



Minutes of the Council Meeting

Tuesday 18th October 2022

Lees Hall Golf Club, Hemsworth Rd, Norton Lees, Sheffield, S8 8LL

Present:

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

1. Opening remarks by the President of the Association – Tim Holmes

Tim welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the committee and especially Fay and Mark for their hard work. Tim thanked Kay for leading the Men's and Mixed League meeting to conclusion. Tim also welcomed John Clephan to the meeting, John has agreed to become the new President.

Bob Lamb said a few words about the sad passing of Mick May and his contribution to tennis within our area. The meeting observed a minute silence in memory of Mick.

2. Apologies for absence

Paul Sheard – LTA Rep
Lulu Pinney – Bamford
Martin Gilmour – Ecclesall
Kay Rollings – Grove
Sue Pugh – Graves
Mark Deavin - Welbeck

3. Minutes of Council Meeting held on 8th February 2022

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th February 2022 were formally approved.

4. Matters arising, plus any matters from the AGM 2022

Sue Perryman asked about the trialling of the men's league on the LTA tournament website. Michelle Walker asked about data protection on passing names and BTM numbers of players. It was agreed that it would be reported back at the AGM.

5. Reports on 2022 season

1. Senior League reports – Fay Buchan

Fay reported:

All the late summer matches are now complete, and the tables can be found under "leagues" on the website.

There was a total of four hundred and twelve errors over the summer leagues. That is 20 errors every week. Seventy matches were conceded, mainly by the away team. I know I am beginning to sound like a stuck record and many of you switch off at this point, but there were seventy-eight scorecards being emailed late, and ninety-four being completed incorrectly. There were one hundred and fifty-seven errors on the website. This is far more than last summer and most of them are just careless errors. If you have any suggestions as to how to reduce these, I will welcome them. Mark produced crib sheets, if you would like to receive them again please let myself or Mark know.

Can I please ask you to follow the complaints procedure which is on the website. The club secretary needs to email myself and the opposing club in the first instance.

Finally, thank you to the committee, especially Mark, John, and Kay for their continued support and to Todd for trialling the men's league on the LTA website.

2. Junior League report – Mark Busby

Mark 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

We have started the winter league last weekend, which will run into the new year.

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.

3. Junior Tournament – Sue Pugh

Mark read out Sue's report:

The Sheffield and District Junior Tournament was played at Beauchief and Ecclesall Tennis Clubs during the week of Monday 25th to Friday 29th July. Beauchief hosts the main bulk of the events including finals day on the Friday with the 9&U and 10&U events played at Ecclesall.

With 108 players competing throughout the events the tournament was well attended with a considerable increase in the number taking part. The biggest growth in numbers was seen in the younger age groups 9&U to 14&U with a slight dip in

numbers entering the 16&U and 18&U events. Hopefully there will be a knock on effect here as the younger players move through the age groups.

I redesigned the poster which was handed out to clubs during the AGM this reduced the need to post out the information to most clubs and ensured the tournament was advertised at clubs from early in the year, this approach appears to have been effective with the increase in entries.

I would like to thank the following:-

Beauchief and Ecclesall Tennis Clubs for their hospitality, with the addition of the BBQ and other refreshments at Beauchief.

Everyone who volunteered either at Beauchief assisting Fiona at the desk and around the courts, or on court at Ecclesall overseeing the matches of the younger players, we would not be able to run the tournament without their help.

The tournament referee Fiona Fellows, who ensured everyone played plenty of tennis with consolation rounds and encouraging players to take part in the doubles events.

Penny and Adam Jameel from Deuce UK for sponsoring the tournament and providing vouchers for the winners and runners up.

Fay for being there during the tournament week and her assistance throughout the year.

The dates for next year's tournament will be Monday 24th July to Friday 28th July

4. Senior Tournament

Trevor reported:

It was great to see the return of the tournament, the tournament went very well, and the weather was great too.

The ladies day was a great success and was enjoyed by all who attended.

All the other events were played at Hallamshire, thanks to Hallamshire TC and Steve Holmes for the success of the week.

Thanks also to all the sponsors for their continued support of the tournament.

The provisional dates for the tournament next year are 25th June to 1st July.

5. Yorkshire LTA – Jess Redfearn

Jess outlined the following:

- The framework of Yorkshire Tennis is changing – YT are adopting a new company, please keep an eye on the website.
- John Crowther is stepping down this year as President.
- LTA Awards close on the 30th November.
- Yorkshire are currently top in the County Cup.

