



**LEEDS TENNIS LEAGUE**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD MONDAY 3RD MARCH 2014, STARTING AT 8PM**  
**AT**  
**ALWOODLEY TENNIS CLUB**

Pete Smith (**PS**) in the Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He thanked Alwoodley TC for hosting the meeting free of charge to the League.

Those in attendance being:

1. Adel –Graham Bond (**GB**), John Micklethwaite, Gary Williams (**GW**), Tracy Watson
2. Almscliffe – Harwin Bosworth
3. Alwoodley – Dave Robson (**DR**), Sally Harris, Alison Taylor, Simon Taylor
4. Armley –Gillian Pedder, Stuart Pedder
5. Boston Spa – Pete Smith (**PS**)
6. Chapel Allerton – Audrey Reed, Susan Smith
7. David Lloyd – Gill Telford, Pete Telford
8. Grove Hill, Otley – Hilary Dove
9. Horsforth – Jo Bailey
10. JCS – Dwight Brown (**DB**)
11. Kirkstall – Roger Harris
12. Pool – Geoff Smith
13. Rawdon – Matt Martindale
14. Roundhay – Stephen Ball, Ann Sedivy
15. St Chad's – Karen Wignall, Jill Ingle (**JI**)
16. Wakefield – Steve Bastow
17. Wetherby –Mike Green (**MG**)
18. Whitkirk – Stuart Eddison, Jackie Cooper, Mary Stearman (**MS**), Oliver Walsh (**OW**)

Apologies for absence were received from:

Alwoodley – Elspeth Bottone  
Armley – Janet Pritchard  
Chapel Allerton – Daniel Chubb, Kasia Hiorns  
David Lloyd – Gillie Bailey, Claire Carvis  
Grove Hill - Lynne Ashworth  
Ilkley – Carol Cherry  
Pool – David Broome, John Clemmie, Gavin Westworth, Paul Woodham  
Wakefield – David Burton  
West Yorkshire -Tony Abbott  
Whitkirk – Kath Sherburn

The following trophies presentations were then made having been outstanding from last year:

<b>SECTION</b>	<b>WINNER</b>	<b>PRESENTED TO</b>
Ladies Division 1	Roundhay A	Ann Sedivy
Ladies Division 3	Chapel Allerton B	Susan Smith
Mens Division 2	Roundhay A	Stephen Ball
Mens Division 3	Wakefield A	Steve Bastow
U14	Roundhay A	Ann Sedivy

**1) MINUTES OF THE 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2013 AUTUMN GENERAL MEETING**

**PS** asked the meeting whether they were happy with the Minutes as written up and that they correctly portrayed the discussions at the meeting and the decisions as made.

**Proposed: Mary Stearman, Whitkirk; Seconded: Graham Bond, Adel**

**The meeting then unanimously agreed that the Minutes correctly reflected the business undertaken at the Autumn GM.**

## **2) MATTERS ARISING**

**PS** asked that the revisions to the League Constitution agreed at the autumn General Meeting be formally approved by the meeting.

**Proposed: Karen Wignall, St Chad's; Seconded: Steve Bastow, Wakefield**

**And unanimously agreed by the meeting**

## **3) ROTATION POLICY**

The Club Rotation Plan for the identification of Elected Officers and Committee Members had been formally accepted as policy at the autumn General Meeting.

The document had been finalised by **GB** and **GW** following discussions at the meeting and then circulated with the Agenda.

**GB** then commented that some 26 roles had been identified as needing to be filled by volunteers. All Clubs would therefore be involved in running the League and this would avoid the stop/start issues of the past. Clubs have been forewarned as to when and which roles they would be required to fill. Sanctions have been written into the Constitution for any Club which failed to meet its obligations in this regard. The Plan will be updated on a yearly basis.

**GB** thanked David Robson, Alwoodley, for taking on the role of Vice Chair with only a few months notice.

**PS** then thanked **GB** and **GW** for all their work on the Plan and the time taken to put the document together.

## **4) ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**PS** expressed thanks to **GB** who is standing down after many years of service to the League firstly as Treasurer and then as Chairman. He had done an excellent in keeping the League running and ensuring it was on a firm footing going forward.

**PS** then introduced the candidates offering themselves for election/re-election for 2014-15 being:

Chairman: Pete Smith

Vice Chairman: David Robson

Immediate Past Chair: Vacant

Treasurer: Gary Williams

Secretary: Jill Ingle

IT: Steve Bastow, Mike Green, Steve Cordingley

Fixtures: Penny Rice, Susan Smith, Sally Harris

Administration Support: Sally Harris

Ladies Section: Cath Brittain

Mens Section: Oliver Walsh, Dwight Brown, Tony Abbott

Mixed/Medley Section: Janet Pritchard

Juniors Section: Mary Stearman

Winter League: Carol Cherry, Gillian Telford

Singles League: Gillie Bailey, Dwight Brown (from April 2014)

Veterans League: Mike Green

Jo Bailey, Horsforth offered herself for election to assist on the Ladies Section. There being no further nominations it was proposed that all candidates be approved for election.

**Proposed: Susan Smith, Chapel Allerton; Seconded: Graham Bond, Adel**

**And unanimously agreed by the meeting.**

## 5) FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 2013 AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Gary Williams (**GW**), Hon. Treasurer, presented his report:

**Balance Sheet:** The League has funds of £8200 in the bank.

The Website Upgrade Fund is £1800 but thanks to the voluntary efforts of Steve Bastow and the IT team actual costs incurred to date are £58. The new website is operational and there will be some ongoing costs.

The Secretarial Support Fund is £1250 and is also being held in reserve.

