

LEEDS TENNIS LEAGUE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2017, 8PM
AT
ALWOODLEY TENNIS CLUB

Geoff Smith (**GS**) in the Chair welcomed everyone to meeting and thanked Alwoodley Community Centre for hosting. Those in attendance being

Attendees:

Adel - John Micklethwaite, Tracy Watson
Almscliffe - Susan Gosling
Alwoodley - Sally Harris
Armley - Gillian Pedder
Chapel Allerton - Kasia Hiorns, Petra Morgan, Audrey Reed
Dacre- Russ Gaunt, Rob Pickard
David Lloyd - Gill Telford (**GT**), Peter Telford
Grove Hill - Hilary Dove
Horsforth - Jo Bailey
JCCS - Dwight Brown(**DB**), Nick Smith
Kirkstall - Roger Harris, Wendy Staniland, Alan Bailey
Pool - Geoff Smith (**GS**)
Pudsey - Chris Hobbs, Fred Bleymann
Rawdon - Matt Martindale (**MM**)
Roundhay - Stephen Ball, Jo Hill (**JH**), Ann Sedivy
Sandal - Greg Turner
St Chad's - Jill Ingle (**JI**)
Wakefield - Lione Buwalda
West Yorkshire - Tony Abbott, Peter O'Neill
Wetherby - Mike Green (**MG**)
Whitkirk - Mary Stearman (**MS**)

Apologies for absence received from:

Alwoodley - Elspeth Bottone, Dave Robson
Armley - Stuart Pedder
Boston Spa - Jordan Gregory
Chapel Allerton - Dan Chubb, Tom Knapp
Grove Hill - Lynne Ashworth
Horsforth - Michael Ward
Ilkley - Colin Campbell, Ed Young
Pool - Gavin Westworth, David & Jackie Broome, John Clemmie, Paul Woodham
Roundhay - Chris Harper
St Chad's - Penny Rice
Wakefield - Stephen Bastow

Mike Dixon, NPL Director, took the floor to introduce the finals which are being held for the second year at David Lloyd, Leeds. Posters with details of the event were distributed. A high standard of competition is expected with players including Dan Evans, Dom Inglot, Jonny Marray & Marcus Willis participating. For information and tickets contact Mike on: mdixontennis@btinternet.com
JI and Peter Telford endorsed the event having attended in 2016.

1) Minutes of the General Meeting 1st November 2016

The minutes of the autumn General Meeting were approved as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: Mary Stearman

Seconded: Tony Abbott

2) Matters Arising

Presentations of trophies were made to the 2016 champions of
Men's Division 2 Roundhay A
Men's Division 5 Sandal

The remaining presentation to the Ladies Division 3 champions, Wetherby, will be made independently of the meeting.

3) Election of Officers and Committee members:

GS confirmed that an overview of the tasks associated with the various League roles had been issued to Clubs to assist with the identification of volunteers under the rota system. He hoped this would help Clubs with forward planning. He pointed out that there would be the opportunity for handover and training.

GS thanked all Officers and Committee members in 2016-17 for their contributions in the smooth running of the League.

The nominations for 2017-18, put forward at the General Meeting, were then agreed unanimously.

Chair	Matt Martindale
Vice Chair	Colin Campbell
Immediate Past Chair	Geoff Smith
Secretary	Jill Ingle
Treasurer	Joanna Hill
IT/Website	Steve Bastow, Steve Cordingley, Mike Green
Fixtures	See Item 10
Singles	Dwight Brown
Veterans	Mike Green
Winter League	Gill Telford
Mens 1&2 Divisions	Bardsey
Mens 3	Alan Cutts
Mens 4	Dacre Banks
Mens 5& 6	Dave Robson
Ladies 1	Jo Bailey
Ladies 2 & 3	Tracy Watson
Medley 1	Cameron Fraser
Medley 2	Wendy Staniland
Juniors	Mary Stearman

Subsequent to the meeting Dave McDermott and Rob Pickard filled the vacancies on behalf of their Clubs Bardsey and Dacre Banks.

4) Financial Accounts & Treasurer's Report

JH presented a brief update of the League accounts for the year ending 31 December 2016.

There is £8500 in the bank account of which £2000 is due to Carnegie for winter tennis court hire yet to be billed.

A reserve continues to be held for IT and Admin support.

Costs have been kept to a minimum due to the voluntary help provided.

The accounts were then signed by **GS** and **JH** and passed to **JI** for safe keeping.

A copy of the accounts is attached.

It was resolved to amend the bank mandate to reflect the new Elected Officers of the League.

5) Website & IT Report

GS reported on behalf of Steve Bastow:

The website operated normally and is kept up to date with changes as and when requested. Hosting charges remain unchanged, approx £100pa

The LTA system is also stable with no operational problems. Indications are that the functionality will remain the same as last year. Use of the system has again been free of charge. There is always the possibility of a charge being introduced of c£2per team.

The Winter League was successfully split into 3 divisions this year. Fixture generation was somewhat more complicated but seems to have gone well.

6) Revisions to the Rules of the League

GS and JI on behalf of Dave Robson presented the updated Rules of the League which had been circulated with the Agenda. The main changes had been to group related clauses together under sub headings to make them easier to read. There were only minor changes to the wording to reflect the current practice of use of email and the LTA system. Clarification from the floor was sought on Rule 4 regarding conceding the first rubber. This was confirmed as being 40 minutes after the designated start time of the match.

