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TENNIS LEAGUE**

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 27th November 2012, 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
Alan Hunt	Committee/Chiseldon	David Lloyd	Ramsbury
		Devizes	Swindon
		Lechlade	Wanborough
			Wootton Bassett

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Great Bedwyn, Dale Burr, Charlie Foster, Ralph Harding
2. **Minutes of last AGM** were agreed. Proposed Beryl Watts, Seconded Amelia Tester
3. **Matters Arising:** It was noted that a strict policy of not accepting entries without an entry fee worked well last year.
4. **Chair's Report:** Was agreed. David's report attached
5. **Match Secretary's Report.** This was agreed.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Dale's report attached. The accounts were accepted unanimously Proposed Simon Lincoln, Seconded Amelia Tester
7. **Election of Officers** The following officers were elected unanimously.

<p><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, Jackie Wood, Charlie Foster</p>
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8. **Announcement of Life Members** None
9. **Annual Presentation Evening** Congratulations to Purton on an excellent event. Clubs are invited to nominate themselves. The meeting felt that a cap on the dinner price would be desirable to encourage attendance. A £20 cap was agreed unanimously for next year.
10. **Entry Fees:** It was agreed that fees are to be £4 per team to cover the fee for the LTA league system. All other deposits and fines are unchanged. Agreed unanimously. Regular feedback on fines is required, and this year's fines are to be circulated.
11. **Mini Tennis Donation.** It was unanimously agreed to donate £200
12. **The LTA website On-Line entry of results had been implemented for the Winter League and clubs were getting the hang of it. It was encouraging that there were relatively few outstanding results. Fines for late results had not been imposed in this initial period but would start again soon.**

13. **Discussion – A change to rule 1c.** Each win to be rewarded with three points, one for a draw, and no points for a draw with only one pair attending. The mood was in general against this view.

**14. Rule Changes:**

A change to rule 1c proposed by Wanborough:

The League positions shall be decided by awarding two points for a win and one point for a draw. In the case of two or more teams having the same points, the positions shall be decided on total sets won, then matches won, then results between the tied teams, and then on the ratio of games for and against **in the matches between the tied teams.**

(Current rule states the last qualifier is the overall ratio of games for to against is the last qualifier). Carried unanimously.

Proposed by the committee:

Rule 1j. Where online entry of results is used, the home team, must enter the result within 72 hours of the match and the away team must confirm the result no later than 7 days after the entry of the result. Failure to confirm or query a result within this timescale will be deemed acceptance of the result. Postponements with a valid reason must be indicated in the comment field. If the home team has not entered the score within 72 hours of entry of the results, the away team may enter the score.

Proposed by Bob Ingham, seconded by Malcolm Gayfer, passed 22 in favour, 2 against. This rule change was provisionally approved for implementation from Summer 2013 onwards unless experience gained during the Winter League indicates that such a diversion from the LTA recommended process would cause additional problems. David will review and circulate to clubs relevant evidence at the end of Winter League trial. . . .

Proposed change to rule 1a. The first line will read “a team shall normally consist of two pairs, if only one pair is available at the opponents must be informed at the earliest available opportunity”. Proposed Richard Vernon, Seconded by Bill Cook 18 in favour against 7, 1 abstention. The motion was passed.

**15. AOB**

Can the LTA league system show wins in the league tables? David has asked the software developers if there were plans to do this and they said there were not.

**Bob Ingham – League Secretary**