



LEEDS TENNIS LEAGUE
AUTUMN GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2014, STARTING AT 8PM
AT
ALWOODLEY TENNIS CLUB

Pete Smith (**PS**) in the Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. With 20 out of a possible 25 clubs in attendance the meeting was quorate.

Those in attendance being:

1. Adel – John Micklethwaite, Tracy Watson, Gary Williams (**GW**)
2. Almscliffe – Susan Gosling
3. Alwoodley - Sally Harris, David Robson (**DR**), Alison Taylor
4. Armley – Kate Hoggard, Stuart Pedder
5. Boston Spa – Pete Smith (**PS**)
6. Chapel Allerton – Audrey Reed, Kasia Hiorns
7. David Lloyd – Gillian Telford
8. Grove Hill, Otley – Hilary Dove
9. Horsforth – Hillary West
10. Ilkley – Carole Cherry (**CC**), Julia Cressey
11. Kirkstall – Alan Bailey
12. JCCS – Dwight Brown (**DB**)
13. Pool – Geoff Smith
14. St Chad's – Jill Ingle (**JI**)
15. Wakefield - Steve Bastow (**SB**), David Burton
16. West Yorkshire – Tony Abbott (**TA**)
17. Wetherby – Mike Green (**MG**), David Morris
18. Whitkirk – Stuart Eddison, Mary Stearman (**MS**), Oliver Walsh (**OW**)

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:

Alwoodley – Elspeth Bottone, Simon Taylor, Graham Walker
Armley – Nick & Rachel McDonald, Janet Pritchard
Chapel Allerton – Susan Smith
David Lloyd – Peter Telford
Horsforth – Jo Bailey
Ilkley – Colin Campbell
Kirkstall – Roger Harris
Pool – David Broome, Gavin Westworth, T Clennie
Rawdon – Matt Martindale, Jacqui Pollard
Roundhay – Ann Sedivy
Whitkirk – Jackie Cooper

2) MINUTES OF THE 3RD MARCH 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

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

All agreed that these Minutes correctly reflected the business undertaken at the AGM.

3) REPORT ON 2014 LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

3.1 Summer League

JI presented a summary of the 2014 competitions on behalf of the Section Co-ordinators.

3.1.1 Adults

The season had gone well though it was unfortunate that some teams were unable to complete all their fixtures leading to a number of matches being forfeited and penalty points being applied. Perhaps the balance of the number of teams and divisions needs to be looked at?

Having 7 teams competing in most of the divisions did complicate the fixture scheduling.

There were early season issues regarding club logins and passwords for the LTA system but these did get resolved.

Not all teams notified the co-ordinators of the new dates for rescheduled matches.

Not all co-ordinators updated the LTA system when advised of changes.

The majority of matches were correctly reported though not all results were confirmed by losing captains.

- There were 4 fixtures unplayed by the end of August with no points awarded.
- There were 18 fixtures forfeited due to the inability to field a team.
- There was 1 incident of a team fielding an ineligible player. In this situation any sets scored by that player are awarded to the opponents. This did not affect the result in the match.

3.1.2 Juniors

Again it was a good season for the Juniors with just 5 matches unplayed.

Thanks to Mary Stearman for looking after all three age groups. This avoided the administration problems seen in 2013.

Clubs are reminded that all Junior players must have a BTM number. This message will be reinforced at the start of next season.

3.2 Winter League

CC presented a summary of the 2013-14 competition.

After 10 years running the indoor league **CC** is to step down in April 2015.

The league started with 12 teams competing. Now it operates with 16 teams in two divisions. The standard of play in division 1 is now very high – often reaching National League standard – as coaches have represented some clubs. Should the league be for competitive club tennis?

This season a tie break has been introduced for unfinished sets so all matches reach a conclusion at 10pm.

The meeting expressed thanks to Carol for her work on the Winter League by a round of applause.

The full report is attached to the minutes.

3.3 Veterans League

MG advised that 4 teams have competed but that not all matches from winter 2013 were played by the end of summer 2014.

It seems that running two separate seasons has not been successful as there was just one team who completed all their games. They will be awarded the trophy.

Going forward the Veterans matches will be held in the summer only and entries, especially from new teams, are now encouraged.

MG asked that this message be taken back into Clubs. Details of how to enter and the rules of the competition are available on the League website.

Alan Bailey, Kirkstall, commented that he had tried to contact opposition captains to arrange matches but didn't always get a reply.

3.4 Singles League

DB reported that there are 70+ active players who are all keen to compete and there is a waiting list for entry in December.

There were some problems on handover with the LTA scoring but Charlie Tatman has helped out recently and these issues have now been overcome.

4) **FINANCE**

GW presented a report on the League's finances and accounts.

The full report is attached to these Minutes which **GW** summarised as follows:

- Summer league entry fees in 2014 was free
- Singles league has generated fees of £210. New entrants pay a one off charge of £10
- Expenditure has been kept to £216, including the purchase of replica trophies and IT costs
- The League has £8200 in the bank with fees due to Leeds Met for the Winter League of £1344 in 2015.
- Provisions are held for Website upgrade of £1640 and Secretarial/Admin £1250.
- After allowing for these provisions the League has general reserves of £4000.

