



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 11th February 2020
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 support they have given him in the role. He has enjoyed his time as President.

He thanked the Committee, past and present, who work hard to ensure tennis is played in leagues, cups and at Junior & Mini level. Thanks to Jess we have a dynamic website, however we need more engagement and effort needs to be made to get cards and results in quickly. Thanks to Kevin Beaton, who was hard working and professional. It has been difficult to find a replacement for Kevin, who has stayed on to help with the Winter League. Thanks to Fay Buchan for stepping forward to take on the League Secretary role.

Congratulations to Bob Lamb on his British Empire Medal for services to Tennis in South Yorkshire and Mexborough and keeping the lost art of the silversmith alive. Bob thanked everyone for their cards and congratulations which he has had from all over the country.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from:

Kevin Beaton, Doncaster TC

3. Minutes of the AGM held on 12th February 2019

The minutes for the AGM held on 12th February 2019 were formally approved.

4. Matters arising from the 2019 AGM

No matters arising.

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. JM mentioned that the Level 3 grants are on the basis that the S&D provide 25% and their Club provide 25% of the cost.
- 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 Duece, 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, he would like to thank all club secs, 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 2019

Kay Rollings presented the Accounts, which showed a surplus of £1700.

Items to note :-

The fines have increased this year to £1959 (which includes an accrual), it is £1745 when just taking into account the Winter 2018/19 and Summer 2019 seasons. Weston Park and Millhouses did not receive any fines. The main reason for fines were the non-fulfilment of fixtures.

Income from the 2nd year of the sponsorship with Slazenger / Dunlop.

Increased expenditure on the Mini red league where we subsidise the cost of holding the events at Graves Tennis Centre.

Main administrative costs include room hire, scorecards etc. with other cost associated with the Junior Presentation evening and Tennis Leaders course.

The Junior Tournament made a slight loss and the Senior Tournament a bigger loss due to the increased prize money to attract more players.

The Dinner made a profit which included the charity donation.

Overall a healthy profit but we would rather spend money on more coaching grants.

Malcolm Lindley has been auditing the accounts since 1949 and is happy to continue.

Kay thanked all the clubs that paid promptly.

7. Installation of the new President

Tim Holmes of Abbeydale Tennis Club was installed as President.

8. Election of Officers

The Officers and committee were elected in accordance with the constitution, all

Committee Members are willing to be elected again.

General Secretary:	Mark Busby (Moorgate)
Treasurer:	Kay Rollings (Grove)
Auditor	Malcolm Lindley
Website co-ordinator:	Jessica Redfearn (Fulwood)
League Secretary:	Fay Buchan (Graves)
Past President	John McGleave (Moorgate)
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.

9. Subscriptions for 2020

The Treasurer had proposed that affiliation and team fees for 2020 are:

- £15 affiliation fee
- Entry fee to £10

The proposal was carried unanimously.

10. Applications for membership/withdrawal

No new membership or withdrawals.

11. Changes to Rules/Bye-Laws

There are 5 proposed rule changes for the meeting to consider.

The following 2 rule changes are proposed by the Management Committee:

1. Proposed New Bye-Law 25. Rowlinson Cup

Current Wording:

Teams shall consist of three men and three ladies. Matches shall consist of two men's doubles, two ladies' doubles and three mixed doubles. Where a club enters more than one team in the competition any player from that club may only represent one team. Team captains shall declare in writing the order of play of the team and exchange such declaration with the opposing team captain immediately before the commencement of the match. Each team shall nominate one lady and one man who will play in all three rubbers. The Management Committee will nominate dates for all matches. However, if both teams agree, matches other than the final may be played prior to the nominated date, otherwise the match must be played on the nominated date. The final will be played on a nominated Sunday. For matches played in an evening with a six o'clock start, any couple not on court ready to play by 6:15p.m. will forfeit the first rubber. The second rubber to be conceded if not on court ready to play by 7:00p.m. and all three rubbers by 7:45p.m. All Rowlinson matches scheduled to be played on a Sunday shall commence at 1:00 p.m. Any couple not on court to play by 1:15 p.m. will forfeit the first rubber. The second rubber to be conceded if not on court ready to play by 2:00 p.m. and all three rubbers by 2:45 p.m. All matches shall comprise one set with a winning pair being the first to ten games. The Official LTA Tie Break shall be played in all sets at 9-all. To be eligible for the final a player must have played for that club in either the League or Rowlinson Cup in the current summer season.

ORDER OF PLAY								
	Court 1			Court 2			Court 3	
Round 1	Ladies 1	v	Ladies 1	Men's 1	v	Men's 1		
Round 2	Mixed 1	v	Mixed 1	Mixed 2	v	Mixed 2	Mixed 3	v Mixed 3
Round 3	Ladies 2	v	Ladies 2	Men's 2	v	Men's 2		

New wording:

Teams shall consist of three men and three ladies. Matches shall consist of a total of 9 mixed doubles matches with 3 mixed doubles pairs. Where a club enters more than one team in the competition any player from that club may only represent one team. Pairs shall be numbered 1, 2 and 3. The Management Committee will nominate dates for all matches. However, if both teams agree, matches other than the final may be played prior to the nominated date, otherwise the match must be played on the nominated date. The final will be played on a nominated Sunday. For matches played in an evening with a six o'clock start, any couple not on court ready to play by 6:15p.m. will forfeit the first rubber. The second rubber to be conceded if not on court ready to play by 7:00p.m. and all three rubbers by 7:45p.m. All Rowlinson matches scheduled to be played on a Sunday shall commence at 1:00 p.m. Any couple not on court to play by 1:15 p.m. will forfeit the first rubber. The second rubber to be conceded if not on court ready to play by 2:00 p.m. and all three rubbers by 2:45 p.m. All matches shall comprise of one set with a winning pair being the first to ten games. The Official LTA Tie Break shall be played in all sets at 9-all. To be eligible for the final a player must have played for that club in either the League or Rowlinson Cup in the current summer season.

