

Wirral Tennis League

Minutes of Committee Meeting 1 22 June 2017 Held at Upton 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), Brian Hadfield (Pinewood), Julie Risely (Heswall), Sue Paton (Heswall), Barbara Bloor (Cheshire LTA), Richard Chiverrell (Birkenhead), Gary Pitt (Birkenhead), Pamela Kloezevan (Hoylake)

- 1.2 The following apologies were received:
Mark Powers (Committee/Prenton), Bertram, Kelsall, Alderley, Mersey Bowman, Oxton, Cheshire Oaks

2.0 Matters Arising

- 2.1 Minutes of last meeting agreed – no matters arising

3.0 Problems Summer 2017

Majority of problems accepted as correct penalty applied.

Problem 4: Men: Helsby 1 v Prenton 1: Discussion around the circumstances as reported relating to this fixture. Meeting accepted Helsby trying to be courteous and in specific circumstances of this case, penalty reduced from 12 to 9 pts.

Problem 6: Hoylake 1 v Neston 1: Mixed pairs played incorrectly following injury of 3rd lady during first rubber. Both teams given 3 pt penalty – meeting confirmed both captains should know the rules. Result card changed from 9-10 to 9-6 in the circumstances of this case.

4.0. Winter League 2016-2017

4.1. Resolve issues

See Fixture Secretary Report and final league tables

4.2. Problems

See Fixture Secretary Report

4.3. Trophies

These are being updated by the Treasurer

4.4. Presentation

Agreed this would be combined with the summer presentation evening

5. Winter League 2017-2018

Issues & appeals resolved and see Fixture Secretary Report

5.1. Structure

Divisions will consist of 8 teams playing each other home & away. It is a fairer system because:

- Closer competition (result in about 1/3 matches was 24-0)
- All teams will have a home advantage
- Balanced travelling

Normal 2 up 2 down will be applied and then top 8 will form division 1, next 8 division 2 etc.

Teams can request to play in a higher/lower division than allocated and the league will do it's best to accommodate.

5.2. Entries

The same teams will be entered with the same contacts unless advised differently by 14 August 2017

5.3. Start date

For most divisions there will be 14 matches (1 more than 2016-2017) and therefore the season will need to start earlier (probably mid-September).

5.4. Fixture restrictions?

To be advised to Geoff by 14 August 2017

5.5. Quality of Result cards (proforma or card)

Proforma should be used and result cards are to be received within 48 hours (not 5 days as last Winter)

6. Play offs/Presentation Evening

6.1. Saturday 9 Sept at Prenton

6.2. Order of play: See Playoff schedule. Matches may take longer because there are only 7 courts.

6.3. Capacity for presentation to be advised by Prenton as soon as possible.

7. Treasurer's report

7.1. Summer League – No change to subscriptions

7.2. Wirral Tankard – subscription is £10

7.3. Winter League – subscription is £12

8. Any other business

Wirral Tankard

The draw for the Wirral Tankard competition was made with the entrants based on last year's entries. Seeding was as defined last year. Holders are top seed then seeds 2-4 based on league position after week 07 (irrespective of any unfinished matches).

Distribution

Committee via email

Clubs via email to nominated contacts and upload to website

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