



LEEDS TENNIS LEAGUE

General Meeting

Held on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at 8pm

Lounge Room at Alwoodley Community Association Centre

With 15 out of a possible 25 clubs in attendance the meeting was quorate.

Attendees:

Alex Hill (AH) – Secretary Leeds Tennis League - Chapel Allerton

Roger Harris (RH) – Kirkstall – *(Incoming Chair for 2019)*

Peter Telford – David Lloyd

Gillian Telford – David Lloyd

Jo Hill – Roundhay

Colin Campbell (CC) – Ilkley – *(Current Chair)*

Sally Harris – Alwoodley

Barbara Jackson – Almscliffe

Pat O'Donnell - Alwoodley

David Burton – Wakefield

Steve Bastow – Wakefield

Matt Martindale (MM) – Rawdon – *(Outgoing Chair)*

Sally Littleoolmu – Rawdon

Toby Farinden – Unknown

Daniel Littleoolmu – Rawdon

Stuart Pedder – Armley

John Ross – Roundhay

Lynne Ashworth – Grove Hill

Hilary Dove – Grove Hill

Graham Darley – Alwoodley

Jo Bailey – Horsforth

Lesley Davis – Horsforth

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Attendees continued

Ruth Kitson – Alwoodley
John Thwaite – Adel
Penny Rice – St Chads
Beth James – Bardsey
Sascha Mueller (Vanessa) – Sandal
Paul Johnson - Sandal

Apologies:

Susan Gosling – Almscliffe
Hilary West – Horsforth
Dave Robson – Alwoodley
Nici Walker – Kirkstall
Ann Sidivy - Roundhay
Katherine Stirling - Roundhay
Andrew Smitten - Sandal
Mike Green - Wetherby
Emma Scampton - Whitkirk
Michael Ward - Horsforth
Gillian Pedder - Armley
Maryla Greedhill - Collingham
Tracy Watson- Adel

Colin Campbell (CC) the present Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Alwoodley Community Association Centre for hosting. As a number of new faces are on the Committee, they all introduced themselves, with special mention to the incoming new Treasurer, Lynne Ashworth (Grove Hill), who will be joining the Committee officially after the Annual General Meeting in March 2019 (*exact date to be confirmed*).

CC advised that the Juniors' Presentations would be made to the winners, so as not to keep them later than needed (*see Item 9 for details*).

1. Minutes from the previous (Annual General) meeting – March 2018

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) were approved as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: John Ross (Roundhay) Seconded: Peter Telford (David Lloyd).

2. Matters arising

None

3. Report on League Competitions in 2018 (Adults, Juniors, Winter, Singles and Veterans)

CC advised the group of the winners for each division and area for 2018, please see below:

Mens Division 1	David Lloyd
Mens Division 2	Wakefield A
Mens Division 3	Sandal
Mens Division 4	Roundhay B
Mens Division 5	Pudsey
Mens Division 6	Wakefield B
LADIES	
Ladies Division 1	Whitkirk A
Ladies Division 2	Ilkley
Ladies Division 3	Alwoodley A
MEDLEY	
Medley Division 1	St Chads A
Medley Division 2	Grove Hill B
WINTER LEAGUE	
Winter Division 1	Chapel Allerton
Winter Division 2	Bardsey
Winter Division 3	LM & DTS
VETERANS GROUP	Horsforth B
JUNIOR LEAGUES	
Under 16	Pool
Under 14	Sandal
Under 12	Rawdon

4. Financial update

Jo Hill (JH) our current Treasurer went through the current status of the LTL funds, please see the breakdown below:-

1. During 2018, entry to the Summer Leagues has been free.
2. Expenditure excluding fees to Leeds Beckett is very low, for sundry items such as stationery.
3. We are still holding the provision towards any costs incurred in upgrading the website and this will be just under £1,300 at the end of 2018.

Financial update ... continued

4. We are also holding a fund of £1,250 to cover secretarial costs, should we need specialist support in the future.
5. We currently have £8,000 in the bank account. This includes approx. £2,000 of winter league fees to be paid to Leeds Beckett for 18/19. There is still some money owing for Winter League subscriptions from a few clubs.
6. Winter match fees are now administered by the League. They are collected by invoicing clubs and then paid over to Leeds Beckett.
7. **The committee has approved a further one-year waiver to Summer and Veteran entry fees during 2019 due to the level of reserves held.**
8. In 2018 for Winter League fees we have charged £72 for all divisions with 7 teams in each Division.
9. The Singles League entry fee of £10 is an annual charge for joining the League and will continue to be charged in 2019. This is administered by Dwight, with entry fees received paid over to Dwight after agreement about who has entered.

5. IT/Website update

Steve Bastow (SB) – confirmed there haven't been any major problems and thanked all the Captains for their care and time inputting the relevant scores. SB confirmed again that it's the HOME team who put the results in (to mirror the way the Winter League input the scores).

SB also confirmed, if there is a "Walkover", please ask your Section Co-ordinator to input the appropriate information.