Leeway should be given for traffic issues especially for away teams travelling long distances to matches.

Captains should keep in touch with each other on this issue.

It was resolved to adopt the updated Rules by unanimous vote.

The new document would be uploaded to the League website in time for the start of the season.

7) Future Administration of the Singles League

Jl advised the meeting that Dwight Brown was leaving his position of Head Coach at JCCS. During his time there he had run the Singles League and incorporated this within the role. This would no longer be possible. The League were keen to retain Dwight's services and expertise for the start of the next round of matches - 1st April.

It was recognised that he had done a difficult job well. The league has 60 -70 active players and runs year round.

The proposal put forward is for the payment to Dwight of a retainer fee based on the number of active players each year. To fund this players would be asked to pay a £10 annual fee. This would be payable to the League to ensure a proper audit trail of the funds.

Proposed: Tony Abbott **Seconded:** Sally Harris

New entrants are always welcome and details of the competition and how to take part can be found on the League website.

8) Winter League

GT reported that the Winter League is running well but that there had been occasional issues with matches overrunning the allocated court time. Invoices will be sent out at the end of the season for the match fees which are now being collected by captains rather than paid to reception on arrival at the Carnegie Tennis Centre.

GT will email all captains and remind them of the need to start matches promptly after a 5 minute warm up to ensure maximum playing time. She will also consider proposals to overcome time constraints such as the final set starting no later than 9.40pm and tie break options as a way of finishing matches.

Questions from the floor included

Why there was a difference between the summer & winter leagues for inputting results. In summer it is the winning captain who inputs but in the winter it is the home captain?

Could the playing format be switched so that the mens & ladies doubles were played first rather than between the mixed doubles?

GT will look further into these issues with any changes being introduced for the 2017-18 season.

9) Veterans League

It had been noted at the General Meeting that the Vets League was suspended until May.

Clubs are asked to encourage entrants and to contact **MG** for details: mjgreen1@btinternet.com

Information about the competition and how to enter can also be found on the League website.

10) Summer Leagues 2017

Jl reported that a total of 101 teams have entered the summer competitions, 72 adult teams and 29 junior teams. This is the largest field of entries received so far.

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

Mens:

Pool B and Pudsey are new entrants giving a total of 39 teams, an increase of 1 team overall.

7 teams will compete in divisions 1, 5 and 6

6 teams will compete in divisions 2, 3, 4

Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 4	Div 5	Div 6
Ilkley A	Horsforth A (R)	West Yorks (R)	Ilkley C (R)	Adel B (R)	Wetherby
Ilkley B	Ch Allerton B	Pool A	Roundhay B	Horsforth B	Kirkstall
Ch Allerton A	St Chad's A	Whitkirk B	Rawdon B	Alwoodley A	Wakefield B
Whitkirk A	Bardsey	Boston Spa B	Grove Hill	JCCS B	Horsforth C
Adel A	David Lloyd (P)	Wakefield A (P)	Sandal (P)	St Chad's B	Alwoodley B
Roundhay A (P)	Boston Spa A (P)	JCCS A (P)	Armley (P)	Dacre Banks (P)	Pool B (N)
Rawdon A (P)				Roundhay C (P)	Pudsey (N)

Ladies:

A total of 21 teams entered with Almscliffe B and Alwoodley B new entrants.

A net increase of 2 on 2016

7 teams will compete in each division

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

Medley:

A total of 12 teams, a net decrease of 1 with Almscliffe withdrawing.

6 teams will compete in each division.

Div 1	Div 2
Ch Allerton	Boston Spa (R)
Grove Hill A	Pool (R)
Rawdon	Grove Hill B
Adel	St Chad's B
St Chad's A (P)	Kirkstall
David Lloyd (P)	Alwoodley

Juniors:

A total of 29 teams

It was agreed to split the U14 section into two groups of 6 teams with the top two teams from each group going into a semi final and final play off to determine the overall age group champions.

U16	9 teams	U14	12 teams 2 groups of 6	U12	8 teams
		Red Group	Blue Group		
Adel		Alwoodley	Ch Allerton	Grove Hill A	
Ch Allerton		Grove Hill B	Grove Hill A	Grove Hill B	
Grove Hill		JCCS	Horsforth	JCCS	
Horsforth		Rawdon	Pool	Pool	
Pool		Wetherby	Sandal	Rawdon	
Rawdon		Whitkirk A	Whitkirk B	Roundhay	
Roundhay				Whitkirk	
Wetherby					
Whitkirk					

Subsequent to the meeting JCCS withdrew their U12 due to insufficient players in the age group.

As agreed at the General Meeting fixture generation will now start using the programme developed by Steve Bastow and will be issued to Clubs as soon as possible.

Attempts would be made to minimise clashes but some would still be inevitable.

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

Clubs with more than one team playing in the same competition must abide by the specific rules that apply.

Contact details for team captains will be sent out with the fixtures.

GS thanked Oliver Walsh, Tony Abbott and Janet Pritchard who were stepping down as Section Co-ordinators and welcomed their replacements from Almscliffe, Bardsey and Dacre Banks.

There being no other business **GS** closed the meeting at 8.50 pm and thanked attendees for their time.

He reminded everyone that the bar remained open for refreshments.