

Wirral Tennis League

Minutes of AGM 2017

22 November 2017

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), Mark Powers (Prenton)

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

Lesley Cubbin (Thorndale), Brian Hadfield (Pinewood) , Julie Risely (Heswall), Sue Paton (Heswall), Barbara Bloor (Cheshire LTA), Richard Chiverrell (Birkenhead), Gary Pitt (Birkenhead), Pamela Klonezman (Hoylake), Caroline Child (Oxton), Daniel Holbrook (Port Sunlight), Dan Edwards (Prenton), Nicky Smith (Wallasey Manor)

2.0 Apologies

The following apologies were received:

Chris Hopewell , Val McIndoe, Kelsall, Glan Aber and Mersey Bowman

3.0 Acceptance of 2016 AGM Minutes

Minutes of AGM 2016 agreed. Proposed Sue Edwards and seconded Dan Edwards

2.0 Matters Arising

2.1 AGM 2016 – MW went through the issues he raised from last meeting over weather, not having a team and rules for clarification, especially re Tankard. e.g. should singles players have to play in ability order. Prevents tactical play but not necessarily a good thing. Part of the competition. Raised that this is not about new rules – about clarifying principles. Voted on whether to keep as is but formalise principle that you not have to play in ability order – or play in ability order. All agreed to keep as is i.e. not have to play in ability order but formalise this to inform clubs. Weather rule

– agreed a sensible one to play any rained off match before the following Tuesday. Recording players names - administrative issue to check eligibility. Considered email names – will look into extending the new system as a possibility. All agreed to ask for names. Guidance – 5 days before to say where matches will be.

PK raised about seedings – only 4 so far. PK wondered if better to make it two seedings – winner and runner up. Put to vote – 2 or 4 teams seeded? 2 teams – 5. 4 teams – 8. 4 teams carried.

2.2 CM2 2017 - none

3.0 Chairman's Report

Thanks to Heswall for hosting us tonight and those attending.

Clubs – recommend to send a rep to CM1 and 2 meetings. Gives attendees a good understanding of where things are at with the league. Thanks to Prenton for hosting presentation evening. Thorndale thanked for Tankard. Special thanks to GD for his continued efforts and time put into the league. Plea to clubs to look at things when requested. Electronic score system – feedback very positive. Still a work in progress. If clubs have suggestions for improvement, let us know.

Encourage clubs to get all captains using the system. This will be used in summer league. Congratulations to Nicky Smith – Cheshire LTA held some awards – she won volunteer of the year. Roger Hughes – lifetime achievement – 40 years on Heswall committee – 30 on LTA committee. Others noted. Sue Marcks – won unsung hero – Alderley.

Thanks to all the volunteers at the clubs.

Thanks to the rest of the standing committee.

4.0 Fixture Secretary Report

Circulated to the meeting and attached to the minutes.

Far fewer problems. Disappointing email from a club relating to GD's emails about the scoring system. GD puts a lot of time and effort in. Sad and frustrating and MW will deal.

GD suggests about needing BTM numbers.

BB could ask about the WTL receiving the BTM numbers for all clubs. See if clubs can do it for the numbers.

Clubs to enter BTM numbers into registration on the WTL score system. Passed.

GD will make the link for the system more prominent on the website.

5.0 Treasurers Report

All had received a copy of the circulated accounts and income/expenditure for audit.

Proposed keep the fees the same – all agreed.

Only cost £50 for the new score system – thanks to a volunteer who helped GD and GD himself. Still looking at an improved website with CH from Thorndale.

Contact list was on website – included name and phone number and sometimes address – a member complained so took off the list.

If you log in, you can see this on scoring system.

6.0 Notices of Motion

None received

7.0 Team Changes

7.1 Resignations: None

7.2 New applications:

Birkenhead 4: agreed

Upton 3: agreed

Neston 6: agreed

7.3 Applications for re-election (bottom of lowest divisions):

Mixed: Pinewood 3 - agreed

Mens: North Cheshire 1 - agreed

Ladies: Hoylake 1 - agreed

8.0 Election of officers and committee members (all willing to continue)

All agreed on a block vote

9.0 Play offs/Presentation Evening

9.1. Agreed Saturday 8 Sept at Wallasey Manor (6 courts, GD thinks can work it)

9.2. Order of play - TBC

9.3. Capacity - 100

10.0 Tankard

10.1. Dates for rounds: 1,2,3: Tuesdays 7 / 14 / 21 August - agreed

10.2. Dates for finals: Sunday 16 September 2018 (times dependent on venue) – will check date re clash possibility with Monkhouse Shield – BB will check

10.3. Venue for finals: Birkenhead (subject to club house), Neston, Prenton offered. Carry over choice to CM1 2018

11.0 Winter League 2017-2018

11.1. New result recording system

11.2. Any problems

Confirmed still need to register players if listed initially as unlisted and enter name.

Reminder to register before they play.

If weather postponed – tell GD – he will change the date. Need to decide date on the day. No card needed – just email change of date.

12.0 Any other business

GD said would be nice to have more ladies teams. Has in recent years proposed vets league. Open to anything re offers around this. Clubs say what they would like and get suggestions to GD send preferences for summer.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

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L Wilson-Jarvis – WTL Secretary

