



Minutes of the Council Meeting

Wednesday 21st February 2017
Sheffield Transport Sports Club

Present:

President – John McGleave
Members of the Management Committee
Members of affiliated clubs

1. Minutes of Council Meeting held on 19th October 2016

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th October 2016 were formally approved.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising

3. League formation for the 2016 season

Kevin Beaton thanked all the clubs for getting entries on time, every single one had their team entries in by the due date and this has meant that all the clubs were able to have the proposals about the leagues with time to review them before this meeting. He thanked again the people who then took the time to pass some comments on the proposals and to suggest some further options.

The proposals are:

Ladies Summer Leagues

These run from Thursday 4 May 2017 to Thursday 6 July 2017. Blank week Thursday 1 June 2017. Date for rearranged matches Thursday 13 July 2017 or the earliest date available. Division 4 plays fewer matches than the other divisions and Division 5 play home and away so play one game more than the other leagues.

Ladies Late Summer League

These run from Thursday 27 July 2017 to Thursday 21 September 2017. Date for rearranged matches Thursday 28 September 2017 or the earliest date available. It has been pointed out that the matches at the end of the season are difficult to fit in without lights but this will be considered when arranging these fixtures.

Mixed Saturday Leagues

These run from Saturday 15 July 2017 to Saturday 23 September 2017. Blank weeks Saturday 26 August 2017 and Saturday 22 July 2017 (S&D Tournament). Date for rearranged matches Saturday 30 September 2017 or the earliest date available. Division 4 plays fewer matches than the other three divisions.

Men's Late Summer League

These run from Saturday 15 July 2017 to Saturday 23 September 2017. Blank weeks Saturday 26 August 2017 and Saturday 18 (should be 22) July 2017 (S&D Tournament). Date for rearranged matches Saturday 30 September 2017 or the earliest date available. There was an error on the sheet that I sent prior to the meeting and the Saturday 18 July should in fact be Saturday 22 July 2017. Thank you to Margaret French for checking so thoroughly.

Men's Saturday Leagues

These run from Saturday 29 April 2017 to Saturday 1 July 2017. Blank week Saturday 27 May 2017. Dates for rearranged matches Saturday 8 July 2017 or the earliest date available. Division 7 plays home and away fixtures in whatever option is chosen. Division 6 and 7 play less matches than divisions 1 to 5. If Option 3 is chosen then both division 6 and division 7 play home and away matches. In Option 3 there would be NO blank week for Bank Holiday weekend.

There are two additional options for this particular league with regards to the divisions 6 and 7.

It was agreed that 2 teams are relegated from Div 6 with 1 team promoted from Div 7.

Midweek Mixed Leagues

These run from Tuesday 25 April 2017 to Tuesday 8 August 2017. Blank weeks Tuesday 30 May 2017 and Tuesday 18 July 2017 (S&D Tournament). Date for rearranged matches Tuesday 15 August 2017 or the earliest date available.

There are two additional options for this particular league. Option 2 was agreed with Bradfield swapping places with Fulwood.

Junior Leagues

John McGleave advised that he and Mark Busby would handle the paperwork for the league with support from Morgan Arrowsmith looking at the LTA input side.

Winter Leagues

Invites for entry will be sent out in August.

4. Rowlinson Cup

8 teams have entered the Rowlinson Cup this year. The date for each round shall be Sundays. **As in previous years, matches may be completed prior to completion date for each round.** Matches that cannot be agreed must be played on the completion date at the start time agreed in the rules. All Sunday matches should commence at 1:00 pm. When there is a clash with a Junior match some leeway on the start is permitted.

Rowlinson Cup

Finals Day – Sunday 23 July 2017

Semi- Finals – by or on Sunday 2 July 2017

Quarter- Finals – by or on Sunday 11 June 2017

5. Senior Tournament

Kevin Folger gave the dates for this year's senior tournament as the 16th-22nd July 2017. Entry forms will be available in April with a closing date of 3rd July. Kevin asked if clubs could encourage more people to enter as some events this year were unable to go ahead due to the lack of entries

6. Junior Tournament

John Andrews opened by saying that he had given a full report on last year's tournament to the October Council Meeting. This year's tournament will be organised by Sue Pugh and Faye Buchan, with Fiona Fellows acting as the tournament referee and she will receive entries and do the draws. The online number for the tournament is YOR1751766 and all last year's entries will be advised by email, a poster will also be produced and sent out to all the clubs. The tournament will run from the 24th– 28th July 2017.

7. Details of Club events, tournaments etc.

Clubs to let Kevin Beaton know the details of any upcoming events.

8. Tennis balls for 2017 season and sponsorship

Margaret French passed around the Deuce UK price list for the Slazenger approved ball. A second choice Dunlop ball will also be acceptable. The price deal with Deuce will not be bettered by any other outlet as confirmed by the Dunlop/Slazenger Representative. The meeting was advised to get their orders in early to Deuce to ensure they get the balls delivered in plenty of time for the start of matches. Dunlop/Slazenger had offered to put a Sheffield and District logo on the ball for 13p per dozen. The overall feeling of the meeting was that this was not required.

9. Yorkshire LTA Report

Martin Gilmour handed out the Yorkshire Tennis update together with the Tramlines Yorkshire Tennis newsletter.

Chris Day, the new Yorkshire President, said it was a privilege to follow Bob Lamb. Chris outlined the main areas Yorkshire Tennis will be focusing on this year which are:-

- Development funds for tennis facilities and coaching for example the benefits are interest free matching loan for up to £25000 with 10% returned as a grant. This may increase up to 20%.
- Smaller grants up to £5000 will be available through the bidding process.
- There is a push on Tennismark this year and they may be a rebate on fee if clubs achieve Tennismark.
- Welfare Officer in clubs is a must and there are courses available for this role.
- There is a push on county training at the John Charles Centre in Leeds.
- There is also going to be an establishment of Hub Clubs throughout the County.

Finally Chris congratulated Bob on being awarded the LTA's Meritorious Service Award which is richly deserved.

10. Website

Jessica Redfearn said that the new website will be going live on 1st April, a website workshop will be taking place on the 4th April at 7pm at the Graves Tennis Centre. Mark Busby to send an invite to club secretary for this workshop. Jess advised that all team captains will be getting a log on to the website to enable the entering of results. Could all clubs email Jess any changes of the captains and advise the score card pictures continued to be sent to Kevin in case of any teething problems.

Please advise Jess of any open days to enable her to advertise them to the social media platforms.

11. Annual Dinner 2017

The Annual Dinner will be held on Friday the 17th November 2017 at Baldwin's Omega.

12. Any other business

Jess advised that there is a mini tennis festival being held at Fulwood Tennis Club on Sunday 21st May for all the mini tennis league participants.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.
