



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Thursday 12th February 2019
Sheffield Transport Sports Club

1. Opening remarks of the President

John McGleave welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for being there and all their hard work throughout the season. He gave special thanks to Mark for organising the Junior Leagues and Jo Muscroft for organising the Mini Leagues with their hard work the leagues are still running.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from:

Audrey Stanton, Past President
Chris Jones, Past President
Mick Mason, Ridgeway TC
Glyn Rudge, Ridgeway TC
Jess Redfearn, Fulwood TC
Martin Gilmour, Ecclesall TC

3. Minutes of the AGM held on 15th February 2018

The minutes for the AGM held on 15th February 2018 were formally approved.

4. Matters arising from the 2018 AGM

Sue Pugh asked for an update on the missing trophies. It was confirmed that one had been found and one had now been replaced with a new trophy.

5. Report of General Secretary

The General Secretary, Mark Busby, reported that it had again been a very busy year.

- There have been seven committee meetings plus AGM and Council Meeting.
- I have dealt with the usual number of general enquiries from club secretaries and others through the website enquiries or direct to me.
- The administration for the two coaching grant scheme "windows" has again been done by Jessica Redfearn, 10 applications in September plus we have opened up the grants to Level 3 courses.
- We have completed the 2nd year of the sponsorship deal with Slazenger/Dunlop. I would like to thank all clubs that purchased Slazenger or Dunlop balls through Deuce, as we had minimum level of 1080 dozen per year which we have

achieved. We have further proposals for the next year with regard to sponsorship which will be discussed later in the council meeting.

- The Junior Tournament has had a successful year and thanks to Sue, Fay and the team.
- A Senior Tournament Sub Committee was set up with great plans to increase participation and reinvigorate the senior tournament.

Lastly, thanks to all club secretaries, coaches, team captains and parent helpers for all their hard work this year.

6. Report of Treasurer and presentation of accounts for the year to 31st December 2017

Kay Rollings presented the Accounts, which showed a profit of over £3000.

Items to note :-

Perhaps more significant was that in 2018 we finally moved to electronic banking, which is a good job as I was writing cheques to some of the people getting coaching grants and I don't think they knew what they were!

Fees and fines were higher this year as we included the Winter League money. Last year if you recall they were not charged in lieu of the money transferred from the Winter League accounts.

A slight increase in adverts and Sponsorship from Dunlop remained the same.

In terms of costs the website has settled down now, and we haven't had too many changes. Admin costs include £270 for the hire of courts for mini red tournaments. There is a contribution from the attending clubs but it doesn't always cover the costs.

Also we pay for room hire, and the cost of a new trophy.

Coaching Grants were higher than normal at £2,306

The Junior tourney made a slight profit. The costs include the referees fee, the cost of medals, and engraving of trophies.

The Senior tournament made a loss. The costs include printing, referees fee, and prize money for the open events.

- £100 for the Singles winners, £50 for the Runners Up.

The dinner made a surplus, mainly due to the raffle. You can see we gave a donation to Alzheimer's Society in memory of Dennis Webb who died in 2018. He was a past president of this organisation, of Yorkshire LTA and also of the Winter League. There is a note of thanks on the website.

Turning over the balance sheet you can see that we have almost £21k in the bank, a very healthy position.

The debtors figure is the fines which will be invoiced this March and relate to both summer and winter leagues.

The accounts are now healthy and we are ticking over nicely. I am concerned that we continue to make profits each year.

While we need to have enough in the coffers so that we can cope with losses on the tournament etc, I am clear that at the moment we can afford to reduce our income and should look to reduce the burden on clubs and therefore we are proposing to reduce the annual fees.

Thanks to Kevin, and Fay and Sue for their organisation skills with the tournaments, and to Jess for sorting out the dinner finances, and to Malcolm Lindley the Auditor.

7. Election of Officers

The Officers and committee were elected in accordance with the constitution, all committee members are willing to be elected again and a replacement President was unable to be found.

President:	John McGleave (Moorgate)
General Secretary:	Mark Busby (Moorgate)
Treasurer:	Kay Rollings (Grove)
Auditor	Malcolm Lindley
Website co-ordinator:	Jessica Redfearn (Fulwood)
League Secretary:	Kevin Beaton (Doncaster)
Past President	Trevor Ward (Grove)
Sheffield YLTA representative	Martin Gilmour (Ecclesall)
Elected member	Paul Hattersley (Thorncliffe)

It will be a matter for the committee to consider if any co-opted members are required.

8. Subscriptions for 2019

The Treasurer had proposed that affiliation and team fees for 2018 are:

- Keep £15 affiliation fee
- Reduce team entry fee to £10

The proposal was carried unanimously.

9. Applications for membership/withdrawal

Ravenfield Tennis Club have withdrawn their membership.

10. Changes to Rules/Bye-Laws

There are three proposed rule changes for the meeting to consider: 1 and 2 are proposed by the Management Committee and 3 is proposed by Hallam Grange Tennis Club.

1. Proposed New By-law 9b. Non-fulfilment of fixture

Current wording:

b. A team scratching or not attending to play either of its last two matches shall be fined £20 per match and shall have two points deducted from their total in that league. A team shall be deemed not to attend to play unless at least half of the rubbers can be contested.

In the event that both teams can only field two pairs, and the rubbers are level at the completion of the match then sets won will be counted to decide the winning team. If sets won are also equal then games won will be counted. If games won are equal the match shall be declared a draw.

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The proposal was carried by the majority.

2. Proposed New By-law 16b & c. Results of matches

Current wording:

b) In addition to the above, the results of all matches are to be sent electronically, by the home club, to the League Secretary by:

- no later than the Friday following a midweek match and

- no later than the Monday following a weekend match.

c) If the full result card has not been sent electronically the card, with both the forename and surname of each player, and the rubbers, sets and games scored by each pair, must be forwarded to the appropriate League Secretary within five days of it being played by the captain or the secretary of the home club concerned. Where a match is for any reason not played, other than a concession, the appropriate League Secretary must be informed within seven days by the captain or secretary of the home club concerned. Where a match has been conceded, the team claiming the match should forward, within seven days, a scorecard showing the names of the players who would have played had the match not been conceded, and those players shall then be deemed to have played for the purpose of Bye-law 13. Any club failing to observe this rule shall be fined £5 on each occasion.

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The proposal was carried by the majority.

3. Proposed New By-law 27. Fines incurred

The maximum total of fines that a club will receive will be capped at £100 per year.

The proposal was rejected by the majority.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm