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	H	V	H	V	H

Round 1	1 v 1	2 v 2	3 v 3
Round 2	3 v 1	1 v 2	2 v 3
Round 3	2 v 1	3 v 2	1 v 3

The proposal was carried by the majority.

2. Proposed New Bye-law 27. Withdrawal of teams from the Summer Leagues

- a) Clubs wishing to withdraw a team from the league must inform the General Secretary before the AGM Meeting in February.
- b) The withdrawal of a team must commence with the lowest ranked team.
- c) Clubs withdrawing a team before the start of the season will incur one of the following fines:
 1. Withdrawal up to 2 weeks before the start of the season £20.
 2. Withdrawal less than 2 weeks before the start of the season £50.

The proposal was carried by the majority.

The following 2 rule changes are proposed by Graves Tennis Club:

3. Proposed amendment to Bye-law 4. Promotion and Relegation**Current Wording:**

Promotion and Relegation in the various divisions for Men, Ladies and Mixed shall be normally as follows:

- a. The first and second teams in each division shall be promoted and the last two teams relegated.
- b. However, no more than two teams from the same club shall be permitted to play in the First division of any of the leagues.
- c. In the case where two teams from the same club play in the same division they will play each other in the opening match of the season.

Proposed Wording:

Promotion and Relegation in the various divisions for Men, Ladies and Mixed shall be normally as follows:

- a. The first and second teams in each division shall be promoted and the last two teams relegated.

- b. However, no more than two teams from the same club shall be permitted to play in the First division of any of the leagues.
- c. In the case where two teams from the same club play in the same division they will play each other in the opening match of the season.
- d. In the case where two teams from the same club play in the same division and there are home and away fixtures the second match should be scheduled no later than the middle fixture of the season.

The proposal was carried by the majority.

4. Proposed amendment to Bye-law 15a. Inclement weather

Current Wording:

If the captains of both teams agree that it is unfit or not safe to play, either before commencement of the match i.e postponed, or before it has finished i.e. abandoned, the Match Secretary for each club must, within 7 days, agree a replay date if necessary under bye-law 15d). The agreed date must be no later than three weeks after the date for the last match of the season for the appropriate league and notified to the League Secretary by the home club's Match Secretary within 10 days of the original date for the match. Once a date has been agreed and notified to the League Secretary, there shall be no further rearrangement of the date other than for inclement weather.

Proposed Wording:

If the captains of both teams agree that it is unfit or not safe to play, either before commencement of the match i.e postponed, or before it has finished i.e. abandoned, the Match Secretary for each club must, within 7 days, agree a replay date if necessary under bye-law 15d). The agreed date must be no later than three weeks after the date for the last match of the season for the appropriate league and notified to the League Secretary by the home club's Match Secretary within 10 days of the original date for the match. **If the league secretary is not notified of a replay date within the 10 day limit and is satisfied that there has not been enough of an attempt from either or both teams to rearrange the match then the league secretary will re-schedule the match to be played on a date which they consider to be most appropriate for both teams.** Once a date has been agreed and notified to the League Secretary, there shall be no further rearrangement of the date other than for inclement weather.

The proposal was carried by the majority.

The following rule change are proposed by Stocksbridge Tennis Club:

5. Proposed amendment to Bye-law 13. Eligibility of players

Current Wording:

- a. No player may play in a team's last two matches of the season if he or she has already played three or more matches for the club's higher team(s), unless he or she has already played at least two matches for the team in question or lower team(s). This to be construed as the last two matches actually to be played and not the last two matches printed in the fixture list.
- b. If a club fails to field a team in a higher division whilst fielding a team, or teams, in a lower division(s) all rubbers, sets and games won by the lower team(s) will be forfeited.
- c. In the event of a club fielding an incomplete higher team or teams whilst fielding a lower team or teams, complete or otherwise, on the same day, the rubbers, sets and games won by the most successful couple in each of the lower team or teams (or couples in the event of more than one incomplete higher team being fielded) shall be forfeited.
- d. In the event of re-arranged matches, only members of the team in question, or lower team(s), may be selected. Players who clearly would be recognized as members of a higher team must not be selected.
- e. Teams should be selected on merit and in the true spirit of "Fair play". Where in the opinion of the committee any club fails to adhere to this then the committee may take whatever action it sees fit.

Proposed Wording:

- a. A player who has played two or more matches for a higher level team may not subsequently play for a lower level team in the same league that season.
- b. Teams should be selected on merit and in the true spirit of "Fair play". Where in the opinion of the committee any club fails to adhere to this then the committee may take whatever action it sees fit.

The proposal was rejected by the majority.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm

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