

LEEDS TENNIS LEAGUE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7TH MARCH, 8PM
AT
ALWOODLEY TENNIS CLUB

Matt Martindale (**MM**) in the Chair welcomed everyone to meeting and thanked Alwoodley Community Centre for hosting. He thanked all who volunteer for their Clubs and their contribution to tennis.

MM introduced The Officers of the League and in particular: Colin Campbell (**CC**) who is taking over as Chair, Roger Harris (**RH**) is who the new Vice Chair and Alexandra Hill who is replacing Jill Ingle (**Jl**) as League Secretary.

Attendees:

Adel - Tracy Watson
Almscliffe - Susan Gosling
Alwoodley - Sally Harris, Jeanne Marshall, Dave Robson
Armley - Gillian Pedder
Chapel Allerton - Alexandra Hill, Petra Morgan
Dacre- Russell Gaunt, Rob Pickard
David Lloyd - Gill Telford (**GT**), Peter Telford
Grove Hill - Hilary Dove
Horsforth - Michael Ward
Ilkley - Colin Campbell
Kirkstall - Roger Harris
Pool - Geoff Smith (**GS**)
Rawdon - Matt Martindale (**MM**)
Roundhay - Jo Hill (**JH**), John Ross, Ann Sedivy
Sandal - Andrew Smitten
St Chad's - Jill Ingle
Wakefield - Steve Bastow (**SB**)
West Yorkshire - Tony Abbott, Peter O'Neill
Wetherby - Mike Green (**MG**), Mike Triffitt
Whitkirk - Mary Stearman (**MS**), Caroline Harding
Singles League - Dwight Brown(**DB**)

Apologies for absence received from:

Adel - John Micklethwaite, Gary Williams
Alwoodley - Elspeth Bottone, Jamie Walters
Armley - Stuart Pedder
Boston Spa Tennis Club
Collingham - Maryla Gledhill
Grove Hill - Lynne Ashworth
Horsforth - Jo Bailey, Hillary West
Pool - Gavin Westworth, David & Jackie Broome, John Clemmie, Paul Woodham
Pudsey - Chris Hobbs
St Chad's - Penny Rice
Wakefield - David Burton
Wetherby - Bev Lyn

Mike Dixon, NPL Director, took the floor to introduce the finals which are being held for the third year at David Lloyd, Leeds. Posters with details of the event were distributed which is being held on 4th - 7th May. A high standard of competition is expected with players including Marcus Willis participating.

For information and tickets contact Mike on: mdixontennis@btinternet.com
TW endorsed the event having attended for the last two years.

1) Minutes of the General Meeting 8th November 2017

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

Proposed: Mary Stearman

Seconded: Geoff Smith

2) Matters Arising

Presentations of trophies were made to the 2017 champions of
Ladies Division 2 Adel
Medley Division 2 Boston Spa
Junior U12 Rawdon

3) Election of Officers and Committee members:

MM thanked all Officers and Committee members in 2017-18 for their contributions in the smooth running of the League.

MM & JI reported that Bardsey TC had notified the League that they had been unable to find a replacement for Dave McDermott as Section Co-ordinator, Mens Division 1&2, for 2018 but would be able to take up the role again in 2019. The implications of this were discussed and it was agreed that Bardsey should be given until 15th March to put forward a replacement or be suspended from all League Competitions from April 2018.

A contingency plan to cover the role for 2018/19 is in place should the need arise.

The nominations for 2018-19, put forward at the General Meeting, were then agreed unanimously.

Chair	Colin Campbell
Vice Chair	Roger Harris
Immediate Past Chair	Matt Martindale
Secretary	Alexandra Hill
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	<i>Bardsey</i>
Mens 3	Andrew Smitten
Mens 4	Rob Pickard
Mens 5&6	Dave Robson
Ladies 1	Jo Bailey
Ladies 2&3	Tracy Watson
Medley 1	Cameron Fraser
Medley 2	Matt Saxon
Juniors	Mary Stearman, Jamie Walters

*Subsequent to the meeting Beth James filled the Mens 1&2 position on behalf of Bardsey.
The team suspensions have therefore been lifted.*

4) Financial Accounts & Treasurer's Report

JI presented a brief update of the League accounts for the year ending 31 December 2017 on behalf of **JH** who would be arriving later to the meeting.

Income & Expenditure: There is a very small deficit of £44.90

Balance Sheet: There is £10,500 in the bank account of which £3420 is due to Leeds Beckett for winter tennis court hire and match fees.

