

# Wirral Tennis League

---

## Minutes of Committee Meeting 1

15 April 2015

Held at Heswall LTC

### 1. Present/Apologies

1.1 The following WTL committee members were in attendance:

Matt Webb – Chairman and Treasurer (Oxton), Geoff Dewhurst – Fixture Secretary (Upton), Louise Wilson-Jarvis – Secretary (Port Sunlight), Sue Edwards (Prenton), Chris Hopewell (Thorndale), Val McIndoe (Thorndale)

The following representatives attended on behalf of their clubs and the LTA:

Lesley Cubbin (Thorndale), Steve Roberts (Hoylake), Dan Edwards (Prenton), Mike Fryer (Upton), Margaret Dooley (Birkenhead), Judy Hughes (Heswall), Sue Davies (Heswall), Sylvia Reed (Heswall), Barbara Bloor (Cheshire LTA)

1.2 The following apologies were received:

Sandie Craze – Upton  
Kevin Carberry – Upton  
Nicky Smith on behalf of Wallasey Manor

1.3 The following clubs were not represented at the meeting:

Alderley, Bertram, Cheshire Oaks, Helsby, Hooton, Neston, North Cheshire, Pinewood, Port Sunlight, Wallasey Manor.

### 2.0 Matters Arising

- 2.1 Barbara Bloor was in attendance as she is the Chair of Club Liaison for Cheshire LTA and she is starting to liaise directly with the leagues. WTL is affiliated with the LTA.
- 2.2 From AGM main change is tiebreak 3<sup>rd</sup> set default position and clear message of penalties for recording un-played sets – no sharing of rubbers.
- 2.3 Thorndale did a great job with the presentation evening.
- 2.4 There was a proposal at AGM regarding a change to the number of matches played for the lowest team for a club to 3 matches in that team for players to qualify to play in the play offs. GD proposed a change to say that players had to play in that specific team 3 times to qualify for the play offs on the basis

people should make themselves available as the date is set far in advance. He also suggested 2 matches for a specific team if not carried at 3 matches. If no decision was taken at CM1 the position would be that the Rule stays as 25% of matches played.

MW proposed to have 25% for that team or a lower team, except for each Club's bottom team which would be a requirement to have played 3 matches.

A vote was taken on both of GD's proposals, MW's proposal and keeping the rule as it was and MW's proposal was carried. The bottom team of each Club will require players to have played 3 matches for that team to qualify to play in the play offs. 25% remains the requirement for other teams for players to have played in that team or lower.

### **3.0 Electronic Results**

3.1 See fixture secretary's note for more detail but this is not yet available

### **4.0 Play offs/Presentation Evening**

4.1.1 Hoylake, Birkenhead and Heswall had offered to host the play offs. Hoylake withdrew in the light of other offers having hosted in 2013.

4.1.2 A date had been agreed for 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

4.1.3 Birkenhead and Heswall pitched their Clubs as hosts and a vote was taken. The meeting voted for the play off venue for 2015 as Heswall. Thanks given to Birkenhead for their kind offer.

4.1.4 There will be a 9am start for the play offs. Geoff will draft a schedule and also send out e-mail details nearer the time when results are known. CM3 will take place asap after the last match so no issues are left unresolved before the play offs.

There will be 6 playoffs – 5 mixed and 1 mens. Player eligibility will be to have played in at least 4 matches for that team or in a lower team, except in a Club's bottom team where the requirement is to have played in 3 matches for that team. 2<sup>nd</sup> half ranking is applied. If a match is incomplete on the play off date, the match will be played at the runner up venue on subsequent Saturdays after 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Only 2 sets are played. Can be decided on games won if equal on sets. If there are not enough eligible players, rubbers will be lost. Balls will be provided by the league.

Plan to build up to highest Division play off at the end of the day. If problem weather, agreed to have slots. If match starts and rain stops it, if slot no longer available, next match starts and other match to re-commence from score left at on subsequent Saturday. Can use a different player within the rules. Teams need to be there 15 minutes before their slot. On subsequent Saturdays, matches to play at Runner up venue 2pm unless otherwise agreed.

### **5.0 Treasurer Report**

Lots of clubs still owed fees at the date of CM1. MW has circulated details to all clubs to pay and reminding of the penalty if not paid on time. MW mentioned that all clubs are affiliated to the LTA. Not sure how insurance would be affected if not affiliated – something for WTL to be aware of.

£2,058.38 is the current balance - £920 due in giving £2,978.38 when all fees paid. £1200 average spend in a year leaving surplus of £1,778 for necessary costs to be met when needed.

## **6.0 Any other business**

- 6.1 Thorndale raised an issue with matches on 5 May 2015 due to Bidston tennis centre being used for election counting. They would normally seek to move this to the day before but this is a bank holiday. The meeting reiterated the relevant Rule regarding playing matches before the date in the fixtures if the opponents agree, not allowed to do after the fixture date. Other alternative was for them to hire other courts, and they would need to do this if Heswall didn't agree to change the fixture. If a different date, a reminder was given to be careful about ranking.
- 6.2 Thorndale and Oxtun overflow fixtures are detailed on the website.
- 6.3 Plea to take the message back to Clubs regarding knowing the Rules
- 6.4 Meeting closed 8.50pm

### **Distribution**

**Committee via email**

**Clubs via email to nominated contacts and upload to website**

**L Wilson-Jarvis – WTL Secretary**