6. General Secretary – Mark Busby

Mark reported the following:

- There have been three committee meetings since the AGM with a further one planned for November and these involve dealing with a wide range of issues.
- The administration of the coaching grant scheme has again been done by Jessica Redfearn.
 - 7 grant applications this September.
 - Reminder that scheme is open to Level 1 to 3 courses and club coaching initiatives.
- Our ball sponsorship deal Slazenger/Dunlop continues, and I would like to thank all clubs that purchased Slazenger or Dunlop balls through Deuce and continue to do so. It was discussed about the balls for next year, it was agreed the clubs were happy to continue with the Dunlop AO balls.
- The Senior Tournament was a great success this year in the Centenary event, especially the Ladies Day. Thanks to Trevor and the Senior Tournament Committee and special thanks to our new referee Steve Holmes. Also, a special recognition for Pete Ledbetter for his support on Ladies Day and thanks to Hallamshire, Beauchief and all clubs that volunteered their courts for the event. Next year's event will be on 25th June to 1st July 2023.
- Sue, Fay and Fiona organised the Junior Tournament which was a great success. I would like to thank them for their continued hard work and also thanks to Beauchief and Ecclesall for hosting the event.
- The Awards Evening will be on the 19th November which will be a great event to celebrate achievements this year.
- I would like to highlight the great website we have and would encourage all to regularly view it. All news and announcements are put on the website and our other social media channels. Please can clubs make sure all captains details are up to date and if clubs have news stories, they would like to share please let us know.
- Thank you to all club secretaries, coaches, captains and parent helpers for their hard work.

6. 2022 Season

1. League formats (to be finalised at February 2022 meeting)

Mark reads out Kay's report from the Men's and Mixed meeting:

The votes on evening were in favour for staying the same for Mixed and Mens. Most clubs were represented, the absentees being Abbeydale, Doncaster, Buxton, Rustlings.

Each team was able to send a representative which in theory should give each person playing tennis in those leagues an equal vote. The votes for the Men's league was 24 – 18 in favour of staying the same (Max 53 votes).

Therefore, there will be no discussion at the AGM regarding the Men's and Mixed Leagues.

2. Important dates

Sue Perryman advised the meeting that the Chesterfield Vets Tournament will be held on the 16th April, and is being named the Sheila Gliston Tournament in her memory.

3. Suggested alterations to rules and bye-laws for 2023

The following bye-laws were discussed and will be put forward at the AGM.

Proposed New Bye-law 26. Winter League

Current Wording

26. Winter League

a. Winter teams shall consist of two men and two ladies.

b. Morning matches will start at 10:00 a.m. and afternoon matches at 1:00 p.m., unless specifically agreed by both captains.

c. Morning matches. Any couple not on court to play 15 minutes after the agreed start time will forfeit the first set.

The first rubber is to be conceded if not on court to play by 45 minutes after the agreed start time.

The second rubber is to be conceded if not on court by 1 hour 15 minutes after the agreed start time.

d. Afternoon matches. Any couple not on court to play 15 minutes after the agreed start time will forfeit the first set.

The first rubber is to be conceded if not on court to play by 45 minutes after the agreed start time.

The second rubber is to be conceded if not on court by 1 hour 15 minutes after the agreed start time.

e. Home clubs should provide light refreshments.

f. Winter League end of season tournament

1. Teams must decide before the second week of January of each year whether they wish to be included in the Knock-Out Tournament and advise the organiser accordingly. In the event of an uneven number of teams entering a bye situation will be operated. Only members who have played in two or more matches are eligible to play in the tournament match rounds and final. The cost of balls to be shared equally by both teams in tournament matches. When and if, playing a Plate Tournament any team conceding in the first round of the tournament will forfeit going through to the tournaments ensuing rounds.

g. Matches shall comprise two sets (tie break to 7 at 6 all). A men's and women's doubles followed by two mixed doubles rubbers. In the event of the rubbers standing at one set all a tie break to 10 (2 clear points) shall be played to decide the rubber. This tie break is to be treated as a new set but recorded as ONE game on the scorecard (NB the number of sets for the rubber should be shown as 1-1). The Official LTA Tie Break shall be played in all sets at 6 all.

Proposed new wording

26. Winter League

a. Teams shall consist of two men and two ladies.

b. Matches shall comprise two sets (Tie break to 7 at 6-6), with a Men's and Women's doubles followed by two Mixed Doubles, with a 10 point tie break to be played to decide the rubber, if sets stand at 1-1. This tie break is to be treated as a new set, but recorded on the scorecard as one game.

c. Matches will start at 1pm, unless specifically agreed by both captains.

d. Any couple not on court ready to play by 15 minutes after the agreed start time will forfeit the first set. The first rubber is to be conceded if not on court ready to play by 45 minutes after the agreed start time and the second rubber is to be conceded if not on court ready to play by 1 hour and 15 minutes after the agreed start time.

e. Home clubs should provide light refreshments.

f. Entries for the post season Knockout Tournament will be requested in January each year. Only members who have played in two or more League matches are eligible to play in the Knockout Tournament.

Proposed New Senior League Rule 12. Club Eligibility

Current Wording

12.Club Eligibility

Any bona-fide Lawn Tennis Club having access to the required number of courts situated within 25 miles' radius of Sheffield Town Hall shall be eligible for election to the Association, provided that such courts, equipment and accommodation shall, in the opinion of the Management Committee, be suitable for match play.

Proposed new wording

12.Club Eligibility

Any bona fide Lawn Tennis Club having access to to the required number of courts, situated within 25 miles of Sheffield Town Hall, as the crow flies, shall be eligible for election to the Association, provided that such courts, equipment and accommodation shall, in the opinion of the Management Committee, be suitable for match play.

7 Any other business

Jess asked the clubs to share any photos of players, teams, clubs to put in the background during the Awards Dinner.

Reminder to return all trophies to Bob Lamb as soon as possible.

The meeting closed at 8.08pm.
