



## SWINDON & DISTRICT TENNIS LEAGUE

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 18 November 2014, at Wootton Bassett

Committee		Clubs represented	
David Lukens	Chair/Wootton Bassett	Defence Academy	James Gaselee
Bob Ingham	Secretary / Devizes	Uffington	Ross Heyburn
Dale Burr	Treasurer	Wanborough	Jane Howes
Jackie Wood	Wootton Bassett	Pewsey	Matthew Popham
Charlie Foster	David Lloyd	Ramsbury	Peter Willetts
Andy Dickinson	Minety	Fairford	Richard Harrison
Clubs represented		David Lloyd	Mike Collett
Highworth	Hilary Coates	Aldbourn	Lesley Ellis
Chiseldon	Rachel Whatley	Great Bedwyn	Steve Tapper Bill Wells
Cricklade	Jan Back Janet Back	Wootton Bassett	Liz Lewis Steve Paul
Nationwide	Theresa Allsop David Allsop	Ashton Keynes	Richard Vernon Greg Todd
Burbage	Andrew Gordon Ros McGowan	Minety	Bill Cook Simon Hilton
PAKT	Bogdan Paprocki Pasq Mazzotta	Lechlade	Gay Oliver Maureen Cliff Jon Murray

	Agenda items	Actions
1.	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b> were received from: Alan Hunt (Burbage), Anne Carroll (Marlborough), Dawn Hopkins (Wanborough), Neil Allan (Swindon) and Beryl Watts (Swindon).</p> <p><b>Clubs not represented:</b> Swindon, Purton, Chippenham, Marlborough and C&amp;S Nalgo</p>	No actions
2.	<p><b>Minutes of last AGM</b> were agreed.</p> <p>One amendment was the donation to mini-tennis which was £500, not £200 as recorded in the minutes.</p> <p>No matters arising</p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Peter Willetts <b>Seconded:</b> Matthew Popham</p>	No actions
3.	<p><b>Chair's Report:</b> See attached</p> <p>No questions asked</p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Liz Lewis <b>Seconded:</b> Theresa Allsop</p>	No actions
4.	<p><b>League Report:</b> See attached</p> <p>No questions asked</p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Liz Lewis <b>Seconded:</b> Dale Burr</p>	No actions
5.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b> See attached</p> <p>It was agreed to donate £200 to mini tennis and half of the raffle proceeds to Lechlade.</p> <p>No questions asked</p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Andrew Gordon <b>Seconded:</b> Richard Vernon</p>	No actions
6.	<p><b>Election of officers</b></p> <p>President: Dawn Hopkins</p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Jane Howes <b>Seconded:</b> Maureen Cliff</p>	Committee to send a message to all clubs

	<p>Chair: David Lukens  <b>Proposed:</b> Richard Vernon <b>Seconded:</b> Theresa Allsop  Treasurer: Dale Burr  <b>Proposed:</b> Ros McGowan <b>Seconded:</b> Charlie Foster  Match Secretary: VACANT – no proposals  Committee: Neil Allen, Andrew Dickinson, Jackie Wood and Charlie Foster  <b>Proposed:</b> Richard Vernon <b>Seconded:</b> Andrew Gordon</p> <p>The committee have not heard from Malcolm Gayfer so assume he no longer wishes to be part of the committee.</p> <p>Richard Vernon agreed to attend the next committee meeting to complete the league sort.</p>	<p>requesting interest in filling the vacant secretary position.</p> <p>Richard Vernon to be invited to the league sort committee meeting.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Announcement of life members</b>  Richard Vernon voted by the committee to become a life member.</p>	No actions
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Annual Presentation Evening</b>  Congratulations to Lechlade on an excellent event. There were 126 attendees and the event was well organised.  It was proposed to charge no more than £22 next year.  <b>Proposed:</b> Andrew Gordon <b>Seconded:</b> Jackie Wood</p>	Peter Willetts is going to check with Ramsbury Tennis Club about hosting the 2015 event.
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Entry Fees</b>  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.</p>	No actions
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Mini Tennis Donation</b>  It was unanimously agreed to donate £200.</p>	No actions
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Proposed rule changes:</b>  Two-thirds majority for any rule changes to be passed. 36 people in attendance, therefore 24 votes required for any rule change.</p> <p>i. Winter League teams to nominate their home day and start time from the following: Monday or Thursday 6.30 or 6.45pm, Sunday at any time of the day.  Proposer; Hilary Coates (Highworth TC) Sec: Mike Gourlay (Highworth TC)  <b>Not passed: 3/33</b></p> <p>ii.  Any club entering teams into the Swindon &amp; District League must put a copy of the current league rules on their noticeboard and it should remain there for the season. Evidence of this must be sent to the match secretary (ie by photo) by the beginning of the first match of the season, any club failing to do so will be fined £10.  Proposer; Hilary Coates (Highworth TC) Sec: Mike Gourlay (Highworth TC)  <b>Not passed: 1/35</b></p> <p>iii. If, through court availability Men's or Ladies Summer League teams are unable to play on the designated nights they can elect to</p>	No actions

play all their home games on either a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday night. Proposer Colin Gratton (Pewsey TC) Sec: Matthew Popham (Pewsey TC)

