



Minutes of the Council Meeting

Tuesday 12th February 2019
Sheffield Transport Sports Club, Meadowhead

Present:

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

1. Minutes of Council Meeting held on 16th October 2018

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16th October 2018 were formally approved with an amendment to Senior Tournament report; with regard to the number of entries.

2. Matters arising

No matters arising.

3. League formation for the 2019 season

The Sheffield Tournament is proposed to run between Sunday 23 June 2019 through to Sunday 30 June 2019 and there will be NO matches scheduled during this period.

Mens League.

This will start on Saturday 27 April 2019 and will run through to Saturday 6 July 2019 with a break on Saturday 25 May 2019.

The first 5 divisions will have 10 teams and each team will play nine matches. Division 6 will have 6 teams and each team will play 10 matches at home and away. Division 7 will have 5 teams and each team will play 8 matches at home and away. The teams in Division 6 will play on the Saturday 25 May 2019.

Ladies League

This will start on Thursday 2 May 2019 and will run through to Thursday 11 July 2019 with a break on Thursday 30 May 2019.

The first 4 divisions will have 10 teams and each team will play 9 matches. Division 5 will have 5 teams and each team will play 8 matches at home and away.

Mixed Summer League

This will start on Saturday 20 July 2019 and will run through to Saturday 21 September 2019 with a break on Saturday 24 August 2019.

The first 3 divisions will have 10 teams and each team will play 9 matches. Division 4 will have 5 teams and each team will play 8 matches at home and away.

Midweek Mixed League

This will start on Tuesday 30 April 2019 and will run through to Tuesday 13 August 2019 with a break on Tuesday 28 May 2019.

Division 1 will have 8 teams and will play 14 matches home and away. Divisions 2 and 3 will have 6 teams and will play 10 matches home and away. Division 4 will have 5 teams and will play 8 matches home and away.

Mens Late Summer

This will start on Saturday 20 July 2019 and will run through to Saturday 21 September 2019 with a break on Saturday 24 August 2019.

Division 1 will have 9 teams playing 8 matches. Division 2 will have 8 teams playing 7 matches. Division 3 will have 5 teams playing 8 matches home and away.

Ladies Late Summer

This will start on Thursday 25 July 2019 and will run through to Thursday 26 September 2019 with a break on Thursday 29 August 2019. This will start the league one week earlier than last year.

Division 1 and 2 will have 10 teams and each team will play 9 matches. Division 3 will have 9 teams and each team will play 8 matches.

There has been a suggestion that these leagues are reduced in size due to the difficulties at the end of the season where clubs have no floodlights. A possible way to reduce the length of the season would be to make 3 divisions with 8 teams playing 7 matches and a fourth division with 5 teams playing 8 matches home and away.

Winter League

Matches have had less disruption than last year and the majority have now been completed.

Junior League

Request for entries will be sent out shortly.

Mini League

Separate Summer Mini League meeting to discuss the viability of running a summer league. Thanks to Steve Holmes at Graves for his assistance in running the Mini Red matches.

4. Rowlinson Cup

There have been very few entries again this year and the question is whether it is worth running the competition.

There is a sub-committee being put together to look at ideas for refreshing this event to encourage more entries.

5. Senior Tournament

Kevin Folger gave the dates for this year's senior tournament as the 23rd – 30th June 2019. He also outlined the changes for this year's new look tournament:

- Open events for the first time.
- Closed handicapped events still running
- Possible it will be a Grade 3 tournament

- Hallamshire TC will be hosting with member clubs still required to offer courts during the tournament week
- Looking for Club Ambassadors to promote the tournament within their clubs, therefore we would like clubs to nominate a person.
- Also the tournament is still looking for a main sponsor and clubs have been asked to advertise this to their members

6. **Junior Tournament**

Sue Pugh gave the dates of this year's tournament as the 29th July to 2nd August, due to the Sheffield School holidays.

7. **Details of Club events, tournaments etc.**

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

The Chesterfield Ladies Vets will take place on the 28th of April this year.

8. **Tennis balls for 2017 season and sponsorship**

Mark outlined the two proposed sponsorship opportunities available:

Proposal No1

Brand: Slazenger

Ball: Slazenger Hydraguard

Term: 2 Years starting 1st January 2019

Official Ball of the Sheffield & District Tennis League

Slazenger will pay the league a retainer fee of £1000.00.

Slazenger will provide the league with 30 dozen Free Slazenger Hydraguard Balls.

The league and clubs within will agree to purchase a minimum of 1080 dozen balls per year through retailers of their choice.

Proposal No2

Brand: Dunlop

Ball: Dunlop Australian Open

Term: 2 Years starting 1st January 2019

Official Ball of the Sheffield & District Tennis League

Dunlop will pay the league a retainer fee of £1250.00

Dunlop will provide the league with 60 dozen Free Dunlop Australian Open Balls

The league and clubs within will agree to purchase a minimum of 1200 dozen balls per year through retailers of their choice.

The proposal no. 1 was carried by the majority; therefore the existing balls will be retained for the next 2 years.

Deuce price list was handed out at the meeting. It was also noted that Deuce will deliver the balls if required.

9. **Yorkshire LTA Report**

Chris Day gave an update on Yorkshire Tennis Initiatives.

Advantage Yorkshire which provides loans and grants is in its final year, still time to apply for grants up to £4K maximum

Yorkshire League

- The mens event reduced to two pairs.
- Ladies will stay as three pairs.
- Matches will be on Sundays and please support if you can.
- 1st March deadline

Safeguarding – well done to clubs who have met the minimum standards, there is a best practice guidance on the LTA website.

There were 5 awards for South Yorkshire at the British Tennis Awards.

Any issues please speak to your local councillor, either Jess Redfearn or Martin Gilmour.

Kevin Folger asked where the county office is. Chris confirmed that there is no longer a regional LTA office but Yorkshire Tennis is now going to be based at John Charles Tennis Centre in Leeds.

10. Website

Noted that the website was running very well.

Request for any news items the clubs had which could be put on the website.

11 Annual Dinner 2018

The 2018 Annual Dinner was a great success.

The 2019 dinner will be on the 15th November 2019 at Sheffield United Platinum Suite.

12. Any other business

Bob Lamb advised that there were still trophies which needed collecting which were available at the meeting.

John McGleave raised the issue of venue registration and clubs may need to go back into it as an additional question on venue insurance had been added.

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The meeting closed at 9.15pm.
