



SWINDON & DISTRICT TENNIS LEAGUE

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 18th November 2008, at The Bell, Ramsbury

Present:

Amelia Tester	Chair / Ramsbury	Keith Musson	Lechlade
Ralph Harding	President /Aldbourne	Maureen Cliff	Lechlade
Bob Ingham	Secretary / Devizes	Anne Carroll	Marlborough
Dale Burr	Treasurer / AK	Hilda Moore	Marlborough
Richard Vernon	Match Sec / A K	Bill Cook	Minety
David Lukens	Secretary / WBTC	Andy Dickinson	Minety
Neil Allen	Committee / Swindon	Geoff Bush	Life Mem/ NALGO
Malcolm Gayfer	Committee / Purton	Matthew Popham	Pewsey
Lesley Gliss	Aldbourne	Mary Turner	Purton
A Gordon	Burbage	Caroline Maclean	Purton
R McGowan	Burbage	M Tester	Ramsbury
A Gordon	Burbage	Peter Willetts	Ramsbury
Julie Porte	Chiseldon	Beryl Watts	Swindon
Brian Boston	Chiseldon	Norman Sewell	Swindon
A Hunt	David Lloyd	Paul Casey	Swindon
L Crawford	David Lloyd	Dawn Hopkins	Life Mem/ W'borough
Bill Wells	Great Bedwyn	Ricardo Du Bignon	Wanborough
Michael Taylor	Highworth	Martin Turnbull	Wootton Bassett
Philip Robson	Highworth	Jackie Wood	Wootton Bassett

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Penny Clanchy (Wilts LTA), Ethel Hutchings (Life member/Ramsbury), John & Julia Hunt (Life Members), John Murray (Lechlade), Jeff White, Roger Henry (Committee/Ramsbury)
2. **Minutes of last AGM** were agreed.
3. **Matters Arising:** Malcolm Gayfer is to follow up league publicity item
4. **Chair's Report** Attached
5. **Treasurer's Report** Dale Burr reported that we had broken even for the year but the balances were still healthy with more than £1200 in the bank.
The accounts were accepted (prop David Lukens (Committee/W Bassett), sec Richard Vernon (Committee/Ashton Keynes).
6. **Match Secretary's Report** Attached
7. **Presentation Evening** Thanks were recorded to all supporting clubs, and to Purton for hosting a superb evening. It was noted that half of the league clubs did not support the evening. David Lloyd kindly volunteered to host the 2009 event.
8. **Announcement of Life Members** There were no nominations
9. **Nominations for President** Ralph Harding was nominated by Amelia Tester (Chair) and seconded by Neil Allen (Committee/Swindon). No other nominations were made and Ralph was elected unopposed.
10. **Election of Officers** The following officers were elected unanimously, proposed Ralph Harding, seconded Dawn Hopkins.

Chair: Amelia Tester, Secretary: Bob Ingham, Treasurer: Dale Burr, Match Secretary: Malcolm Gayfer Committee: Roger Henry, David Lukens & Neil Allen

11. It was agreed that internet based match inputting is approved subject to viability. Malcolm Gayfer is to investigate with David Lukens (the Newbury and District League do this)
12. **Inter-league Challenge Match.** Amelia Tester will organise this Chippenham to host.
13. **Entry Fees, Club Deposits and Fines.** Agreed to keep unchanged
14. **Mini Tennis Donation.** It was agreed to keep the donation unchanged at £250.
15. **Rule Changes.**

- Adoption of one combined set of summer and winter league rules, as per the attached set of rules. The rules were adopted, with the amendment to rule 1m that 8 new balls are to be provided. Proposed Amelia tester, seconded Beryl Watts, unanimously approved

- A new rule – two proposals, either:

“When a club bans one of its own members (or anyone who has been a member within the current membership year) it should notify, in writing, the League Secretary and the Wiltshire LTA. The League Secretary will then inform all the other clubs in the League. Such player shall not be eligible to play matches on that club’s courts whilst the ban is in force. If a banned player is refused access to the original club for a League match in these circumstances, their sets will be forfeited.”

Proposed by Amelia Tester, Seconded by Bob Ingham Rejected by 10 votes to 15

Or:

“If a member of a visiting team is banned from playing on the home team's courts, then the sets involving that person will be played at a neutral venue, to be determined by the home team. Normal rules for unfinished matches will apply.” Proposed by Richard Vernon, Seconded by David Lukens Rejected by 11 votes to 14.

Two further rules were proposed:

If a club wishes to ban a player from their courts, it must put this in writing to the league committee, who will make a ruling within ten days. Appeals should be lodged with the LTA. 11 votes for, 14 against - rejected

No change to the current situation – carried by 20 votes to 5.

- A new addition to the League Constitution:

“The committee’s decision on any ruling relating to membership of or matches played in the Swindon and District Tennis league is final.” Proposed by Amelia Tester, Seconded by Bob Ingham Carried unanimously.

An additional rule:

“Any club entering 2 or more teams in any section (Men's, Ladies, Mixed or Winter Mixed) will automatically be invoiced for 2 tickets to the Annual Presentation evening regardless of attendance or otherwise.” Proposed by Malcolm Gayfer, Seconded by Caroline McLean. This was rejected by 20 votes to 6.

16. **Any Other Business** None.

Bob Ingham – League Secretary