**Not passed: 2/34**

iv. Rule 1h to be re-worded to emphasise cooperation between teams in rearrangements and to define penalties more accurately:

**Original wording:** *h. In the event of a postponement or unfinished match due to weather conditions, the match shall be played, if possible, during the following two weeks on a mutually convenient date. Substitutes will be allowed, but players paired together in the original fixture, if available, must play together as the same pair number. It is the Home Team's responsibility to notify the Match Secretary of the re-arranged match date as soon as possible but, by no later than 31<sup>st</sup> July (Summer League) or 28<sup>th</sup> February (Winter League). When finishing a postponed match, only completed sets from the original meeting stand. If a match is unfinished at the end of the season, only completed events will count. Any results not decided by 31 August (Summer League) or by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday after the Monday of the last weeks fixtures (Winter League) shall be awarded at the discretion of the Committee.*

*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.*

**Proposed wording: (including Richard V amendment)** *h. In the event of a postponement or unfinished match due to weather conditions, the match shall be played, if possible, during the following two weeks on a mutually convenient date, but in all cases before August 31st (Summer League) or the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday after the Monday of the last week's fixtures (Winter League). It is incumbent on both team captains to cooperate to rearrange the match, but final responsibility for rescheduling the match resides with the home team who must offer a minimum of three reasonable dates. A date must be agreed and the league notified of the new date by 31<sup>st</sup> July (Summer League) or 28<sup>th</sup> February (Winter League). If the away team is unable to accept one of these dates the unplayed sets will be awarded to the home team. If the home team fails to provide three dates by the above deadlines, the unplayed sets will be awarded to the away team. In the case of incomplete matches, only completed sets will be counted in the re-arranged fixture. Substitutes will be allowed, but players from the original fixture, if available, must continue in their original pair number.*

Proposer David Lukens (Chair) Sec: Jackie Wood (WBTC)

**Passed: 35/1**

v. Rule 1j to be re-worded to clarify timescales for online entry of results:

**Original wording:** *j. The League Match Secretary is to be notified of the result of each match by the home team by the Friday of the week following the match. Match score sheets will be provided on which all match details must be entered clearly and fully before being signed by both captains. A match sheet should also be sent to the League Match Secretary for any incomplete matches showing the scores of any completed sets. In the event of a match being postponed, the match postponement form must be sent to the match secretary in the same timescale as the results sheet. The Committee reserves the right to make a decision on any illegible or incomplete result sheet.*

*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.*

*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 wording including amendment:** *j. Match score sheets must be provided by the home captain on which all match details must be entered clearly and fully, before being signed by both captains. The home team must retain the signed copy until the final tables are published at the end of the season. The home team must enter the result on the online system within 72 hours of the end of the match and the away team must confirm the result no later than 7 days after the entry of the result. Postponements with a valid reason must be indicated in the comment field within 72 hours of the original scheduled match. If the home team has not entered the score within 72 hours of entry of the results, the away team may enter the score. The home team must then confirm the result.*

Proposer David Lukens (Chair) Sec: Jackie Wood (WBTC)

**Passed: 36/0**

vi. Rule 1k to be re-worded to clarify timescales for online entry of results:

**Original wording:** *k. Failure to comply with rule 1.j. will result in the offending club being fined £2.00 per week. The League Match Secretary will notify the Club contact soon as a second £2 fine is incurred.*

**Proposed wording including amendment:** *k. Failure by the home team to record a result or a postponement comment within 72 hours of the scheduled match will result in the offending club being fined £2.00 initially and a further £2.00 for every week that the result or postponement remains unrecorded. Failure by the away team to confirm the result will not be subject to any penalty but any dispute over the match details as entered can only be considered within 7 days of the entry of the result. If the away team enters the result then the home team will be fined £2 per week for every week that the match remains unconfirmed.*

Proposer David Lukens (Chair) Sec: Jackie Wood (WBTC)

**Passed: 36/0**

	<p>vii. Rule 1m to be re-worded for clarity.  <b>Original wording:</b> <i>m. Eight new balls are to be provided by the home team. All balls provided should be of the same manufacture, the same original type or quality and should be as close as possible to a consistent standard of wear/bounce etc. All courts should have LTA approved centre bands.</i>  <b>Proposed wording including amendment:</b> <i>m. Eight new balls of the same manufacture and type are to be provided by the home team. All courts should have LTA approved centre bands.</i>  <i>Proposer David Lukens (Chair) Sec: Jackie Wood (WBTC)</i>  <b>Passed: 36/0</b></p> <p>viii. Rule 2c to be amended to allow players to play three times for a higher team without being tied.  <b>Original wording:</b>  <i>c. Any player, having played three times for a higher team, shall be ineligible to play for a team of a lower standing, except at the discretion of the League Match Secretary to whom a reasonable case must be made and adjudged before the player plays..</i>  <b>Proposed wording:</b> <i>c. Any player, having played four times for a higher team, shall be ineligible to play for a team of a lower standing, except at the discretion of the League Match Secretary to whom a reasonable case must be made and adjudged before the player plays. Proposer Hugh Niederer (Lechlade TC) Sec: Jon Murray (Lechlade TC)</i>  <b>Not passed: 12/24</b></p>	
<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b>AOB</b>  Online payments will be available for next year.</p> <p><b>End of meeting</b></p>	<p>No actions</p>