

EXETER AND DISTRICT LAWN TENNIS LEAGUE

Committee Meeting at Victoria Park Tennis Club

Wednesday 16 October 2013 at 7.00 pm

MINUTES

Catriona Batty, Rosemary Browne, Peter Clarke, Andy Malcolm (Chairman), Maureen Sowerby, Nicki Keele, Matthew Wheadon, Wendy Smith

1. Apologies

David Carter, Joan Bolden.

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 29 January 2013

Agreed and signed by Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the above meeting

- **Item 8** – Des Shears presented the trophies at the AGM in March.
- **Website** - Catriona contacted Louise Knightley and she is now the contact for bills.

4. Match Secretary's report on Summer League season (and any other matters)

(Annex 1). The starting times of all matches will be put on the website in future. Andy thanked Maureen very much on behalf of everyone in the league for her hard work, it is much appreciated.

The next two items were discussed by the Committee and will be brought up by Andy Malcolm at the next AGM.

- a) A team in the men's league registered a County champion in their B team this summer. Should coaches and high ranked players play in B teams? Do we need guidelines?
- b) Falsifying score cards. Andy Malcolm outlined the incident between the two men's teams during the summer and how he, in consultation with members of the executive committee, reached the conclusion of fining both teams. The Committee discussed what should happen if it occurs again. The Committee will put forward a new proposal for the AGM. *The team captain (or person responsible?) should be suspended from the league for a time defined by the severity (not less than a calendar year).*

5. Winter League Match Secretary's report

Rosemary Browne reported that only two fixtures have been rained off. Unfortunately, two matches have been conceded and one team received a penalty for a late score card. She suggested adding the closing date on the registration form next year. Fixtures and dates are now on the website and the results are up to date. From now on results will be updated every week-end. If no matches have been played then only the date will be entered. If Rosemary is away, she will put the next expected date for results on the website so that people won't have to keep checking the website unnecessarily. The format for the Winter League web pages will be changed by Maureen in order to make accessing information easier. Andy Malcolm thanked Rosemary for her hard work.

6. Treasurer's Report

Catriona Batty circulated the report in advance. The financial situation is healthy and it was proposed that the team fees be reduced to £3.00 per team for both next year's leagues, to be agreed at the next AGM.

7. Collection of trophies

Wendy Smith offered to collect the trophies and pass them on to Andy Malcolm as soon as possible (before 13th January).

8. Date and venues for AGM and spring Committee Meeting

Friday 3 January 2014 - Applications to go out.

Friday 24 January 2014 – Closing date for applications.

Monday 27 January 2014 - Committee Meeting (Catriona to book venue).

1 February 2014 - Deadline for proposals.

Wednesday 5 February 2014 (or Thursday 6 February) – AGM at Buckerell Lodge (Catriona to book).

The League will start during the first week of April.

9. Any other business

None

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

20.10.2013

Annex 1

Exeter and District Lawn Tennis League Match Secretary Report for AGM 2013

Maureen Sowerby – March 13th 2013

1: Introduction

The 2013 season finished on time with no matches unfinished. Budleigh ladies and Sidmouth men were the first teams to finish on schedule with no postponements.

Fines were necessary as follows:--. 2 Ladies teams and 8 Men's team failed to field a team, (Seaton B twice). This is the highest number of men's teams defaulting for quite some time. 4 ladies teams and 4 mens teams (Seaton C twice) were fined for playing un-registered players.

Web site updated with full fixture list and results as they came in. **Score cards now improving, although I did receive one dog chewed card!**

Score cards seems to be working well now – some captains are still trying to photograph them on their mobile phones but then scanned them once I refused to accept them.

Both the men's and ladies 2nd placed team in Div 2 declined promotion up into Div 1.

2: Results

Ladies:-

Div	Champions	Runners-up	Relegated	Fined 8pts No team	Fined 2pts Unreg.player	Late S/C	Unf. Matches
1	Exeter G & C.Club A	Torquay A	Sidford	Torquay A			
2	Seaton A	Tunnels	Exeter G & C.Club B Kingsteignton A		Budleigh Salterton A		
3	Victoria Park B	Sidmouth A	Okehampton Newton Abbot		Torquay C		
4	David Lloyd A	Bovey Tracey	Tiverton Dawlish	Dawlish	Teign Valley A Budleigh Salterton B		
5	Newton St.Cyres B	David Lloyd B	Chagford B Exeter G & C.Club D		D.lloyd 2pts Seaton B*		
6	Teignmouth	Sidmouth B	re-apply Teign Valley B				

*Both teams fined 2 points for not playing fixture on correct date due to both teams having wrong times.