The Committee has approved a one year waiver to Summer and Veteran League entry fees for 2015.

The Winter league is self financing and a charge of £90 per team will apply in 2015.

5) **WEBSITE AND IT MATTERS**

5.1 Website

SB reported that following the hacking issues last year there had been no further operational problems this year. The new website now runs on the 1&1 server. The ongoing costs of this will be met from the IT provision held in the accounts.

More information has been added to the website including historical lists of previous league winners.

Contact details for Committee members and a directory of Clubs are on the site.

Feedback is welcomed on the site and also suggestions for additions. Please pass this through **JJ**.

5.2 IT

The LTA are rolling out the system across different leagues around the country so are aiming to keep it as uniform as possible, however it does continue to work well for us.

There is still an issue with results being confirmed when input rather than by the losing captain. The LTA are aware of this issue but are unlikely to make any operational changes to prevent this. The League is unable to do anything other than to remind users to be aware of this. **When inputting results please press "save" rather than "confirm"**. At matches captains are also reminded to record names of all players and enter correctly on the database. The administrators can make changes but this cannot be done at club level.

Log In and Password codes are unique to each Club. The LTA are keen to avoid changes to the allocated Password as this will affect all teams within that Club using the software. Please try to avoid this but should a password change be requested, or become necessary, raise this through **JJ**.

There were set up delays on the Winter league mainly due to stretched resources within the LTA. The fixtures were issued manually on spreadsheets which did get transposed for home and away teams on a few fixtures. However this was soon overcome.

There has been good feedback on the introduction of the tie-break.

The YLTA have again covered the licence fee but this may not continue.

6) **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

JJ noted that the introduction of a four player format in the Medley competition had resulted in new teams entering. Unfortunately the entries in the Mixed had reduced. It was likely that only 4 or 5 teams may enter the Mixed in 2015 bringing into question the viability of the competition.

The following comments were received:

Armley: Have played in either the Medley or the Mixed in the last two seasons but do not have enough players to enter both. It is likely they will revert to the Medley for 2015.

Pool: The standard of play in the Medley suits the strength of their players.

Rawdon: Play in the Mixed but would not welcome playing in a division of just 4 teams.

Adel: Smaller clubs cannot field too many teams or players.

Alwoodley: Important to continue both competitions for the health of tennis.

7) **ROTATION POLICY FOR ELECTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The rota for Elected Officers and Committee Members of the league was reviewed. The following nominations were agreed and will be confirmed at the AGM next March:

Chair	Dave Robson
Vice Chair	Geoff Smith
Immediate Past Chair	Pete Smith
Secretary	Jill Ingle
Treasurer	Gary Williams
IT	Steve Bastow, Steve Cordingley, Mike Green
Fixtures	Penny Rice, Sally Harris, Susan Smith
Singles	Dwight Brown
Veterans	Mike Green
Winter League	Carol Cherry to April 2015 then Gill Telford
Mens 1&2 Divisions	Oliver Walsh
Mens 3	Ilkley – nomination required
Mens 4	Tony Abbott
Mens 5	Dave Robson
Ladies 1-3	Jo Bailey, Tracy Watson
Mixed/Medley	Janet Prichard and Kirkstall – nomination required
Juniors	Mary Stearman

Penny Rice will step down from fixture generation after 2015

Subsequent to the meeting Kirkstall nominated Liz Barker for the Medley Division

ACTION: JI to contact Ilkley regarding a nomination for Mens Division 3

8) PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

The following awards were announced for 2014

SECTION	WINNER	PRESENTED TO
Ladies Division 1	Whitkirk A	Mary Stearman
Ladies Division 2	Armley	Kate Hoggard
Ladies Division 3	Ilkley	<i>Unpresented</i>
Medley	Grove Hill	Hilary Dove
Mixed Division 1	Chapel Allerton	Audrey Reed
Mens Division 1	Ilkley A	Carol Cherry
Mens Division 2	Wakefield A	Steve Bastow
Mens Division 3	Chapel Allerton C	Kasia Hiorns
Mens Division 4	West Yorkshire	Tony Abbott
Mens Division 5	David Lloyd	Gill Telford
U16	Roundhay	Stephen Ball
U14	Roundhay	Stephen Ball
U12	Rawdon	Sally Bickerton
Winter League	Chapel Allerton	Kasia Hiorns
Veterans	Horsforth	Hillary West
Fair Play Shield	Grove Hill U16	Hillary Dove

Replica trophies were awarded to all division winners, including David Lloyd 2 who finished top of division 2 in the Winter League.

All players were congratulated on a successful season and photos were taken of the presentations.

All clubs are responsible for engraving the trophies for the year.

ACTION: JI to chase the trophies not returned by the 2013 winners being:

Ladies Division 3: Chapel Allerton B

JI to send copies of the photos to the winning teams

Jl to issue entry forms for the 2015 summer league in early January

PS then thanked Alwoodley for hosting the meeting, free of charge to the League. He expressed his thanks to all Officers and Committee members for their hard work during the year. He thanked everyone for coming and reminded them that the bar was still open.

The next meeting of the League will be the AGM to be held in early March 2015. The date and venue is to be determined.