

Wirral Tennis League

Minutes of Committee Meeting 2 (WTL CM2)

23 August 2017 at 7.30pm

Held at Alderley LTC

1. Present/Apologies

Matt Webb (Chair), Geoff Dewhurst (Fixture Secretary), Louise Wilson-Jarvis (Secretary) Sue Marcks (Alderley), Sue Paton (Heswall), Sue Edwards (Ctte – Prenton), Alex Edwards (Prenton) Chris Hopewell (Ctte – Thorndale), Lesley Cubbin (Thorndale), Caroline Child (Oxton), Andy Minnis (Pinewood), Ann Holian (Alderley)
Apologies - Mark Powers

2. Matters Arising

2 Emails received after CM1 – both from Kathy Clifford at Neston LTC

1st - Neston shocked and saddened to have points deducted in relation to the issue of the match against Hoylake – she felt Neston were not asked to give their side of the story and it was not correct what was recorded. Mentioned 3rd week of the league – shame highlighted at the end of the season on the web. Suggest time period on penalty points at the end of the match. Think should take photo and send immediately – hopes comments improve the system.

Meeting discussed. At CM1 – long discussion re Hoylake and Neston match – only Hoylake was present at CM1. Meeting considered the following – Neston neither at CM1 nor here today. Distribution list of meeting CM2 accidentally did not go to all contacts so didn't include Neston on first email so only knew about CM2 on Monday.

GD could not apply penalty until CM1 decision following letter of complaint received from Hoylake. Decision and minutes delayed due to computer problem so were published later than usual. It was assumed Neston were aware of the complaint and as stated by Hoylake in their letter of complaint. Hoylake were reluctant to agree to Neston's insistence to moving their 4th mixed to 3rd mixed and that according to Hoylake Neston would not fill in the scorecard until after all mixed doubles were completed. It was debated and was unanimous at the last meeting. Meeting felt it was frustrating that no-one was attending to represent them at either meeting but then there is criticism of the process. Both clubs were penalised for not adhering to the rules and as the rubbers were played incorrectly they were declared 0-0. NB The committee never consider the position a team is in the league when deciding on penalties. Meeting considered the matter and unanimously decided there should be no change.

Raised issue re communication of results. MW encouraged clubs to use the proforma. Scans have been a problem re incorrect sizes etc. MW will reply to Kathy.

2nd email – late card re royal mail – KC wrote to Royal Mail who replied that within 4 days 90% mail is delivered. Neston played at Hooton – Kathy took it to scan it according to Hooton – Kathy said posted at right time. Royal Mail sent apology and book of 1st class stamps. to Kathy. No penalty applied.

MW will advise clubs the proforma be used as a few post issues this year.

3. Final Tables / Fixture Secretary's Report (Geoff Dewhurst)

3.1. Problems / appeals

Fixture Secretary Report distributed and read to meeting and also on website.

Penalties applied correctly – week 9 onwards considered.

Problem 22 corrected to say N Cheshire were 2 men short not Thorndale. Penalty had been applied correctly.

4. Wirral Tankard & Plate

Got there in the end but a few clubs late getting details in and home teams making contact. Considered putting in a time frame of home team notifying the opposition of what matches where by a certain time, or set matches home and away. Considered that we will try to do home team to notify by 5 days before and if not worked, it would be prescribed. Will also suggest tightening of some rules at AGM over Tankard e.g. names of players to ensure played 4 times and maybe ranking order etc.

4.1. Finals day: Sunday 17 Sep at Thorndale:

- Plate @ 10am - Plate semi next week
- Tankard @ 2pm - Heswall and Birkenhead in Final of Tankard

4.2. Complaint from Pinewood

Re Hooton not notifying Pinewood opposition of not having ladies pair – Pinewood would have played ladies differently had they known and one travelled from Wales and no match.

Meeting discussed no rule to deal with this. Cannot do anything about it at this time but will be reviewed. Discussed re possibly sharing list of names before the Tankard match (but not necessarily who is playing in each event).

Also no weather rule if not played on night – have just said before the next round in past. Perhaps need to ensure this moving forward.

5. Playoffs/Presentation Evening

5.1. Saturday 9 Sep at Prenton

5.2. Schedule change because men playing in both men's & mixed). The least disruptive is to swatch Divisions 3 & 5. Schedule is designed to build up from Divisions 5 to 1
GD shared list of plan for schedule. On website

5.3. Presentation tickets

Several clubs still to respond. There are a couple of days to go before close of applications.

Discussed this is first year invited winter league division winners. This is the first winter league presentation. May have issue with numbers in the future. Think about it for future.

6. Winter League 2017-2018

6.1. Entries (88 teams)

Fixtures final after tonight – GD has circulated.

Rules were discussed

Discussed re playing more than 1 match in same match number

Rule agreed for Main and Ladies Leagues. However Main and Ladies Leagues are considered separate competitions so would not apply if a Lady played in same Match Number in Main and then in Ladies (or vice versa).

6.2. Structure

6.2.1. Main: 5 divs of 8 H&A (14 matches) + 1 div of 12 H or A (11 matches)

6.2.2. Ladies: 3 divs of 8 H&A (14 matches) + 1 div of 12 H or A (11 matches)

6.3. Fixtures (many restrictions)

- 6.3.1. 24 Sep 2017 – 15 April 2018 (league closes 30 Apr)
- 6.3.2. Provisional issued 21 Aug (become final after 23 August CM1)
- 6.3.3. Result cards (proforma, or posted card – scans not allowed anymore as too many problems)
- 6.3.4. To be received within 2 days (anticipation required for postponed matches to say when can offer dates) – was 5 days – preferably proforma. Agree 2 days.
- 6.3.5. If need to rearrange, determine when can offer dates in advance
- 6.3.6. Action for very poor / late cards? Discussed will bring in 2 days for clubs to get results in – see how season starts and then determine if need to bring in a penalty at AGM if still problems arising. Penalties could come in retrospectively at AGM.

7. Treasurer's report (Matt Webb)

6 teams payment for tankard outstanding. Need to check if club has paid and if not, get it paid.

Winter league fees still outstanding for a number of clubs. Need to be in asap. As well as presentation evening that needs to be paid in two days' time.

Once MW knows the final numbers, will update the list for those clubs wanting more tickets £4789 in bank today.

Need to still get website up and running – likely lesser cost than anticipated. Likely will need to update trophies – lots are full.

Surplus in future - may be that funds can be used for helping fund coaching qualifications, junior coach or defibrillators for clubs, as examples. Winter league and Tankard break even roughly – summer league gives the surplus. Pleased that the 3 competitions have been brought together. Considered how to combine payments. Will consider further in future. Trying to find all trophies.

8. Any other business

Rules of players allowed to play in play offs confirmed as per the rules on the website.

Meeting closed 21.03 hrs

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