



Minutes of the Council Meeting

Tuesday 20th April 2021
Via Zoom Meeting

Present:

President – Tim Holmes
Members of the Management Committee
Members of affiliated clubs

1. Minutes of Council Meeting held on 13th October 2020

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th October 2020 were formally approved.

2. Matters arising

No matters arising.

Kevin Folger raised issue about publicising meetings on the website, Mark reiterated that every effort is made to ensure clubs are aware of all the meeting dates.

3. League formation for the 2021 season

Fay Buchan reported:

Leagues

The leagues running this year will be the same as those run in 2020 where there will be no promotion or relegation and the rules as per the late summer (ie with two pairs). There will be no blank weeks for bank holidays.

Last year there were no fines and it proved to be a year filled with incomplete and inaccurate scorecards and data added incorrectly on the website. As there are going to be no fines again this season it has been decided that I will not be checking the cards. There were in excess of 330 errors last summer, some resulting in repeated emails. I still need to be sent a clear photo of the scorecards and I will be checking for ineligible players for the last two fixtures being played for each league.

Postponed fixtures need to be completed within three weeks of the end of the season.

With there still being the risk of players contracting covid-19, there will again be no fines for fixtures for a higher team being conceded.

Men's League

An additional 23 teams have entered compared to those from last year's lockdown leagues. These will run from Saturday 24 April until 19 June. There will be nine matches for divisions 1-5 and 8 matches for division 6.

Ladies' League

Again, we have an increase in the number of teams who have entered, up by 12. The fixtures will run from Thursday 29 April until 24 June. There will be eight matches for division 1 and nine matches for divisions 2-4.

Midweek Mixed League

This was run as a Saturday Mixed League last year. There are an additional six teams this year. The fixtures will run from Tuesday 27 April to 29 June. There will be ten matches for divisions 1, 2 and 4, and nine matches for divisions 3, 5 and 6.

Please remember that postponed fixtures need to be completed within three weeks of the end of the expected end of the season for each league.

Saturday Mixed, Late Men's Summer and Late Ladies' Summer Leagues

Mark will contact club secretaries in the next couple of weeks requesting entries.

Rowlinson Cup – being postponed until next year.

Winter League - They did not run last season. Hopefully, these will run as normal from October 2021.

4. Junior Leagues

Summer Leagues will hopefully run from mid to late May, request for entries are with clubs. Junior Winter leagues will be back to normal and commence October until March 22.

We are currently discussing how best to start mini tennis leagues and will contact clubs when discussions have been finalised.

5. Senior Tournament

Trevor Ward reported:

- It has been a frustrating 2 years for the tournament.
- This years event has had to be postponed as planning for the event needs to start at the beginning of the year which the pandemic situation didn't allow.
- We are still planning on holding our Centenary Year Event next year.
- Thank you to the Sponsors who committed the event last year.
- Hopefully able to hold the event at Hallamshire again next year.
- We are hoping for record entries next year.
- Reminder of the changes to the tournament which were planned for last year will still be going ahead, i.e a Ladies Day to be held at Beauchief.

6. Junior Tournament

Sue Pugh gave the dates of this year's tournament as the 26th to 30th July at Beauchief and Ecclesall.

Entries will be open on the 10th June 2021.

7. Details of Club events, tournaments etc.

No events raised at the meeting.

Clubs to let us know the details of any upcoming events.

8. Tennis balls for 2021 season and sponsorship

We negotiated a year extension to the sponsorship for Slazenger Hydro guard for this season. Thank you to all who have and are going to purchase balls through Deuce.

Dunlop / Slazenger have put forward a proposal for us to use Dunlop Fort tennis balls for the 2022 season onwards. As they manufacture the Dunlop balls themselves they are able to offer better terms on the sponsorship. I will outline the proposal at the October meeting.

9. Yorkshire Tennis Report

Chris Day gave an update on Yorkshire Tennis Initiatives.

- Return to play going well, with all clubs up and running following the lockdown.
- Details for support to clubs is on the Yorkshire Tennis website.
- County training and the County Cup has recommenced.
- Yorkshire Doubles League and Yorkshire Championships are going ahead.
- No Wimbledon Tickets ballot will be available this year due to the pandemic, however Advantage Members may get the opportunity to purchase tickets.
- S&D Clubs and Members were very successful at the Yorkshire Awards, with Regional Winners announced in May.
- World Tennis Number is being introduced in the Spring.
- Encourage clubs to have a representative at the upcoming Open your Doors Workshop.

10. Website

No issues reported on the website.

11. Annual Dinner 2021

We are looking into the possibility of being able to hold a Dinner this year and will update clubs when we know more.

12. Any other business

Todd Sweeney raised the World Tennis Number and whether it is possible to link it to the S&D Leagues. Mark Busby will look into this.

Sue Perryman asked if clubs need to update their Captains details on the website. Yes please can all clubs update their details.

The meeting closed at 8.27pm.