Overall League funds stand at £6800, made up of a IT development fund of £4180, a website upgrade fund of £1370 and a secretarial support fund of £1250.

Income received from Singles League entries is paid over for the administration of that League.
The accounts were then signed by **MM** and **JH** and passed to **JL** 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

SB reported:

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.

A parameter has been used on the Winter League which only allows the Home team to input results and the Away team to confirm results. This trial has gone well and it is proposed to introduce this in the Summer Leagues.

The Guidelines will be updated accordingly.

SB will investigate secure data storage options such as Cloud Storage or Google Drive the costs of which can be funded using the IT development fund.

6) Revision to the Rules of the League

MM: Under League Rules Champions are automatically promoted and second placed teams have the option to accept or decline promotion. Relegations are then adjusted to keep and even spread of teams in each division.

A number of teams from Men's Division 6 feel they are hampered from progressing by this approach especially when new teams enter who have stronger playing squads.

An idea to consider further at the next General Meeting is the possibility of three teams being promoted from this division as this would allow greater flexibility.

JL: As discussed at the General Meeting in November and issued with the Agenda for the AGM there is a proposal to amend the wording of Rule 8 to make it the responsibility of the HOME team to input match results and the AWAY team to confirm the result online.

**It was resolved to adopt the update to this Rule by unanimous vote.
The Rules will be issued to all team captains with the fixture list.**

7) Report on Singles, Winter and Veterans Leagues

7.1 Singles League

DB reported that between September and December 7 divisions of 56 players had operated. However some matches had not been played. There can often be a seasonal drop in the number of participants.

From April there will be fewer players per division to ensure that matches are completed.

A knock out cup has been held for the first time from this year which 32 players entered. The draw is now down to the last 8 players with the aim to finish the competition in the next few weeks.

7.2 Winter League

GT reported that the Winter League is running well with 3 divisions. Some teams are late in recording results or have taken time to adapt to the new system for the home team inputting the results. **GT** is happy to assist here if needed. The recent bad weather caused disruption to teams being able to get to Leeds Beckett for matches but this is being resolved.

Final invoices will be sent out to Clubs at the end of March. Please pay these promptly.

7.3 Veterans League

MG reported that the Veterans League will start again in May after its winter break. There are a core of 4 to 5 teams taking part. 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.

It is open to all players age 50+.

8) Summer Leagues 2018

JL reported that a total of 92 teams have entered the summer competitions, 67 adult teams and 25 junior teams. This is an overall decrease of 9 teams on 2017.

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

Mens:

Ilkley A, JCCS A & B, Pool A and Rawdon have not re-entered. There were no new team entrants this year. West Yorkshire declined promotion from division 3.

There was discussion about the optimum number of teams per division after which it was agreed to operate 6 divisions again with 5-6 teams in each division.

As had been mentioned previously Bardsey may be suspended from division 3.

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

Subsequent to the meeting Bardsey's entry was confirmed and they will compete in division 3 having been relegated from division 2 following the promotion of Wakefield A who were champions in 2017.

Ladies:

No overall change from 2017 with a total of 21 teams entered. Whitkirk B are new entrants and Roundhay D have withdrawn.

Roundhay C declined promotion to division 2.

7 teams will compete in each division

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

Medley:

A total of 11 teams, a net decrease of 1 with David Lloyd withdrawing.

Grove Hill B declined promotion to division 1.

6 teams will compete in division 1 and 5 in division 2.

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

Juniors:

A total of 25 teams

With 11 teams in the U14 section it was agreed to split them 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	8 teams	U14	11 teams 2 groups of 5-6 teams	U12	6 teams
		Red Group		Blue Group	
Adel		Alwoodley		Rawdon	Grove Hill A
Ch Allerton		Ch Allerton		Roundhay	Horsforth
Grove Hill		Grove Hill		Sandal	Rawdon
Horsforth		Horsforth		Wetherby	Roundhay A
Pool		JCCS		Whitkirk	Roundhay B
Rawdon		Pool			Whitkirk
Wetherby					
Whitkirk					

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 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 as will updated guidelines for use of the LTA system.

MM then made a presentation to **JI** of gifts and flowers to thank her for her service to the Leeds League over the last 10 years.

There being no other business **MM** closed the meeting at 9pm and thanked attendees for their time.

He reminded everyone that the bar remained open for refreshments.