

LEEDS TENNIS LEAGUE

AUTUMN GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2019, 8PM
AT
ALWOODLEY TENNIS CLUB

Roger Harris (the Chair) welcomed everyone to meeting (starting at 8.05pm) and thanked Alwoodley Community Centre for hosting.

1) Geoff Smith (previous LTL Chair/Pool Club)

RH then took this opportunity to let the attendees know the very sad news that Geoff Smith (one of the previous Chairs of the League) and valued member of Pool Tennis club, had passed away in June this year.

Jill Ingle said "I was deeply saddened to learn of Geoff Smith's illness and subsequent passing earlier this year. When Pool Tennis Club were required to put forward a nominee for the role of Chair of the League it was typical of Geoff that he immediately agreed to volunteer. He joined as Vice Chair in March 2015 and served as Chair from 2016 to 2017 before handing the reins to Matt Martindale.

Geoff oversaw all League business calmly, fairly and constructively; he provided great support to all of the committee during his time in office and the League benefitted hugely from his involvement.

I was League Secretary at the time and Geoff was a pleasure to work with. A lovely man and a committed supporter of tennis."

His friend David Broome said a few kind words about Geoff and all the work he had done for Pool Tennis Club and he will be greatly missed. RH then led a 2 minute silence to remember Geoff.

Those in attendance being:

Attendees:

Hilary Dove	Grove Hill
Roger Harris - RH (Chair)	Kirkstall
W Staniland	Kirkstall
Gill Telford	David Lloyd
Lynne Ashworth	Grove Hill
Alex Hill	Chapel Allerton
Paul Hardy	Whitkirk
Mary Stearman	Whitkirk
Steve Bastow	Wakefield
C Harding	Whitkirk
Colin Campbell	Ilkley
Andrew Smitten	Sandal
Adam Haigh	Grove Hill
Mike Triffitt	Wetherby
Bradley Triffitt	Wetherby
Tracy Watson	Adel
Peter Telford	David Lloyd
Richard Brown	Horsforth
Heather Butterworth	Adel
Jackie Broome	Pool
David Broome	Pool

Attendees continued:

Dave Robson	Alwoodley
Jill Ingle	St Chads
Simon Taylor	Alwoodley
Margaret Cliff	Roundhay
Petra Morgan	Chapel Allerton
Rebecca Howells	Rawdon
Tom Hainsworth	Rawdon
W Shaw	Rawdon
T Shaw	Rawdon
G Peddell	Armley
Chris Hobbs	Pudsey
Jonathan Sowden	Rawdon
Michael Ward	Horsforth
Jamie Walters	Alwoodley

Apologies:

Maryla Gledhill	Collingham
Richard Arnott	Rawdon
Matt Martindale	Rawdon
Ann Sedivy	Roundhay
Penny Rice	St Chads
Mike Green	Wetherby
Ian Hamilton	Boston Spa
Susan Gosling	Almscliffe
Joanne Bailey	Horsforth
Katherine Smith	Roundhay
Alison Taylor	Alwoodley
Lesley Davis	Horsforth

RH advised that the Junior's Presentations would now be made to the winners, so as not to keep them later than needed (see item 5 for details).

2) RH gave the known Apologies to the meeting

Please see above.

3) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting – 13th March 2019

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

4) Matters Arising

None

5) Report on League competitions in 2019:

LTL 2019 – Standings

MENS/LADIES/MEDLEY/WINTER LEAGUE/VETERANS & JUNIORS	CLUB	POINTS	CLUB	POINTS
Mens Division 1	David Lloyd	17	Roundhay A	12
Mens Division 2	Ilkley A	12	Sandal A	9
Mens Division 3	Adel A	18	Roundhay B	16
Mens Division 4	Bardsey	15	Alwoodley A	14
Mens Division 5	Wetherby	17	Wakefield B	15
Mens Division 6	Alwoodley B	14	Chapel Allerton C	13
LADIES				
Ladies Division 1	Whitkirk A	27	Roundhay A	21
Ladies Division 2	Chapel Allerton B	21	Roundhay B	19
Ladies Division 3	Wetherby	23	Collingham	18
MEDLEY				
Medley Division 1	Adel	11	St Chads A	9
Medley Division 2	Armley	21	Boston Spa	17
WINTER LEAGUE (as at April 2019)				
Winter Division 1	North Leeds (DL)	12	Roundhay 1	8
Winter Division 2	Adel 1	12	Wakefield	9
Winter Division 3	Rawdon	9	Tranmere	8
VETERANS GROUP	Horsforth B & Roundhay <i>(Joint Winners)</i>	29	Wetherby	17
JUNIOR LEAGUES				
Under 16	Chapel Allerton	18	Rawdon	17
Under 14	Rawdon	21	Chapel Allerton	18
Under 12	Rawdon	12	Whitkirk	9

Adult Summer Leagues:

Although the weather was not always on our side the vast majority of matches were played but again a lot of the results were not confirmed by the away teams.

Mens: Across the 6 divisions 6 matches were not played or results reported. One team had to withdraw due to lack of player availability so to be fair to other teams in the division the results of the matches that team had played were erased from the system.

There was an unintentional breach of the Ineligible players rule which was brought to our attention by the club that had fielded the ineligible player. This made no difference to who won the division. Both teams in the affected match were consulted and as it was unintentional the result was not changed. **Thank you to both teams for the common sense approach and the spirit in which they handled this.**

Ladies: Congratulations to the Ladies for completing all their matches in spite of having 8 teams in Division 1 and 7 in Divisions 2 & 3.

