

LEEDS TENNIS LEAGUE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 9TH MARCH 2015, 8PM

AT

ALWOODLEY TENNIS CLUB

Dave Robson (DR) in the Chair welcomed everyone to meeting and thanked Alwoodley for hosting.

Attendees:

Adel - Gary Williams (GW)
Almscliffe - Susan Gosling
Alwoodley - Dave Robson, Sally Harris, Di Corscadden, Alison Taylor, Simon Taylor
Boston Spa - Matthew Saxon
Chapel Allerton - Kasia Hiorns, Susan Smith
Dacre - Marcus Coacter
David Lloyd - Claire Carvis, Gill Telford, Pete Telford
Grove Hill - Hilary Dove
Horsforth - Jo Bailey
Ilkley - Alan Cutts
Kirkstall - Hilary Campbell, Roger Harris
Pool - Geoff Smith
Rawdon - Matt Martindale
Roundhay - Camala Marsh, Sarah Abbey, Steph Stockwell
Sandal - Greg Turner, Howard Copley
St Chad's - Penny Rice, Karen Wignall
Wakefield - Steve Bastow (SB), Peter Hall
West Yorkshire - Peter O'Neill
Wetherby - Mike Green (MG), David Morris
Whitkirk - Mary Stearman, Oliver Walsh

Apologies for absence:

Adel - John Micklethwaite
Alwoodley - Elspeth Bottone, Graham Walker
Armley - Nick & Rachel MacDonald, Stuart & Gill Pedder
Boston Spa - Pete Smith
Chapel Allerton - Audrey Reed
Collingham - Maryla Gledhill
Dacre - Mike Wyss
Grove Hill - Lynne Ashworth
Horsforth - Hillary West
Ilkley - Colin Campbell, Carol Cherry
John Charles - Dwight Brown
Kirkstall - Wendy Staniland, Alan Bailey
Pool - Gavin Westworth, David & Jackie Broome, John Clemmie, Paul Woodham
Rawdon - Jacquie Pollard, Ray Crowther
Roundhay - Ann Sedivy
Sandal - Debbie Middleton
St Chad's - Jill Ingle (JI)
Wakefield - David Burton
West Yorkshire - Tony Abbott

1) Minutes of the General Meeting 25th November 2014

The minutes of the Autumn GM were agreed.

Proposed: Mary Stearman

Seconded: Simon Taylor

There were no matters arising

2) Election of Officers and Committee members:

The nominations put forward at the GM were agreed unanimously, along with Alan Cutts (Ilkley) to be Mens Division 3 and Wendy Staniland Medley Division.

A new co-ordinator for Mens Division 5 may be sought if 6 division format agreed (DR will do Mens 6)

3) Financial Accounts

GW presented the League accounts for the year ending 31 December 2014. (See attached)

The accounts were signed by DR and GW and will be passed to JI for safe keeping.

4) IT Report

SB reported:

No operational problems with LTL site. Ongoing costs approx £100pa.

LTA system stable with no operational problems.

There will be a functionality change for summer 2015:- All co-ordinators will have full capability to manage all the results on the LTA system.

There is now an LTA app available which can be downloaded to smart phones, results could be entered via this.

Fixtures should be visible on the website by mid-April. JI will also circulate these to clubs. Any changes to fixtures must be made by the end of April.

SB thanked Steve Cordingley and Mike Green for their support with website matters

5) Winter League

Carol Cherry was not in attendance so no report presented.

Gill Telford is taking over as Winter League co-ordinator this season and gave an overview.

She suggested having a 3rd division and asked for comments or interest to be directed to her within the next month.

6) Singles League

Dwight not in attendance so no report given.

7) Veterans League

MG reported that this league had not been run through the winter.

It will restart in May.

New entrants welcome. Please contact MG.

8) Summer Leagues 2015

DR reported on entries received for each league – see attached summary.

Ladies: All teams in 2nd place at end of 2014 season accepted promotion.

It was proposed to retain 3 divisions of 7 teams.

Sue Smith queried whether this could be altered to 4 divisions due to fixture generation difficulties with 7 teams in a division.

There was some discussion about this but it was agreed to stay with current format as the 5 team alternative was judged to give inadequate numbers of matches.

Mixed/Medley: Only 3 entries in mixed.

DR proposed that the mixed be amalgamated into the medley and 2 divisions be created. Representatives of the clubs who had entered the mixed agreed to this (Claire Carvis (DL), Kasia Hiorns (CA) and Matthew Martindale (RA)).

Boston Spa declined promotion to Div 1 and St Chads B did not wish to accept this in their place so it was agreed to form 2 divisions as follows – div 1 with 5 teams and div 2 with 6 teams.

Mens: All teams finishing in 2nd place accepted promotion.

DR reported that with increased entries the committee were recommending a change in format to 6 divisions, each with 6 teams, to avoid extreme difficulties with fixture generation. No comments or objections received so this was agreed. DR will act as co-ordinator for div 6 and temporarily for div 5 if necessary but a new co-ordinator would be sought.

Subsequent to the meeting:

Ilkley C (promoted to Div 2) has been redesignated Ilkley B

Ilkley B (relegated to Div 3) has been redesignated Ilkley C.

DR will act as Section Co-ordinator for Men's Divs 5 & 6

9) AOB:

Matthew Martindale (RA): Knowing Rawdon had to provide a volunteer for next committee position he made extensive arrangements to find a replacement for himself as Rawdon chair to enable him to take up this position. He has since been informed that he is no longer needed this year. DR apologised for this error.

Roger Harris (Kirkstall): Kirkstall are providing medley co-ordinator but the volunteer is new to the club so may need support. Janet Pritchard said she would provide support.

Almscliffe? (sorry no name): asked when fixtures would be available. Harrogate League fixtures are provided in Feb and if LTL fixtures are not available until mid april, this does not leave much time to change fixtures due to clashes etc. PR explained that fixtures could not be generated until after AGM but that she hoped they would be with clubs by end of march/early April even though they may not be on the website until later.

Chapel Allerton: Susan Smith suggested a rule be introduced whereby matches between teams from the same club in the same division have to be played towards the beginning of the season. She thought sometimes some "match fixing" occurred to avoid relegation. PR explained this is considered during fixture generation but does not prevent rearranging of matches.

DR said it was too late to do this for 2015 season but this could be considered in future years.

There being no other business DR closed the meeting and thanked attendees for their time.