

# Wirral Tennis League

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## Minutes of Committee Meeting 1

21 April 2016

Held at Birkenhead 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), Mark Powers (Prenton)

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

Lesley Cubbin (Thorndale), Margaret Dooley (Birkenhead), Caroline Child (Oxton), Sue Paton (Heswall), Patrick Waddington (Birkenhead), Sue Marcks (Alderley).

1.2 The following apologies were received:

Val McIndoe (Thorndale)

1.3 The following clubs were not represented at the meeting:

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

### 2.0 Matters Arising

2.1 Minutes of last meeting agreed.

2.2 From AGM, main change is tiebreak 3<sup>rd</sup> set is the only position now.

2.3 Matt emphasised from the start of the season for the Clubs to **know the rules** to avoid penalties and emphasised that the committee do not dissuade Clubs from appealing but to ensure it is a legitimate appeal, not spurious which could incur greater penalties.

### 3.0 Electronic Results

3.1 May be available later this season but likely for next year.

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

- 4.1.1 Bertram and Alderley are holding the play offs and presentation evening as a joint venture.
- 4.1.2 A date had been agreed for 3rd September 2015 at AGM.
- 4.1.3 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.

#### **5.0 Treasurer Report**

3 clubs still owed fees at the date of CM1 but all have subsequently paid on time.

When all money accounted for, balance will be £3,332. £1,200 average spend in a year. Remainder of funds is being built to pay for re-development of the website and for trophies to be replaced in time etc.

#### **6.0 Fixture Secretary Report**

- 6.1 Reminder to have all registrations up to date. Extra team now accommodated in the men's league from Thorndale; will split to 3 divisions if the same number of teams next year.
- 6.2 Like to have more ladies teams. Also like another mixed team to balance the numbers.
- 6.3 Will be 6 points for a completed rubber (upto 48 points for a match)– trying to use LTA software which can't deal with fractions. Nil if not played. 3-0 for 1 set played and won. 3-3 if 2 sets played and drawn and end level. 4-2 if finish 2 sets to 1. 6-0 if win 2 sets to 0. Standard penalties will typically now be 3 times (eg instead of 1 point it will be 3 points etc)
- 6.4 GD will continue to calculate so clubs continue to record as before. Standard Men's Division 2 started last Sunday and there were discrepancies – proposed not to apply penalties for week zero and was agreed. No more will be allowed without penalty!
- 6.5 Gary Brown of Alderley had proposed that Division 2 men's promote teams finishing 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> team go into play offs. Sue confirmed this was not a proposal from Alderley as a Club. GD advised that the play off rule was introduced to prevent the bouncing up and down of teams finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> to top or bottom in their respective divisions. GD felt would exacerbate the problem. Meeting agreed not to do this, particularly given that there will hopefully be 3 divisions next year if same number of teams.
- 6.6 GD is trying to progress the electronic version for results and has the software but can't yet use it. Needs a DBS check specific to this. GD also trying to sort out a refund from the website provider as had been unable to publish for the past few weeks.

#### **7.0 Any other business**

- 7.1 WTL CM2 date is set for Thursday 16 June 2016 at 7.30pm – venue TBC.

- 7.2 Wirral Tankard organisation has now been taken over by WTL committee. The committee decided the finals will be held at Prenton LTC this year and thanks to them for offering this. After the first year it was agreed this will be put out to other clubs to offer to host but for this first year the committee had decided this and will work with Prenton LTC committee members to organise. Draw will be done at CM2.
- 7.3 WTL are also hoping to assist in running the West Cheshire Winter League – Norman Nelson has welcomed the offer of assistance with this. Not intending to have rules as stringent as WTL but wish to ensure people know a fixture is a fixture etc. Hope to balance the number of teams. Hope to just give guidelines that will help to streamline it. Also hope to have trophies for all leagues.
- 7.4 We can potentially get match funding up to £1000 from LTA for website development.
- 7.5 There was a discussion about a junior league issue but WTL had no jurisdiction so issue was signposted to the appropriate person within the junior league administration.
- 7.6 Plea to take the message back to Clubs regarding knowing the Rules
- 7.7 Meeting closed.

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**L Wilson-Jarvis – WTL Secretary**

Following meeting the order for playoffs (subject to any player conflicts) is:

At Alderley:	1 <sup>st</sup> Men division 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> Division 4	3 <sup>rd</sup> Division 2
At Bertram:	1 <sup>st</sup> Division 5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Division 3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Division 1