

Committee Minutes

EXETER AND DISTRICT LAWN TENNIS LEAGUE

Committee Meeting at Victoria Park Tennis Club

Tuesday 29 January 2013 at 7.00 pm

DRAFT MINUTES

Present : *Catriona Batty, Rosemary Browne, David Carter, Peter Clarke, Andy Malcolm (Chairman), Joan Bolden, Maureen Sowerby, Nicki Keele, Matthew Wheadon*

1. Apologies Wendy Smith

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 17 October 2012

Agreed and signed by Chairman.

3. Matters arising from 17 October 2012 meeting

Item 11 – The Summer League AGM will now be held on Wednesday 13th March at Buckerell Lodge as the original date agreed (12th March) was unavailable. Roger Wilkins is unable to present trophies as he is away. *(Post meeting – Paddy English agreed to present the trophies).*

4. Report by Winter League Match Secretary

Rosemary reported that the teams are progressing well. However, some matches have been cancelled due to bad weather. Teams are re-arranging their fixtures and Rosemary has emailed the captains for their dates. Scorecards are coming in and the website has been updated. It is expected that matches will be completed by the deadline. There was one appeal. Andy thanked Rosemary for her hard work.

5. Report by Treasurer

The report was circulated in advance. The figures are all correct. Andy endorsed Catriona's recommendation that fees remain at £6 and this was unanimously agreed. The payment forms will be circulated with the agenda to encourage clubs to bring their fees to the AGM. Joan Bolden will try and get a phone number for Mrs Knightley re the account name for the website. *(Post meeting – phone number has been passed to Maureen).*

6. Entries and proposed Divisions for Summer League

Ladies – Maureen circulated proposals in order to try to re-organise the divisions to make them more even, as this was requested by some clubs at the 2012 AGM. Some divisions had 8 teams and some only had 6 teams in last year. A total of 43 teams have entered the league this year. After a lengthy, full discussion, the committee voted in favour of division 1 with 8 teams and 7 teams in the rest of the divisions.

Men's – Maureen also circulated proposals for the mens' divisions. With a total of 64 teams entered the committee voted for 8 divisions of 8 teams.

Okehampton have entered 2 teams into the league this year, teams B & C, they wish to withdraw their A team from Division 2, as they have lost A team players. The committee decided that Okehampton will have to appeal to the AGM if they wish to withdraw one of their top 2 teams. The rules state that the lowest team should be withdrawn. In order to be able to complete the fixtures, all last year's 3 teams from Okehampton have been entered into the league in their current positions. The team that the AGM agree that Okehampton can withdraw will have their fixtures expunged from that division.

Maureen will publish the new divisions on the website, with a covering paragraph explaining the rules and reasons for the choices made. The deadline for clubs to comment is Monday 11 February. Maureen will also send a copy direct to Budleigh Salterton and Sidmouth Tennis Clubs.

7. Rules

No comments from clubs have been presented to Nicki yet. Andy emphasised that any clubs who do not attend the winter AGM will not be able to play in the league, as stated in the rules. Maureen proposed that the summer AGM be brought forward to early February allowing her more time to organise the league and the clubs the opportunity to object to the proposed leagues in person before the fixtures are started. The Committee were in favour of this and Andy will draft a double rule change and circulate to Catriona, Maureen and Nicki, for discussion at the AGM . He will also speak to Frankie Peroni (East Devon League) as a courtesy. *(Post meeting – no rule change required, Andy spoke to Frankie).*

8. Arrangements and Agenda for AGM on 13 March 2013

- The AGM will take place at Buckerell Lodge 13 March at 7.00 pm.
- Maureen will contact John Brown and Paddy English regarding the presentation of trophies.
- The Okehampton request will be item 7a under Match Secretary's Report.
- AOB items - Nicki to be notified by 1 March.
- Footfaulting query – LTA rules will be checked before speaking to Phil Plummer about circulating his document at the AGM.

9. Committee and officers for 2013-14

All members present agreed to stay on the Committee. Andy will check with Wendy and also thanked those present for staying on the committee. *(Post meeting – Wendy also agreed to stay on).*

10. Appeal Procedure

Andy thanked Catriona for writing the Appeal Procedure which was vigorously discussed. The fixture secretary is allowed to participate in the appeals process.

11. Any other business

- Civil Service TC may change their name.
- Cranford have a new men's team. This will be in item 7(b) on the summer AGM agenda.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm
