



LEEDS TENNIS LEAGUE
AUTUMN GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2017, 8PM
AT
ALWOODLEY TENNIS CLUB

Matt Martindale (**MM**) in the Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He thanked everyone for attending and Alwoodley Tennis Club for hosting the meeting. He especially thanked all those who volunteer their time to assist in the running of their Clubs and the League.

With 16 out of a possible 25 clubs in attendance the meeting was quorate.

Those in attendance being:

1. Almscliffe - Barbara Jackson, Barbara Macaulay
2. Alwoodley - Ben Crichton, Sally Harris, David Robson (**DR**), Jamie Walters
3. Armley –Stuart & Gillian Pedder
4. Chapel Allerton – Katie Barlow, Tom Barlow, Rhys Cruz, Alex Hill, Rajeev Johar, Kasia Hiorns, Audrey Reed
5. David Lloyd – Gillian Telford (**GT**), Pete Telford
6. Grove Hill, Otley – Lynne Ashworth, Hilary Dove
7. Horsforth - Jo Bailey (**JB**), John Webster
8. Ilkley – Colin Campbell (**CC**)
9. Kirkstall - Alan Bailey, Roger Harris
10. Pool – Geoff Smith (**GS**)
11. Rawdon - R Howells, Matt Martindale (**MM**)
12. Roundhay - Chris Harper, Jo Hill (**JH**), John Ross
13. Sandal - Andy Smitten, Greg Turner
14. St Chad's – Jill Ingle (**JI**)
15. Wakefield - Steve Bastow (**SB**), David Burton
16. Whitkirk –Mary Stearman (**MS**), Jackie Cooper, Caroline Harding, Zak Dobney, Leo Van, Diego Van

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:

Adel - Tracy Watson
Almscliffe – Susan Gosling
Alwoodley - Elspeth Bottone
Boston Spa - Jordan Gregory
Dacre Banks - Russ Gaunt, Rob Pickard
Horsforth - Hillary West
Ilkley - Jeremy Harrison
Kirkstall – Wendy Staniland
Pool – David & Jackie Broome, John Clemmie, Gavin Westworth, Paul Woodham
Pudsey - Chris Hobbs
Rawdon – Ray Crowther
Roundhay - Ann Sedivy, Katherine Sterling
Wetherby – Jill Abel, Mike Green (**MG**)
Dwight Brown (**DB**)

Presentations were then made to the winners of the Junior age groups. See Item 8 for details.

2) MINUTES OF THE 28TH FEBRUARY 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

MM asked the meeting whether they were happy with the Minutes of the AGM and that they correctly portrayed the discussions at the meeting and the decisions as made. This was duly agreed.

There were no matters arising.

Proposed: Geoff Smith; **Seconded:** Roger Harris

3) REPORT ON 2017 LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

3.1 Summer Leagues

Jl presented a brief summary.

Thanks to **SB** a fixture generator programme and additional software was used this year which helped to minimise clashes.

The fixtures were produced in just one (long!) day but issued much earlier to Clubs who therefore had more time pre-season to review and arrange changes.

Despite a weather affected season the majority of matches were played though not all results were confirmed. Changes to the way matches and walkovers are reported will be discussed under Item 5.

There were concerns over the number of unplayed/unreported matches, particularly in the Men's section.

ACTION: Jl to follow up with the Clubs concerned

Mens: 10 matches were forfeited and 11 were unplayed/unreported.

Were there too many fixtures to be fulfilled, particularly with a number of divisions containing 7 teams?

Should divisions be limited to 6 teams?

One Club, with 2 teams entered, did struggle to fulfil matches and may not re-enter in 2018.

Ladies: No issues to report. **JB** endorsed this.

Medley: 2 matches forfeited and 5 unplayed/unreported.

The issues here centred mainly on one team who came close to being withdrawn by the League for repeated failure to fulfil fixtures.

ACTION: Jl to follow up with the Club concerned
There was support from the floor for limiting divisions to 6 teams

Juniors: 1 match unplayed.

Due to the number of entries the U14's were split into two round robin groups with a semi final and final playoff held to determine the overall age group winner. This was done so the season would be completed before the start of school holidays though it did mean fewer matches for those teams who did not make the playoffs.

MS reported on a good season for all the Junior teams. Consideration should be given to limiting Clubs to just one team per age group.

Veterans: **Jl**, on behalf of **MG**, reported that 5 teams competed during the summer and that matches will start again next May.

More entries most welcome. Please contact Mike Green for further details.

Winter: **GT** reported on another very competitive season in 2016/17 featuring 3 divisions for the first time. In division 3 the eventual winners, Ilkley 2, came out on top by virtue of the percentage of games won.

For 2017/18 there are 3 divisions again and fixtures on Friday evenings have been added.

Adjustments were made to the Rules regarding start and finishing times and so far appear to have worked well.

LBU has insisted on invoicing the League for match fees = £24 per team per match. This has created additional admin for the League and Clubs and co-operation in paying fees promptly is appreciated.

Outstanding entry fees are now due urgently.

Singles: **Jl** reported that since May Dwight Brown has been employed as a contractor under a General Service Agreement to run the Singles League for the next 3 years.