Medley: Division 1 – Unfortunately, 2 teams were unable to complete their fixtures so their results were erased from the LTA system. This meant just 6 scoring matches for the 4 remaining teams.

Juniors: Jamie Walters

The league didn't run so smooth due to major inconsistencies with the weather.

U12s went smoothly, no issues.

U14s had a few more issues with a few fixtures being played

U16s unfortunately Adel dropped out prior to the league starting

U16s caused a few more issues due to fixtures not being played

Had an issue with a fixture regards player rankings

Idea proposed by Jonathan looks good providing appropriate measures

Would appreciate if people would let me know regards fixtures being cancelled etc or not being played

People to ensure they confirm fixtures

Any issues to be reported to Jamie ASAP

Winter League 2018/19: GT

Autumn	Division 1	North Leeds (DL)
	Division 2	St Chad's
	Division 3	Victoria Mills

After the Autumn session there were promotion and relegation so, the overall winners are the Winter session results below.

Winter	Division 1	North Leeds (DL)
	Division 2	Adel 1
	Division 3	Rawdon

2018-19 was another record season with 21 teams competing in 3 divisions.

As for the results - overall division 1 champions for the first time were North Leeds.

Division 2 champions were Adel and runners up were Wakefield. Both teams will be promoted to Division 1 for the 2019-20 season.

Division 3 was extremely closely fought all season but the champions were Rawdon with runners up Tranmere. Both will play in division 2 in the 2019-20 season.

The new season is now underway and running smoothly.

Veterans: Mike Green was unable to be present but has sent his congratulations to Horsforth B and Roundhay who are joint winners.

Singles: Dwight Brown (DB)

The league is going well, even over the Winter months, we currently have a total of 35 players registered in the league, all playing regularly. There are no major issues to report.

I have also run an additional round of 32 tournament, alongside the regular league formats, enabling all players to play those out of their league literally!

We were able to reach a conclusion... and have a tournament winner.

Mahesh Jagadeesan (from St Chads TC) beat Tom Adams (from Roundhay TC) 6-1 6-1

6) Financial Update - Lynne Ashworth (LA)

The main Financial Report will be given at the Annual General Meeting in March 2020.

1. During 2019 entry to the Summer Leagues has been free.
2. Expenditure since January has been £122 for sundry secretarial items, £81 for trophies and £84 for the website
3. We are holding funds towards upgrading the website of £1201
4. We are holding a Secretarial fund of £1250
5. We currently have £7794 in the bank account. This includes £1224 of initial deposits for the winter league which we owe to Leeds Beckett for 2019/20
6. Winter matches are now administered by the League. They are collected from the various clubs and then paid over to Leeds Beckett £72 is charged to each club at the beginning of the winter season and then the balance at the end of the term
7. The Committee has approved a further one year waiver to Summer and Veteran entry fees during 2020.
8. The Singles League entry fee of £10 is an annual charge for joining the League and will continued to be charged by Dwight, with entry fees received paid over to Dwight.

The financial position was accepted.

7) IT/Website Update

Steve Bastow (SB) gave his update to the meeting. The LTL website migrated to the new platform in April 2019 (it has the feel of the same structure and information as the previous one and still easy to navigate). SB advised that there are no significant changes planned that he's aware of. The amount remains the same to have the website on the platform.

SB is assisted each year by Steve Cordingley and Mike Green and RH gave the League's thanks to their continued hard work, to keep the LTL website and link with the LTA website working smoothly.

8) Rules and Fair Play Charter

No changes.

9) Club Rotation Plan: Officers, committee members and volunteer helpers for 2020

RH advised the meeting there are 22 roles and 24 clubs (with 90 Adult teams and Juniors) to administer by volunteers. It's reviewed on a yearly basis, to maintain the fairness. We all need to "Do our bit" to keep the League running and **the Committee expects all clubs** to share the workload.

RH thanked the existing volunteers for their hard work and that any new members assisting with the League will have access to lots of support and advice from other members of the Committee/Officers and other Volunteer helpers.

10) Non-LTA Registered Clubs – Issue

RH explained that we had received a letter from the Yorkshire LTA, asking us to check that all the clubs in the League are affiliated to the LTA. The letter wanted us to check that we were not "knowingly condoning" any unsafe practices and that all safeguarding measures were in place, for each club.

RH explained the lengths the Committee went through to fully investigate this matter and it was agreed by the attendees at the meeting that it was handled well by them and to note for future reference.

11) Junior Matches (Idea put forward by Jonathan Sowden – to pay on set days/times)

RH asked JS to remind the attendees of the proposal (which had been circulated out previously) and RH opened it out for wider discussion.

His proposals were:-

- **Same day and time for all fixtures - Sunday tea time.**
- **If the division has 6 teams or less, play home/away fixtures.**

After discussion by member clubs it was agreed that we should have a trial next season **“to restrict matches to Saturday and Sundays only and not Fridays.”**

It was also agreed that we should also have a trial that **“if the division has 5 teams or less, play home/away fixtures.”**

These are just on a trial basis that doesn't involve rule changes at this time and will be reviewed after the 2020 Summer season.

12) Presentation of trophies and replicas

RH presented the Adults trophies to the winners and handed out the replicas. **A reminder that the winning clubs should have their trophies engraved before the next Autumn General Meeting (usually around October each year).**

13) Any Other Business

None

There being no other business **Roger** closed the meeting at 9.30pm and thanked attendees for their time.

He reminded everyone that the bar remained open for refreshments.

**Next meeting: Annual General Meeting – 11th March 2020
Venue: Alwoodley Social Club**