



## SWINDON & DISTRICT TENNIS LEAGUE

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 25th November 2010, at Next Generation

### Present:

David Lukens	Chair /WBTC	Clubs represented:	
Ralph Harding	President /Aldbourne	Aldbourne	Ramsbury
Bob Ingham	Secretary / Devizes	Ashton Keynes	Swindon
Dale Burr	Treasurer / AK	Burbage	Wanborough
Andy Dickinson	Committee/ Minety	David Lloyd	Wootton Bassett
Neil Allen	Committee / Swindon	Minety	Cricklade
Malcolm Gayfer	Committee / Purton	Next Generation	Nationwide
Karen Peedle	Committee/Next Gen	Pewsey	Purton

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Highworth, Alan Hunt, Great Bedwyn and Kath More
2. **Minutes of last AGM** were agreed.
3. **Matters Arising:** None
4. **Chair's Report:** David's report attached
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Dale's report attached. It was agreed to keep all team entry fees at the same level.
6. **Election of New President** A warm vote of thanks was given to Ralph, who made an elegant closing speech which made us all feel young. Dawn Hopkins was proposed as new league President by Amelia Tester and Seconded by Ralph Harding, and duly elected unanimously.
7. **Election of Officers** The following officers were elected unanimously. A warm welcome to Karen and Kath as new committee members, providing a much needed balance to the committee who are now no longer a bunch of dinosaur males.

**Chair:** David Lukens, **Secretary:** Bob Ingham, **Treasurer:** Dale Burr,  
**Match Secretary:** Malcolm Gayfer  
**Committee:** Neil Allen, Andrew Dickinson, Alan Hunt, Karen Peedle, Kath More

8. **Announcement of Life Members** There were no nominations
9. **Annual Presentation Evening** Clubs are invited to nominate themselves
10. **Inter League Challenge Match** It was felt that the Chippenham League clubs have been so unreliable this year (and also previously) that this fixture should be dropped. David to advise CDL and give them one of the trophies.
11. **Mini Tennis Donation.** It was unanimously agreed to donate £200 (proposed by Dawn Hopkins, seconded by Malcolm Gayfer).
12. **Future use of the LTA website** All agreed that this was desirable, and thanked Malcolm for his considerable efforts in building and running the current system. It was agreed that any additional costs to cover this system would be added to league fees as necessary. David will notify clubs when this is needed.

13. **Clubs fielding only one pair.** It was agreed that there is no need for a rule change at present, but that any team doing this must let the other team know in advance. However, the rules state that a team will consist of four players, and the committee reserves the right to penalise persistent offenders.
14. **What to do if a new team cannot be entered because of league numbers.** It was agreed that the current policy of not dropping leagues below 7 teams, and to keep the top two divisions in leagues of 8 was the right one. The meeting unanimously approved that the bottom division could be split into two leagues in a way which results in a winner and runner up for promotion purposes.
15. **Rule Changes**
- a. Amend Rule 1f to add the line “No matches will be scheduled for Whitsun half term week. Proposed by Amelia Tester, Seconded by Kath More. It was recommended that clubs should prevent half term difficulties with good forward planning – there is no reason why matches should not be played early. The amendment was rejected – 2 in favour, everyone else against, no abstentions
  - b. Addition to rule 1l. Should a club fail to attend the annual league dinner to pick up a trophy, a fine of £50 will be levied to be paid to the host club of the league dinner. Proposed by Bob Ingham, Seconded by Malcolm Gayfer. This was passed with one vote against.
16. **AOB.** The issue of rearranged matches was raised. It was agreed that the home club should give three dates to the away club, who must play on one of them.

**Bob Ingham – League Secretary**