

LEEDS TENNIS LEAGUE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 6th March 2024, 8pm
Alwoodley Tennis/Social Club

Attendees:

Name	Club
Brad Triffitt	Wetherby
Mike Triffitt	Wetherby
Lucy Parkin	Horsforth
Ben Housam	Roundhay
Dave Robson	Alwoodley
Steve Bastow	Wakefield
Steve Smith	St Chads
John Micklethwaite	Adel
Stuart Pedder	Armley
Gill Telford	David Lloyd
Emma Jewkes	David Lloyd
Peter Telford	David Lloyd
Alison Taylor	Alwoodley
Dwight Brown	West Yorkshire
Sally Harris	Alwoodley
Hillary West	Horsforth
Katherine Stirling	Roundhay
Penny Rice	St Chads
Morag Woon	Collingham
Erica Wilson	Whitkirk
David Pearson	Sandal
Patrick Bywater	Sandal
Fredrik Bleyman	Pudsey
Pauline Whelan	Adel
Lisa Joseph	Adel
Kate Elgar	Rawdon

1. Stuart Pedder (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Apologies:

Name	Club
Helen Hickman	JCCS

Ian Kirk	Ackworth
Ann Sedivy	Roundhay
Richard Brown	Horsforth
Tracy Watson	Adel
Susan Gosling	Almscliffe
Harwin Bosworth	Almscliffe
Jackie Broome	Poole
Nicola Tweedy	Thorner
Sally Harris	Rawdon
Simon Pexton	Alwoodley
Eleanore Lake	Armley
Caroline Harding	Whitkirk
Jamie Walters	Alwoodley
Mark Eastall	St Chads

- The minutes of the Autumn General Meeting were approved with no matters arising.
- Election of new officers - John Micklethwaite confirmed as the incoming Chair taking over from Stuart Pedder and Ben Housam as the incoming Secretary, taking over from Helen Wilton. Thanks were given to Helen for all the work she has put in.

Full 2024/25 committee as follows:

Chairperson - John Micklethwaite

Vice chairperson - *Vacant*

Secretary - Ben Housam

Treasurer - Emma Jewkes

IT Coordinator - Steven Smith

Fixtures planner - Steve Bastow

Singles Coordinator - Dwight Brown

Veterans Coordinator - Hillary West

Winter league Coordinator - Gillian Telford

Mens Coordinators (all divisions) - Dave Robson and Mike Triffitt

Ladies Coordinator (all divisions) - Mike Triffitt

Medley Coordinator - Tracy Watson

Juniors Coordinator - Eleanore Lake

- Emma Jewkes talked through the financial report for the past year. Full report attached alongside the minutes.
- Gill Telford reported that as the Winter league season draws to a close, it's important that teams get their results in quickly so that everyone can see the current league standings. Hillary West reported that there's not been much play in the Veterans league throughout the winter due to rain. Decided to postpone and start again in April for the summer season. It

remains to be seen whether there will be one division or two, depends on how many teams enter.

7. Constitution/rule amendments:

Dave Robson talked through the proposed amendments to the Medley format. The general consensus at the November meeting was that the current format of matches being first to 9 games was too long. The proposed change was to move to 12 game matches, so there would be a maximum of 12 games as opposed to a maximum of 17 in the current format. Steve Bastow added that whilst matches can be shortened to 12 games, it would still need to be rubber-based because the LTA system requires the same method of scoring across all matches within the same league. The point was raised that further discussion on this would be appreciated, as the rubber-based system doesn't allow for an 'every game counts' format - which a lot of players would like. Dave agreed to liaise with Medley captains swiftly over the coming weeks to reach a consensus ahead of the season.

Katherine Stirling reported on rule changes needed to Junior leagues. The current rules give a ratings cap for junior players to restrict performance players from competing, but that ratings system no longer exists. Katherine explored using World Tennis Number instead, but this would be too broad. Suggested using rankings instead, but putting a note in the rules to say get in touch with the league if this would prevent entering a team - don't want to stop juniors playing. This motion was passed and Katherine agreed to write updated wording to change the rules to a ranking cap system, with a caveat in there to avoid teams not entering. Katherine noted she will be handing over the Junior Coordinator role to Eleanore Lake over the next month, and Stuart thanked her for all her work.

Dave Robson and Hillary West reported on the proposed change to remove the restriction on the squad size in the Veterans league. It would also need to be noted that players can't be in both squads, for clubs entering two teams. Dave and Hillary to circulate this change with the Veterans captains.

8. Dave Robson announced the division splits for 2024/25 (attached alongside these minutes). Steve Bastow to organise fixtures over the next few weeks.
9. Steve Bastow gave an update on the IT systems. Moved the leagues on to the new LTA player database last summer. There were a few cases of players not being found, which the LTA said was an issue on their part, so no fault of the clubs. Improved throughout the season - Steve thanked the clubs for their patience with the system. In general, the system is working well. Some issues with the juniors leagues in merging them with the adult leagues due to differences in scoring. Steve thanked Katherine for manually inputting a lot of the scores to address this. It was noted that the LTA have announced some upcoming changes to the look and feel of the system, but this won't affect us for the upcoming season. If any clubs

experience issues with finding players in the future, report it to Steve Bastow/Steve Smith and they will be able to flag it with the LTA. Katherine and Steve both noted the importance for clubs to record full names and British Tennis Membership numbers on the scoresheets.

Steve Smith reported no issues with the website, all working as it should.

Steve Bastow reported that he will be stepping down as fixtures coordinator after this summer season so put a call out for a replacement. Mentioned it's done through spreadsheets, and can easily be handed over to someone with a small amount of Excel experience. Stuart thanked Steve for all his work over the years.

10. Any other business:

Dwight Brown announced he'd like to step down from being singles coordinator, so would like someone to come forward as a replacement. The singles league cycle runs April to April.

Emma Jewkes also put a call out for someone to replace her as Treasurer.

The meeting closed at 9pm.