

Lothian Disability Badminton Club – Chairpersons Report August 2010.

When I first moved to Scotland almost 3 years my intentions were to try to set up a disability Badminton club. What we have established over this period is better than anything I could have predicted. What we have is an excellent mix of social / competitive, with disabled athletes, coaches and volunteers. A great base from which to move forward.

There has been much success from the elite players at 4 Nations, International and European level. I hope that the club provides a small part of the jigsaw that allows these players to develop. I would suggest that we start an 'honours list' that can be minuted in order for us to maintain a history of the club.

It has also been great that we have been able to get a number of the volunteers / coaches through the Basics and level 1 award. Hopefully we can continue this process in the future and build a strong base of coaches to service the club.

I am indebted to all the coaches and volunteers for all their hard work and for making the club such a fun place to be.

Last season we also managed to win an award! I am pleased that Morag & Steve, Karen & Ross and Christine were able to collect our tremendous award for the Lothian Disability Club / Team of the Year. Well done to everyone.

When the club was established, Gary Fraser and Steve Duff along with Christine provided to necessary personnel for us to apply for grants. At this point in time we now need to replace Gary (Treasurer) and Steve (Secretary) with members of our club.

I am more than happy to stand as Chairperson for the coming season, but would be happy to support anyone else who fancied it! I am currently Chairperson of the Scottish Disability Badminton Group, the 4 Nations Disability Working Group as well as the Vice President of ParaBadminton World Federation (plus BaraBadminton Europe work)....I think this is not really healthy, but will go along with how you all feel.

We also need to nominate 2 sitting members to have a committee of 5 and this season we should plan to have a number of set committee meetings in order to run the club correctly and efficiently.

When the NEW committee is chosen then I suggest we have a get together to discuss the future development of the club and establish a simple plan of action...Over a drink of course!

We are hoping to also establish a section of the LDBC in West Lothian at Bathgate Academy. This may be more of an LD section, however this is yet to be

agreed. This is likely to be on a Wednesday evening and players from the Musselburgh section will be able to attend if they wish.

The Club were involved in a taster session at Musselburgh and will be involved in a wheelchair exhibition in September.

We were successful with an Awards for All Application to set up the club (approx £5000) and also a further grant from the 2014 Grant of £1000.

I have recently put together a new application for an Awards for All which would cover the Musselburgh club and the new section in the West. I have excellent news regarding this which I will report on the night.

I am looking forward to the new season and hope we can again have a successful and enjoyable year.

Lyndon Williams
Chairperson LDBC