With very little expenditure incurred and no major outgoings due the League declared a moratorium on entry fees for Summer and Veterans League competitions in 2014.

The Winter League is self financing and the Singles League incurs a one off entry fee.

Increased voluntary involvement from all Clubs will continue to keep the League accounts in healthy order.

The Bank mandate has been changed to reflect the new Elected Officers of the League.

The meeting was then asked to approve the accounts as shown, for the year ended 31 December 2013.

The accounts are attached to the Minutes.

**Proposed: Oliver Walsh, Whitkirk; Seconded Stuart Pedder, Armley**

**This was unanimously agreed by those present.**

**PS and GW duly signed the accounts and passed to JI for safe keeping.**

## 6) IT AND WEBSITE MATTERS

**SB** reported that thanks to the technical work undertaken by Steve Cordingley the new website is up and running and is secure. The content is based on the previous website but has an updated look.

The website links directly to the LTA database.

The LTA have made no major changes to the software so Captains will find that it looks and operates as last year.

**SB** thanked all Captains for following the guidelines. He reminded everyone that access codes apply to the Club and not individual teams and should not be changed.

## 7) WINTER, SINGLES AND VETERANS LEAGUE REPORTS

**a) Winter League:** **JJ** represented a report on behalf of Carol Cherry. (See attached)

Wetherby withdrew in December 2013 and were replaced by David Lloyd 2.

Clubs with more than one team should field their stronger players in the 1<sup>st</sup> team.

Roundhay currently lead division 1 by two points from Chapel Allerton, David Lloyd 1 and Heaton.

David Lloyd 2 lead division 2 closely followed by Ilkley 2.

**b) Singles League:** In the absence of a report from Gillie Bailey **JJ** commented that the Singles League remains an active competition. Gillie is expecting to handover to resource at JCCS from the end of March.

**c) Veterans League:** **MG** reported that the winter session started in December and will run to the end of April with 4 teams competing. The weather has affected matches in this period.

Clubs are reminded that entry is free this year. It is hoped to attract more entrants.

## 8) SUMMER LEAGUE ENTRANTS/FORMAT/POLICIES FOR 2014

**JJ** reported that a total of 90 teams have entered the summer competitions, 65 adult teams and 25 junior teams. Entries in the Adult sections are up by 8 but are down by 4 in the Juniors.

**JJ** went through the flip chart proposals for the divisions and the following promotions (**P**) and relegations (**R**) were agreed:

### **12.1 Mens:**

Armley, David Lloyd, Horsforth B and JCCS B are new entrants; St Chad's A has withdrawn giving a total of 35 teams, an increase of 3 teams on 2013. 7 teams will compete in each division.

Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 4	Div 5
Adel A	Horsforth A (R)	Ilkley C	Alwoodley A (R) tbc	Wetherby
Bardsey	Whitkirk A (R)	Pool A	Adel B	Alwoodley B
Ilkley A	Boston Spa A	Rawdon B	St Chad's B	Pool B
Rawdon A	Ilkley B	Roundhay B	JCCS	Armley
Ch Allerton A	Grove Hill A	Ch Allerton C (P)	West Yorkshire (P)	David Lloyd
Roundhay A (P)	Wakefield A (P)	Whitkirk B (P)	Wakefield B (P)	Horsforth B
Boston Spa B (P)	Ch Allerton B (P)	Kirkstall (P) tbc	Grove Hill B (P)	JCCS B

Subsequent to the meeting, Kirkstall confirmed their acceptance of promotion meaning Alwoodley B are relegated to Division 4

### 12.2 Ladies:

Almscliffe, Ilkley and Whitkirk B are new entrants giving a total of 20 teams, an increase of 3 teams on 2013. 7 teams will compete in divisions 1 & 2 and 6 teams in division 3.

Div 1	Div 2	Div 3
Roundhay A	Armley (R)	Alwoodley A
Ch Allerton A	St Chad's	Wakefield
Horsforth	Kirkstall	Pool
Whitkirk A	Roundhay C	Almscliffe
Roundhay B	Roundhay D	Ilkley
Adel (P)	Ch Allerton B (P)	Whitkirk B
Wetherby	Alwoodley B (P)	

### 12.3 Mixed:

Div 1	6 teams
Ch Allerton	
Rawdon	
St Chad's	
David Lloyd	
Armley	
JCCS	

### 12.4 Medley:

Div 1	7 teams
Grove Hill	
Boston Spa	
Kirkstall	
St Chad's A	
Adel	
Alwoodley	
St Chad's B	

### 12.5 Juniors:

U16	9 teams	U14	8 teams	U12	8 teams
Adel		Alwoodley		Adel	
Alwoodley		Ch Allerton		Ch Allerton	
Ch Allerton		Grove Hill		Grove Hill	
JCCS		JCCS		JCCS	
Grove Hill		Pool		Pool	
Rawdon		Rawdon		Rawdon	
Roundhay		Roundhay		Wetherby	
Sandal		Whitkirk		Whitkirk	
Wetherby					

Fixture planning will now start as soon as possible with the aim of issuing these to clubs before the end of March.

Clubs were reminded that they had until the end of April to agree any mutually acceptable alternative date with their opposition and notify the Section Co-ordinator of this change.

From the beginning of May teams must be prepared to play on the date specified and fixtures may only be rearranged in the case of inclement weather or by the prior authorisation of the League.

Clubs with more than one team playing in the same competition were reminded of the specific rules that apply.

Clubs were also reminded that it is permissible to field one pair in the Adult matches to avoid forfeiting fixtures.

## 9) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

PS thanked everyone for coming and for their contributions. He wished all a safe journey home after taking advantage of drinks from the bar which was open.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.