We are keeping the Monday night for ladies only.

Marsha is also willing to run an adult coaching class on Wednesdays 7-8pm, this will also be advertised in the Chlochandighter as Beginners/Refreshers to hopefully encourage new adult members.

Discussed whether we will enter teams for NESLTA – yes we will. We will also enter Junior Teams but advise them that we are unsure whether we will have enough players and that we are exploring the possibility of a joint Portlethen/ Stonehaven team.

Fencing around the courts – Sandra to contact the council on this issue, at this time of year there is sometimes money available that has to be spent before the year end. We will gauge their answer first to see what they are willing to do/spend, if they say no, we will ask if we can look into getting the fencing fixed and pay for it out of the club funds. We could also get 3 quotes and see whether the Council would pay or perhaps pay a contribution towards the cost. We still have some anti vandal paint that we can use once the fence is fixed.

The Council has been contacted about the moss on the courts and also requested an update on the lights but no response as yet – Sandra will chase up.

Open Day provisionally arranged for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm, Sandra to contact the Bowling Club to check if date acceptable. Bowling Club have a new President – Walter McMillan.

Next Committee meeting provisionally arranged for Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 9.10pm for refreshments.