NB – We will update the LTL Rules document on the website to reflect this new way of inputting the scores in, as agreed at the last Annual General Meeting in March 2018.

Google Drive - Cloud Storage

SB explained that in order to keep the Leeds Tennis League data securely, he investigated various methods and came to the conclusion that "Google Drive" would be the most appropriate and free (as a bonus).

Finance and Administration (JH and AH) to consider which documents to attach and let SB know. **ACTION: JH & AH**

6. Rules and Fair Play Charter

The Committee requested that the results are inputted as soon as possible after the matches end.

Ladies Division – Suggestion; Jo Bailey (JB) put a suggestion forward about whether an altered start time could be agreed before penalty points are issued. Eg If the team cannot raise the correct number of team members allowing for being 10 minutes late for the 1st set and 30 minutes late for the second, could the time be extended slightly for the 1st set to 15 minutes?

After a discussion, the Committee agreed that the existing set of rules is still sufficient, for a number of key reasons. One key one being, not all clubs have flood lighting, so the start times are set to allow for the matches to be played before darkness takes over. They are also long days for the players, usually coming from work, playing then a quick tea and travelling home.

7. Officers, committee members and volunteer helpers for 2019

It was noted that a Vice Chair volunteer was needed from Whitkirk. **AH to action**

8. Changes for Junior Ratings Cap

CC requested that Matt Martindale (MM) explain the idea originated from J. Sowden (Rawdon Coach) to align with the “Road to Wimbledon” LTA idea, to the attendees of the meeting and asked for their thoughts.

Please see below Jonathan's detailed suggestions on rating caps for junior play:

U12's going from no better than 9.2 to no better than 9.1

U14's going from no better than 8.2 to no better than 8.1

U16's going from no better than 8.2 to no better than 7.1

So the big change remains at U 16's

Jamie can you see any reasons why this might cause an issue? Below is the reasoning behind the proposed changes.

Would you be able to have any influence over the Leeds league Junior rules? I am concerned about the ratings caps that have been applied. For 12U age it's no better than a 9.2, 14U 8.2 and 16U 8.1. Jack Willis has already missed out on playing U16's this year as his rating is 7.1.

The reasoning behind the rule is that the league is not for “performance” players. Ratings up to 7.1 aren’t really performance players and it only takes 12 wins to go from a 10.2 to a 9.1 and a further 4 to get to 8.2.

The U12/U14 kids are easily going to achieve this through the coaching competitions, Leeds league matches and a few external tournaments. Some of the kids have found out about the ratings caps and said they don’t want to enter tournaments or play too many matches as they’re worried their rating will get too good and won’t be able to play Leeds league. On top of this the 14U Road to Wimbledon annual competition is now split into 2 separate events, 10.2~7.1 and 6.2 or better. It seems logical that the Leeds league rules should follow in the same vein. Once players get to 8.2 the ratings improvement goes on a win/loss ratio whereas from 10.2-8.2 it’s only the wins that count, losses do not. I don’t want kids to be discouraged from competing as this is what it’s all about and its difficult enough already to get them going to external tournaments.

After some discussion regarding the suggestion altering the ratings. It was felt that it should be given time for all LTL members to consider (should they wish) and then voted upon at the Annual General meeting in early 2019 (*exact date still to be agreed*).

9. Presentation of trophies and medals

CC again requested that the winning Clubs engrave their trophies before the next General Meeting (usually around October each year). Thank you.

10. Any Other Business

Ladies Divisions – 12 games idea instead of 2 sets: via Barbara Jackson (Almscliffe B)

Barbara put her idea to the Committee and attendees, playing 12 games instead of 2 sets, played at present. Benefits include; less standing around, every game counts and a quicker match overall (useful to those clubs without lights). Disadvantages to consider; the games/match could be over too quickly (especially if playing a far better team) and less time to “work” the points into games overall.

Roger Harris (Incoming chair – Kirkstall) commented that it’s the same Barkston Ash way of playing and works well. It was agreed to be voted upon at the Annual General Meeting in early 2019.

Bonus Point Idea – Nici Walker (Kirkstall)

Nici Walker (NW) wondered if when you lose a match closely, perhaps a bonus point idea could be given ie 3 = win, 2 = draw and 1 = 5-3 loss?

CC (Chair) put the idea to the attendees and after some discussion including Steve Bastow advised it would be difficult to fit with the LTA Rules.

It was felt that in the pure spirit of the game, the scores should reflect this and hopefully spur the losing team on, for future matches, should they lose closely.

CC (Chair) asked Alex (Secretary) to let NW know. **ACTION: AH**

Mens Division – To aim for 6 per Division (Stuart Pedder – Armley)

Stuart Pedder (SP) requested that ideally 6 teams are allocated per Division, as 5 seems too little and 7 or 8 being potentially too many games to fit in, in time.

CC advised that where possible, this would be done but it's not always that simple.

2019 - Annual General Meeting – Exact date to be set and communicated to all via the Secretary before Christmas. **ACTION: AH**