

Wirral Tennis League

Minutes of Committee Meeting 2

16 June 2016

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), Mark Powers (Prenton), Sue Edwards (Prenton), Chris Hopewell (Thorndale), Val McIndoe (Thorndale)

The following representatives attended on behalf of their clubs:

Caroline Child (Oxton), Lesley Cubbin (Thorndale), Sue Marcks (Alderley), Patrick Waddington (Birkenhead), Barbara Bloor (Heswall), Sue Paton (Heswall), Julie Risely (Heswall), Nicky Smith (Wallasey Manor), Joe Copeland (Wallasey Manor), Schaunette Ondre (Birkenhead), Richard Chiverrell (Birkenhead), Sue Davies (Heswall).

1.2 The following apologies were received:

Mark Goodchild (Alderley)

1.3 The following clubs were not represented at the meeting:

Cheshire Oaks, Helsby, Hooton, Hoylake, North Cheshire, Pinewood, Port Sunlight, Upton.

2.0 Matters Arising

None

3.0 Problems and Appeals

Matt Webb used the following procedure (as used for previous meetings) to deal with the problem & action list (prepared by Geoff Dewhurst) arising for the period, a copy of which for reference is published on the WTL website:

1. Check standard penalty tariff applied correctly

2. Consider appeals received
3. Consider new problems/non standard penalties
4. AOB arising from problems

There were far fewer problems for the period than in previous years. MW had reviewed the problems and felt they applied correctly.

APPEALS/PROBLEMS:

Problem No. 4 – Week 1; Appeal accepted – no penalty. Joe Copeland had appealed that the Firewall at work had prevented email of the card getting through. In future he will need to check email has been received.

Problem No.9 – Week 5; Upton men had two teams playing. 2nd team played at home, 1st team did not fulfil away fixture. Played the home match rather than away match mainly because open day at club and players available needed to be at club. Upton 2 are bottom. Discussion that could occur in men's league where different matches on different days. Situation wouldn't be allowed in the mixed league. Decided 1st team will be penalised for not fulfilling the match. Committee agreed not to penalise the 2nd team.

Problem No. 17 – Week 6; It was a fallow week for Birkenhead 3 but given two teams in the same division (3rd & 4th teams), they should still put a card in with team showing. Only applied as higher team did not have a fixture. No reminder was sent by Fixture Secretary. When prompted, Birkenhead provided a card the next day. Not specified in the Rules – reminder to meeting committee can impose anything they wish to. Ultimately in the circumstances it was decided on this occasion no penalty would be imposed.

Problem No. 19 – Week 7; Appeal allowed – no penalty.

Problem No. 20 – Week 7; Players played correctly but written incorrectly on the card. Could either keep as incorrect ranking penalty or change to incorrect card penalty. Committee voted to amend on a majority to incorrect card penalty. GD raised the issue of the time it takes to go through these problems.

Problem No. 21, Week 7; Lara was to play 2nd lady – explanation received. Matches had started so could not move up. No penalty applied.

3.1 Matters arising from review of Problems

An email had been received by the WTL committee from Sandy at Upton complaining about a match at North Cheshire saying the balls were impossible to see. Rules had been fulfilled re the supply of balls. Problems with the shale when wet is balls get dirty. CH raised that North Cheshire will call off matches if not playable. GD advised he suggested half the match be played rather than none. No-one said they were stopping play. No specific rule. If the home captain says should play and away disagrees and don't play, would have to bring to committee on appeal.

Clubs should ensure all team captains are aware of the Rules and apply them accordingly to try and avoid problems. If anyone wishes to propose any change to the Rules, this must be proposed for the AGM.

Clubs are reminded to play as clubs, not individual teams within a club. If a higher team is short of players, players should be moved up.

4.0 Fixture Secretary's Report (Geoff Dewhurst)

- 4.1.1 Copy of this report is attached for reference. There has been an improvement in the number of problems. Clubs need to **know the rules**.

5.0 Wirral Tankard

- 5.1 This is the first year WTL is organising this. Draw was undertaken. There is a Plate competition too. Seeding of teams was undertaken based on winner of last year being 1st seed (Hoylake), and the remainder of seeds determined by 1st division results at half way point in the season. This meant that Heswall were seeded 2nd, Prenton 3rd seed and Alderley 4th seed. 1st round is on 9th August. Finals will be at Prenton.

6.0 Winter League

- 6.1 WTL will now be running this. It will not be with the same rules as the summer league. Just aiming to tighten things up a little. A fixture will mean a fixture and clubs won't need to confirm the match beforehand. Fixtures will be produced in September. Invitations to be part of the league will go out as normal. Thanks to Norman Nelson for running this in the past. Will discuss further at CM3.

7.0 Play offs/Presentation Evening

- 7.1 Alderley and Bertram are to host the play offs and presentation evening. A date had been agreed for 3rd September 2016. There will be a 9am start for the play offs. Committee will liaise with the clubs further in due course in relation to the arrangements. Order of play in WTL CM1 Minutes.

8.0 Any other business

- 8.1 A discussion around the Junior league will take place after the meeting tonight and attendees were encouraged to stay to contribute to this.
- 8.2 CH raised an issue re Birkenhead having emailed to say they had two ladies, so Pinewood had 4 men and 2 ladies for the match. When Birkenhead arrived they had no men. Email could have been clearer. Discussion around the potential of Birkenhead 4 to have their results expunged – if can't fulfil the equivalent of 3 full matches (not rubbers) – 72 (mixed league) points.

- 8.3 Oxton raised an issue at Birkenhead where Oxton 2 were playing Birkenhead 2. They did not witness another match being played. Matt confirmed he would email Margaret Dooley and will bring to CM3.
- 8.4 Richard Chiverrell withdrew Birkenhead 4 on behalf of the club. Issue of Birkenhead 3 and whether they played Birkenhead still to be resolved.
- 8.5 SE raised that a female player had complained that a male player was hitting the ball at them. Agreed that should be dealt with at club/individual level to start with.
- 6.7 Meeting closed 9pm

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