



Minutes of the Council Meeting

Tuesday 7th February 2023
at Lees Hall Golf Club, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield, S8 8LL

Present:

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

1. **Minutes of Council Meeting held on 18th October 2022**
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 2023 season**

Fay Buchan reported:

Ladies' League

We have had an overall decrease in the number of teams who have entered and so there will be four divisions of teams who will play nine matches, one division of nine and one division of four. The matches will run from the 27th April to 6th July 2023, with a break for the bank holiday and for the senior tournament.

Men's League

There will be four divisions of ten, who will play nine matches, and one division of nine and one division of five. The matches will run from Saturday 22nd April to 8th July with a break for the two May bank holidays and for the senior tournament.

Midweek Mixed League

There has been a decrease in team entries this year. The first two divisions have ten teams and there is one division of eleven. The fixtures will run from 2nd May to 18th July, again with a break for the bank holiday and for the senior tournament.

There are an additional six teams this year. 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

Mark will be sending out an email requesting entries for the Late Summer Ladies' and Men's leagues and Saturday Mixed, later in the year. The planned start and end dates are on the list emailed out for this meeting.

Rowlinson Cup – Fay and John will be organising these fixtures.

Winter League – the plan is for these to run from 7 October.

Fay thanked the committee for their continued support.

4. **Junior Leagues**

Mark Busby reported:

The Junior League was run with 12&U, 14&U and 16&U events. We had 22 teams entered from 11 clubs.

We managed to get a large proportion of the fixtures played which is great, and I hope all the players enjoyed the games.

The final standings are:

12U:

Winners : Hallamshire

Runners Up : Fulwood

14U:

Winners : Hallamshire

Runners Up : Beauchief

16U:

Winners : Hallamshire

Runners Up : Fulwood

The Winter Junior League is currently ongoing.

I am struggling with the organising of mini leagues, so if anyone knows of anyone who would like to get involved, please let me know.

Lastly, thank you to all coaches, junior helpers and parents for their continued support of the junior league.

5. **Senior Tournament**

Trevor Ward reported:

I'm pleased to report that last year's tournament was very successful with a good amount of entries and we were really lucky with the weather.

The introduction of a Ladies Day at Beauchief for the first time on the Sunday proved to be very well organised and special thanks must go to Sarah and Evie and all those involved at Beauchief for making it a great day.

The main event was at Hallamshire where all the remaining matches were played and which was well supported all week. We were made very welcome as always and a big thank you must go to the management team at Hallamshire for their help. Finals Day went well with some really good matches played at a good standard and in the right spirit.

A special thank you to our new referee, Steve Holmes, who settled into his role very well and ensured that the week ran smoothly. Also, many thanks to all our sub-committee and sponsors for all their help and support.

Finally, I was surprised but delighted that we were voted as the Yorkshire LTA Competition of the Year, and I have been invited to a Awards Evening next month in Leeds.

Please make a note of the date of this year's Tournament which starts on the 25th June to 1st July. This year we are intending to include the visually impaired players in the tournament.

I'm hoping all our clubs can advertise the event on all their social media sites to encourage lots of entries.

6. Junior Tournament

Sue Pugh gave the dates of this year's tournament as the 24th to 28th July at Beauchief and Ecclesall.

Please can all clubs help advertise and promote the tournament,

7. Details of Club events, tournaments etc.

Chesterfield will be holding the Sheila Glister Ladies Vets event (Over 35's) on the 16th April, please help spread the word.

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

8. Tennis balls for 2022 season and sponsorship

We are continuing with the AO Balls again this year.
A price list from Penny at Duece was handed out at the meeting.
I recommend ordering balls as soon as possible.

9. Yorkshire Tennis Report

Nothing to report.

10. Website

The trial inputting the results on the LTA Tournament Website went well. We are going to do further trials with clubs this summer, details to be sent out.

Also, if clubs have any news they would like us to share on our website and social media please send it.

11. Annual Dinner 2023

The date for this year's dinner will be Saturday the 20th November at OEC Sheffield.

12. Any other business

Mark read out a request from John Andrews, Hallamshire, about the proposed plans Connecting Sheffield are putting forward with regard to the extending bus lane operation to 12 hours and removing parking and creating a red route on Ecclesall Road and Abbeydale Road. There is a petition that can be signed to oppose the proposals.

The meeting closed at 8.29pm.
