



## SWINDON & DISTRICT TENNIS LEAGUE

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 22nd November 2011, at Wootton Bassett

### Present:

David Lukens	Chair /WBTC	Clubs represented:	Minety
Bob Ingham	Secretary / Devizes	Aldbourn	Nationwide
Dale Burr	Treasurer / AK	Ashton Keynes	Next Generation
Neil Allen	Committee / Swindon	Burbage	Pewsey
Malcolm Gayfer	Committee / Highworth	Cricklade	Purton
		David Lloyd	Ramsbury
		Devizes	Swindon
		Lechlade	Wanborough
			Wootton Bassett

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Great Bedwyn, Alan Hunt, Great Bedwyn Penny Clanchy, Ralph Harding, Dawn Hopkins
2. **Minutes of last AGM** were agreed.
3. **Matters Arising:** None
4. **Chair's Report:** Was agreed. David's report attached
5. **Match Secretary's Report.** This was agreed. It was agreed to take a firm line with clubs who don't enter on time, and to re-inforce that payment of all fees owing is essential before a team can be entered.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Dale's report attached.
7. **Election of Officers** The following officers were elected unanimously.

<b>President:</b> Dawn Hopkins <b>Chair:</b> David Lukens, <b>Secretary:</b> Bob Ingham, <b>Treasurer:</b> Dale Burr, <b>Match Secretary:</b> Malcolm Gayfer <b>Committee:</b> Neil Allen, Andrew Dickinson, Alan Hunt
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8. **Announcement of Life Members** Amelia Tester was unanimously elected as a Life Member.
9. **Annual Presentation Evening** Clubs are invited to nominate themselves – Purton have asked to run the 2012 event.
10. **Entry Fees:** It was agreed that all fees are to remain unchanged
11. **Mini Tennis Donation.** It was unanimously agreed to donate £300
12. **Future use of the LTA website** It was agreed to move to the LTA system for recording match results
13. **Promotion and Relegation Discussion.** There was a proposal for discussion that asked that the committee would enforce the two up two down rule without taking requests from clubs into account. The meeting broadly agreed with the committee's current

decision making process, but recognised that there may be occasions where promotion and relegation cannot please all parties involved.

#### 14. **Rule Changes:**

Committee proposals:

1. If a club fails to notify another club of a match cancellation by speaking to a representative of that club (email or text is insufficient unless there is a response) will be fined £20, suspended in the first instance. In the second instance the fine for both offences will be paid - £40. The fine is payable to the wronged club(s) directly. This fine count is at club, not team level. **Carried – 2 votes against, remainder for.**
2. If a match is incomplete or postponed and is not completed by 31 July, or 28 February in the winter, it is the home team's responsibility to offer three reasonable playing dates for the fixture in August or March for the winter. If the away team is unable to fulfil these dates the unplayed sets will be awarded to the home team. If the home team fails to provide three dates, the unplayed sets will be awarded to the away team. **Carried unanimously**
3. A proposal to delete the words "Public Holiday" from the first paragraph of rule f and to delete the second paragraph was not carried – 13 in favour 11 against
4. A proposal from Purton requiring clubs to submit membership lists at the start of the season, and a week's notice for any new player before they play was rejected, with 4 votes in favour.

**Bob Ingham – League Secretary**