Players now pay a £10 annual fee to the League and the proceeds are audited and repaid to Dwight in compensation for his services. An initial payment has been made in September for the entry fees received so far and a further payment will be made at the end of March for additional entries received.

Similar payments will be made over the remainder of the agreement.

4) FINANCE

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

- Summer league entry in 2017 was free
- Winter league entry fees are £72 for div 1&2, £60 for div 3. Invoices for match fees will be sent in December.
Please pay promptly
- Singles League entry fees now £10pa.
- The League has c£8000 in the bank which includes c£2000 due to Leeds Beckett for court hire.
- Provisions are held for Website upgrade of £1440 and Secretarial/Admin £1250.

The Committee has approved another waiver to Summer and Veteran League entry fees for 2018.

Full accounts will be presented at the AGM in 2018.

5) WEBSITE AND IT MATTERS

5.1 Website

SB reported that a small payment is made to 1&1 for website hosting which is covered by the reserve in the accounts. A review of the package and usage has resulted in the fee being reduced by £30.

Any comments/feedback on the website should be passed to SB.

5.2 IT

Reporting of Matches

The LTA system continues to work well although some changes we would like to see for our leagues are not possible without the agreement and input of the LTA which is unlikely.

Currently in the Summer Leagues the winning captain is required to input the result with the losing captain confirming the result. In the Winter League the home captain records the result and the away captain confirms it. It is proposed to standardise the method used by both the Summer and Winter Leagues. A parameter can be applied to the LTA system so that only the home team can input the result. This will be switched on for the second half of the Winter League matches and then implemented in the Summer Leagues next year.

This will avoid teams being able to input and confirm the result of matches.

Walkovers

There have been discrepancies in the way walkovers have been claimed and reported. It is proposed that such matches are entered as a match result only, i.e. without player names, by Section Co-ordinators. If a captain wishes to claim a match by a walkover then the Section Co-ordinator should be notified by email who will then confirm with the opposing captain prior to inputting the match result.

The proposals were approved by the meeting

6) RULES AND FAIR PLAY CHARTER

Jl advised that the changes to the reporting of matches and walkovers required a change in the General Rules of the League and would be formally ratified at the AGM next year.

There was then a query from the floor about Rule 9 Player Eligibility with 9b felt to be a limiting factor for clubs with small squads of players. The rule specifies how many matches and for which team a player is eligible to compete for when a club has more than one team in the same section/division. After discussion it was agreed that all aspects of this rule remain valid as worded.

A copy of the Rules can be accessed on the League's website www.leedstennisleague.org.uk

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 will be confirmed at the AGM in 2018:

Chair	Colin Campbell
Vice Chair	Roger Harris
Immediate Past Chair	Matt Martindale
Secretary	Alex Hill
Treasurer	Joanna Hill
IT	Steve Bastow, Steve Cordingley, Mike Green
Fixtures	To be confirmed
Singles	Dwight Brown
Veterans	Mike Green
Winter League	Gill Telford
Mens 1&2 Divisions	Dave McDermott
Mens 3	Sandal TC
Mens 4	Rob Pickard
Mens 5& 6	Dave Robson
Ladies 1	Jo Bailey
Ladies 2 & 3	Tracy Watson
Medley 1	Cameron Fraser
Medley 2	Boston Spa TC
Juniors	Jamie Walters

JI noted that the rotation policy was working well. The number of Section Co-ordinators needed would be reviewed in light of the number of divisions required after the AGM when team entries, number of divisions and number of teams in divisions for summer 2018 have been confirmed.

ACTION: JI to confirm nominations from Boston Spa and Sandal

8) PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

The following awards were announced for 2016

SECTION	WINNER	PRESENTED TO
Ladies Division 1	Whitkirk A	Jackie Cooper & players
Ladies Division 2	Adel	<i>To be presented at the AGM 2018</i>
Ladies Division 3	Almscliffe A	Presented outside of the meeting
Medley Division 1	Chapel Allerton	Audrey Reed
Medley Division 2	Boston Spa	<i>To be presented at the AGM 2018</i>
Mens Division 1	Roundhay A	Chris Harper
Mens Division 2	David Lloyd	Peter Telford
Mens Division 3	Wakefield A	Steve Bastow
Mens Division 4	Sandal	Andy Smitten
Mens Division 5	Horsforth B	John Webster
Mens Division 6	Pudsey	Stuart Pedder
U16	Whitkirk	Mary Stearman & players
U14	Chapel Allerton	Rajeev Johar & players
U12	Rawdon	<i>To be presented at the AGM 2018</i>
Winter League 1	Chapel Allerton	Kasia Hiorns
Winter League 2	Whitkirk	Jackie Cooper
Winter League 3	Ilkley 2	Colin Campbell
Veterans	Horsforth	John Webster

Replica trophies were awarded to all division winners

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 send copies of the photos to the winning teams
JI to issue entry forms for the 2018 summer league in early January**

MM 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.

Date of Next Meeting:

This will be the **Annual General Meeting** and will be held on **Wednesday 7th March 2018** at Alwoodley Tennis Club.