



Minutes of the Council Meeting

Tuesday 8th February 2022
at Lees Hall Golf Club, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield, S8 8LL

Present:

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

1. Minutes of Council Meeting held on 12th October 2021

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th October 2021 were formally approved.

2. Matters arising

No matters arising.

3. League formation for the 2022 season

Fay Buchan reported:

Leagues

The leagues running this summer will revert back to the pre-covid ones with promotion and relegation.

Fines were reintroduced for the late summer and will continue for the summer leagues. Some clubs are contacting me directly if there is a possible issue. The first place I look is the rules section of the website followed by members of the committee and I would like to thank them for their continued support. I would also like to thank clubs for emailing clear photographs of the scorecards which have been completed correctly and then been uploaded to the website correctly and all in a timely manner. It does happen, although I am sure that some club secretaries feel inundated with emails from me. Mark has produced several guides which were emailed to club secretaries. I am sure he will be happy to send them out to the named club secretaries again.

Men's League

There will be five divisions of ten, who will play nine matches, and one division of five. The matches will run from Saturday 23 April to 2 July with a break for the bank holiday and for the senior tournament.

Ladies' League

We have had an increase in the number of teams who have entered and so there will be five divisions of ten, who will play nine matches, and one division of five. The matches will run from 21 April to 7 July, again with a break for the bank holiday and for the senior tournament.

Midweek Mixed League

There has been an increase in team entries this year. The first division has eight teams and there are three divisions of nine. The fixtures will run from 26 April to 9 August, again with a break for the bank holiday and for the senior tournament.

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.

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

The Ladies' Late Summer Leagues have four divisions of eight. The fixtures will commence on 21 July until 1 September.

The Saturday Mixed has two divisions of ten and one division of eleven. The matches will commence on 16 July until 24 September. The Men's Late Summer leagues will commence on 16 July until 17 September with two divisions of nine and one division of eight. There will be a break for both divisions for the August bank holiday.

Rowlinson Cup – John will be organising these fixtures.

Winter League – the plan is for these to run from 8 October.

4. Junior Leagues

Mark Busby reported:

We managed to run a summer league this year which did suffer from the effects of the pandemic, but we got through an elongated season. Congratulations to the winners of this year's summer leagues.

12 and Under	Wheatley Hills
14 and Under	Wheatley Hills
16 and Under	Beauchief A
18 and Under	Doncaster

I am arranging for the trophies to be inscribed and will contact organisers as when they are available.

Thank you to all the players, coaches and parent organisers for their dedication.

The Junior Winter League will be starting in a couple of weeks with the 12U, 14U and 16U events, which will run into April.

We would like to also start the Mini Leagues this summer along with the Juniors.

5. Senior Tournament

Trevor Ward reported:

- This year's tournament will be held between the 12th and 18th June
- Hallamshire TC will again host the event.
- New tournament referee is Steve Holmes.
- On the 12th June there will be a ladies day at Beauchief to get ladies events up to semi-final stage with Fiona Fellows refereeing.
- There are 8 sponsors of the event.
- Please can all clubs help promote the event within their clubs.
- Entry forms will be available to download from the website in early March, and online entry is also available.

Finally, Trevor gave thanks to Kevin Folger for his years as referee of the tournament.

6. Junior Tournament

Sue Pugh gave the dates of this year's tournament as the 25th to 29th July at Beauchief and Ecclesall.

Entries will be open on the 9th June 2022.

Please can all clubs help advertise and promote the tournament,

7. Details of Club events, tournaments etc.

Chesterfield will be holding a Ladies Vets event on the 24th April for over 45's, please help spread the word.

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

8. Tennis balls for 2022 season and sponsorship

With regard to the league's balls, the normal Slazenger Hydraguard ball is unfortunately not going to be available for the summer season due to delivery of stock into the country not forecast until this August. We have been liaising with Dunlop/Slazenger and Deuce and the ball that is available that closely matches the Slazenger is the Dunlop AO ball, which Penny will have available at a price of £12 a dozen. I recommend ordering balls as soon as possible as she has advised me that prices are forecast to increase shortly.

9. Yorkshire Tennis Report

Martin Gilmour gave an update on Yorkshire Tennis Initiatives.

- South Yorkshire Venue forum on the 28th February 22
- Yorkshire Leagues are open for entries.

10. Website

No issues reported on the website.

11. Annual Dinner 2022

The date for this year's dinner will be Saturday the 19th November at OEC Sheffield.

Jess commented that it would be nice to see if all clubs could attend, especially those clubs that win leagues so trophies can be picked up on the night.

12. Any other business

Mick Mason informed the meeting that it was Ridgeway TC's 100th year this year.

Mick also returned a number of historic books relating to previous years, with a view to archiving them. Mark to look into this.

Sue Perryman, Chesterfield TC, also thanked the committee for their work in keeping the leagues going.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.
