



NE Touch 2017 AGM

- 1. Confirmation of minutes of previous AGM** – confirmed
- 2. Treasurer's Report** – available on line
- 3. President's Report** – available on line
- 4. Election of Office Bearers:**
 - President – Iain MacKenzie (Guerillas)
 - Treasurer – Harriet Simpson (Hoodlums)
 - Secretary – Christina Farr/Leon Chan (Leopards)
 - Referee Co-ordinator – Matthew Sharkey (Tigers)
 - Coaching Co-ordinator – Gemma Campbell (Hoodlums)
 - Development Officer – Robin Williamson (Guerillas)
 - Guerillas Club Rep – Hannah Nash
 - Leopards Club Rep – Audrey Philpott
 - Hoodlums Club Rep – Mark Beadie
 - Non-Constituted Team Rep – Allan Lilly (ATR)



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5. A.O.B

STA Update

Communications Director

IM advised that STA have appointed Rachel Howe to take on this role at the recent AGM with an amendment to the STA constitution.

Appointment of NE Touch Communications Officer

NE Touch took the decision to mirror this STA appointment; Currently this is not a constituted executive position, but this could be in future if required.

Kathryn MacKenzie has applied for the role and this has been accepted. She will be available to provide assistance across the NE Touch Region, work alongside the STA on comms. where requested and one particular area that was mentioned was the promotion of ATR tournaments.

Euros - announced as being held in Nottingham in July 2018

JTC – Announced as being held in Edinburgh in 2018 to coincide with ‘Year of the Young Person’

STS/Nationals – it has been agreed that the regions will nominate people to form a working group to work with the STA to make improvements to the structure/operation of tournaments

Membership – discussions around a register of players have been ongoing for some time. One of the barriers to being recognised as a sport has been the inability to quantify the number of players properly. A tool has been chosen to facilitate this, which is used in other Scottish sports. Regional support for this is desired and some clubs will be approached to demo this before it is rolled out fully.



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6. NE Touch 2018 Look Ahead

Beginners Tournament – there is a desire to get this off the ground, possibly in Stonehaven as the interest in touch at Mackie RFC has grown again. It was flagged up that Paul Black has moved back to Stonehaven so might be in a position to give this a boost.

There are discussions about possibly having a tournament in town as well.

Corporate/Charity Tournament – IM mentioned that in the past the Activymix corporate decathlon event had been a good avenue for attracting new players, however, the company was wound up in 2016. There is a plan to consider whether there would be an appetite for running something similar in 2018.

Winter Training – from conversations held around the touch community there is an appetite to have some sort of winter training. It was discussed that Hoodlums had tried to run sessions at ASV but ended up some weeks not having enough numbers to cover the cost. There was some discussion about the best time/venue to have such sessions and whether the Leopards would consider combining with other players. Allan Lilly's feeling was that the Leopards attendance is quite high so they would not have space to do so. It was agreed to explore this further.

Coaching/Ref Courses - Feedback from Simon and Sara Ebbet is more courses should be offered – there is a definite desire to do so in 2018. Initial agreement is that NE Touch will offer a course in 2018 every quarter, with the exact offering dependent on the appetite from the community.

Youth Development – IM has been liaising with the Ebbets about advancing this. There is a lot of chat around Aberdeen/Shire about schools/other groups offering or being interested in offering touch to children, so work will be done to focus this more in 2018.

Social Events – currently nothing planned for the rest of the year.

7. Open Floor A.O.B.