Mens:-

Div	Champions	Runners-up	Relegated	Fined 8pts	Fined 2pts	Late	Unf.
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				No team	Unreg/illegal .player	S/C	Matches
1	Torquay A	Exeter G & C Club	Torquay B	Torquay A Exeter G & C.Club A			
2	Kingsteignton A	Seaton A	Okehampton A Exeter G & C Club B	24 – Torquay C 32 – S.Pevl B 8- Exeter B	Exeter B		
3	Teignmouth A	Willand A	Exeter C Tunnels A				
4	Lympstone	V.Park C	Dawlish B Exeter D				
5	C.Service B	Kingsteignton C	Seaton B V.Park D	Seaton B x 2	Kingsteignton C		
6	David Lloyd A	David Lloyd B	Tipton St.John B Lympstone B	Lympstone B			
7	Teignmouth B	Kingsteignton D	N.St.Cyres D Tunnels B	Tunnels B	Seaton C x 2 Woodbury B		
8	Torquay D	Ottery St.Mary	re-apply Kingsteignton F	Kingsteignton F Sidmouth B		Kings F No card	

Ladies Div 2 Tunnels do not want to go up into Div 1

Mens Div 2 Seaton do not want to go up into Div 1.

3: Start of Season Problems

Registration Forms all received by 17th April after several reminders. Some captains very lazy and just emailing the names, but I insisted on them completing the proper form.

Very good response to the fixture list this year with only a few teams moving matches – no matches moved by Tunnels and only 1 by Seaton ☺

Teams still trying to move matches after closing date and also still trying to move matches outside the league rules, by saying both captains agree to moving the match ☹

Problems with not receiving score cards – teams say they sent them from iphones, ipads etc.. Also now saying 'lost in post'. Sally Simmons from Bovey said she emailed it from work – eventually got transmission report but had to point out to her that it actually said nothing 0 bytes sent!!! It did have my name on the report though so had to let it go with a warning, that I wouldn't accept that as an excuse in future.

4: Complaints/Problems

Sampford Peverell sent in a registration for Bruce Wheatley for their B team. Even though I warned them that he should be in the A he did play one match for the B. I then sent another email saying that I had moved his registration myself to the A and that if he played again for the B the team would be fined accordingly.

Email received from Steve Sheward re David Lloyd players being rated too high for Div 6 and asking for them to be put up into a higher division next year. He said he had been gathering support from the teams in their division for them to be put up. Only 1 email received in support of this from a player at Tipton which was not supported by his club. – Andy to discuss this.

Email and phone call from Cranford men re Torquay D playing juniors in team.
Several emails received from David Lloyd captains about juniors playing in the league.

Exeter Golf club registered Richard Couch at the end of the season for an important match. He was registered for Dawlish for this year but had not played a match for them. He is not a member of the Golf club but is employed on a part time basis by the club. Andy to discuss this.

Are paid employees of a club who are not fully paid up members allowed to play in the league.

Serious case of falsifying score card for a match that was not played between Torquay Men's C and S.Peverell B. Fines imposed of 24 points and the match awarded to Torquay C. Email received from a player at Willand asking what penalties the league placed on the players involved. I emailed back saying it was the clubs responsibility to do this. Apologies received from Chairman of both clubs. Unfortunately although both teams were fined heavily, they did not lose their place in Division 2. I have had emails saying the penalties weren't harsh enough and that both teams should have been relegated in the 2014 season.

Dispute between David Lloyd D and Seaton B ladies over the timing of their match. Team captains did not liaise with one another over the correct time. DL arrived at 10.30am but Seaton had booked the courts for 12noon. No times entered on their registration forms, although Seaton B captain did contact the teams in their division with the revised times. Unfortunately the person contacted for D.L. was not the correct captain and she did not pass the message on. Both teams fined 2 points for not playing the match on the correct date, but allowed to re-arrange.

5: Web Site

Website working well and lots of positive feedback received. Special mention to Max Goss from Victoria Park who helped me with the issue of the pages not uploading fully i.e. one page uploading straight away whilst the next sometimes didn't publish all the info in one go. This is mainly down to the slow broadband speeds in Brixham area, but he did give me some help in re-coding some of the pages to help them load more quickly.