



Minutes of the Council Meeting

Tuesday 11th February 2020
Sheffield Transport Sports Club, Meadowhead

Present:

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

1. **Minutes of Council Meeting held on 15th October 2019**
The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15th October 2019 were formally approved.

2. **Matters arising**
No matters arising.

3. **League formation for the 2020 season**

Men's Saturday Leagues

5 teams have withdrawn, Abbeydale A, Ecclesall C, Moorgate D & E and Grove D. 2 new teams entered Welbeck D and Graves C. This has resulted in no Division 7 this year. The league will run from Saturday 25 April 2020 to Saturday 4 July 2020. Blank week Saturday 23 May 2020 and 27 June 2020. Dates for rearranged matches Saturday 11 July 2020 or the earliest date available. Division 1-5 will play 9 matches, Division 6 will have 7 matches.

Men's Late Summer League

1 team has withdrawn from the league Queens Park. The league will run from Saturday 18 July 2020 to Saturday 19 September 2020. Blank week Saturday 29 August 2020. Date for rearranged matches Saturday 26 September 2020 or the earliest date available. Division 1 has 8 matches, Division 2 7 matches and Division 3 6 matches home and away.
Sue Pugh suggested an extra match for Division 3.

Mixed Saturday Leagues

The league will run from Saturday 18 Jul 2020 to 19 September 2020. Blank week Saturday 29 August 2020. Date for rearranged matches 26 September 2020 or the earliest date available.
Division 1 to 3 9 matches and Division 4 8 matches home and away.

Ladies Summer Leagues

2 teams have withdrawn from the league, Thorncliffe B and Fulwood D. The league will run from Thursday 30 April 2020 to Thursday 9 July 2020. Blank week Thursday

28 May for the Bank Holiday and 25 June for the Senior Tournament. Date for rearranged matches Thursday 16 July 2020 or the earliest date available. Divisions 4 play one less match than divisions 1 to 3 and Division 5 play each other 3 times in a mixture of home and away matches (9 matches).

Ladies Late Summer League

1 team has withdrawn Fulwood B and a new team entered Abbeydale C.

Option 1 Current Format

The league will run from Thursday 23 July 2020 to Thursday 17 September 2020. Date for rearranged matches Thursday 24 September 2020 or the earliest date available. 9 matches Division 1 & 2, 8 matches for Division 3.

Option 2 Bamford Option

The league will run from Thursday 23 July 2020 to Thursday 10 September 2020. Date for rearranged matches Thursday 17 September 2020 or the earliest date available. 7 matches Division 1 to 3 (8 weeks) and 8 matches for Division 4.

Option 2 proposal was carried by the majority.

Mid-Week Mixed Leagues

New league entry from Ridgeway.

Management Committee Proposal

The league will run from Tuesday 28 April 2020 to Tuesday 14 July 2020. Blank weeks 26 May 2020 and 23 Jun 2020. Date for rearranged matches Saturday 21 July 2020 or the earliest date available. Division 1 & 2 – 9 matches, Division 3 10 matches Home and away.

Thorncliffe Proposal

Split the Divisions into leagues of 6 teams with 10 matches home and away for Divisions 1 – 3 and Division 4 - 7 matches.

Management Committee proposal was carried by the majority.

Winter League

Matches have been affected by the weather this year and the leagues are running to 22 February. The league cup preliminary rounds have begun.

Junior & Mini Leagues

Winter leagues are running until March and have been affected by the weather this year. Requests for entries will be sent out shortly. Thanks again to Jo Muscroft for organising the Mini Leagues and Steve Holmes at Graves for running the Mini Red events.

4. Rowlinson Cup

6 teams have entered the Rowlinson Cup this year. The management committee have proposed a new format for the Rowlinson Cup which is a three pair mixed competition. I am proposing that we open the competition for further entries due to the change in format. I will send out a request for further entries following this meeting, Dates can then be firmed up once numbers are known.

5. Senior Tournament

Trevor Ward gave the dates for this year's senior tournament, the Centenary Year.

- 3 new members to the Sub-committee, Evie, Sarah and Tim.
- Event taking place at Hallamshire with support from the clubs
- Finals day will be the 27th June 2020
- Prize money will be the same as last year
- Entrants will be entered into a Centenary Year draw to win £100

- Entrance fees are being reduced by £2
- 4 new sponsors are supporting the tournament
- A ladies day will be taking place on the first Sunday (21st June 20) at Beauchief with 6 courts available
- Looking for ambassadors, 1 lady and 1 man, from each club to help promote the tournament.
- Entry forms will be sent out at the end of March, with online entry again this year

6. Junior Tournament

Sue Pugh gave the dates of this year's tournament as the 27th to 31st July, due to a clash with Abbeydale Tournament. Details will be sent out in due course.

7. Details of Club events, tournaments etc.

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

Saturday 4th July Ridgeway requested an away fixture.

The Chesterfield Ladies Vets will take place on the 19th of April this year.

8. Tennis balls for 2020 season and sponsorship

We have completed the 1st year of the current sponsorship deal with Slazenger/Dunlop. I would like to thank all clubs that purchased Slazenger or Dunlop balls through Deuce, as we have a minimum level of 1080 dozen per year which we have achieved.

Not all clubs are using the league ball and I have put a section on the sign in sheet to detail which balls you are using and where you purchase them from.

Penny at Deuce is very competitive on price, offers to match some online outlets and offers delivery to you and of course they are a local business which very much supports us as an association and in particular the Junior Tournament.

Without the support from Slazenger / Dunlop, who also provide the balls for the Senior Tournament, and Deuce it puts more pressure on the funds we have available for the coaching grants, free tennis leaders courses and the subsidising of the Mini Red League matches played indoors at Graves for example.

If you are not using the official ball, I would like you to look into the options that Slazenger / Dunlop balls offer as any of their product counts towards our sponsorship

9. Yorkshire Tennis 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, but it is coming to an end.

Yorkshire Tennis Awards were held in December and there was success for Doncaster in the Disability Tennis Award and for Eleanor Lake in the Volunteer Award.

Yorkshire Tennis has a new website.

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.
- 31st March deadline

Safeguarding is a key issue and all Coaches need to be accredited.

Wimbledon tickets – Allocation by the end of February.

Yorkshire Tennis will be having it's own Meritorious Service Award, if there is anyone who you think deserves this please put them forward.

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 2019

The 2019 Annual Dinner was a great success.

The 2020 dinner will be on the 13th November 2020 at Sheffield United Platinum Suite.

12. Any other business

No A.O.B

The meeting closed at 8.36pm.
