

# Banbury and District Tennis Leagues

Minutes of AGM  
15th February 2018  
Brackley Tennis Club

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## **Present**

Colin Mercer (League Chairman), Trevor Stevens (League Treasurer), Art Kharlamov (League Secretary), Caroline Morland (Harbury), Geoff Ward (Deddington), Trevor Barnes (Towcestrians), George Newton (Towcestrians), Val Christie (Middleton Cheney), Paul Christie (Middleton Cheney), Lizzie Cooke (Warwick), Ian McGivern (Warwick), Sylvia Wilcox (Tysoe), Liz Finlyson (Tysoe), Rob Jones (Banbury West End), Debbie Richens (Charlbury), Graham Ross (Charlbury), Shirley Griffith (Brackley), Richard Stidworthy (Banbury)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. by welcoming all attendees and thanking Brackley for arranging the meeting venue, food and drinks.

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Stephanie Beesly (Priors Marston), Clare Postins (Napton) and Sandra Parsons (Kings Sutton)

The following clubs also had no representatives attending the meeting:

- Byfield
- Hook Norton
- Marsh Gibbon (no entries for 2018)

## **2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (16th February 2017)**

The Minutes were circulated. They had been previously posted on the Banbury Tennis Leagues website. The Chairman asked the meeting to review them page by page and asked whether there were any questions, comments or corrections. There were none.

Rob Jones (Banbury West End) proposed the Minutes be accepted. The proposal was seconded by Trevor Barnes (Towcestrians) and the Minutes were accepted by all those present.

## **3. Matters arising from the Minutes**

The Chairman asked if there were any further matters arising from the Minutes. There were none.

## **4. Secretary's Report**

The League Secretary then delivered his report which was accepted by the meeting attendees. The summary is available on the League website. He summarised the changes which took place since last AGM and the improvements which were made to the website and the new Playwaze driven score entry and table generating system. He has also congratulated the teams who have achieved exceptional result in the Summer and Summer Weekend Leagues.

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

A written report was circulated although mistakenly for the previous year. The Treasurer however had the latest copy which he has interpreted to everyone present and then passed to the audience to review. It is available on the [banburytennisleagues.com](http://banburytennisleagues.com) website.

The Treasurer highlighted that the income over expenditure had improved last year and he has also explained that the surplus has increased from £147.70 to £813.99 because the winter fees are not yet accounted for while they were already accounted for in the same period last year.

The Treasurer then raised a question of a cost of living increase of the League Secretary's honorarium. He proposed to increase the half a year fee to £575 from the current £550 as per his previous discussions with the Chairman. The Chairman then asked the meeting to approve the accounts as presented and to vote on the honorarium increase.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Sylvia Wilcox (Tysoe), seconded by Paul Christie (Middleton Cheney) and carried unanimously.

The honorarium increase was approved and carried unanimously by a show of hands.

## **6. Election of Officers**

The Chairman and Treasurer once again expressed their willingness to stand for another year, but both have given a notice that they would like to step down same time next year.

The Secretary expressed his willingness to continue in his role unless someone else would like to take over.

There were no further nominations and the Chairman asked whether the meeting is happy to re-elect current Committee en bloc.

This carried unanimously by a show of hands.

The Chairman thanked the meeting and asked to be on a look out for potential new volunteers to be committee members and that a reminder will be issued about half way through the year.

## **7. Proposals**

There were 3 proposals. They are attached to these minutes and also available on [banburytennisleagues.com](http://banburytennisleagues.com) website

### **1. *Away match fees for teams who use other team's floodlit courts for home matches.***

Rob Jones from Banbury West End explained that the proposal as printed was actually incorrect and what he is proposing is that the fees for the teams who use other team's floodlit courts for their home matches are increased to £4.50 The fees for the rest of teams to remain at current £3.50

The proposal was discussed, and it was noted that not all the clubs will be affected by this change therefore it was perhaps not appropriate for everyone to vote. The Chairman than stated that the clubs who are affected did not object this change and proposed to accept it on this basis.

The proposal was approved unanimously by show of hands.

2. *Propose to clarify Rule 2*

*Unlimited fixture changes within the period of the League (October to March) are allowed before a deadline date which is also posted on the League website.*

*After the deadline date each team is allowed to change one fixture which should be agreed with the opposing team and notified to the League Secretary as soon as possible via the link on the website.*

After extensive discussion it was unanimously decided to replace the wording of Rule 2 to read as follows:

*Unlimited fixture changes within the period of the League (October to March) are allowed before a deadline date which is also posted on the League website.*

*After the published start of the season each team has a right to reschedule one match without incurring any penalties as long as 48 hours notice is given to the opposing captain and match secretary.*

3. *Possibility of a Ladies Doubles League over the winter (weekends or weekdays.)*

The proposal was discussed but not enough clubs were able to field a team to make such a league viable.

The proposal was not accepted.

4. *Currently there is a discrepancy between the league rules and the way in which Playwaze is working out the league position in the event of a tie on sets won.*

Proposal to replace the rule:

16. One point will be awarded to each team for each set won in each rubber. In the event of a tie on points, the League positions will be decided by the total number of games won in all rubbers played.

With the following text:

16. One point will be awarded to each team for each set won in each rubber. In the event of a tie on points, the League positions will be decided by the difference between the total number of games won and the total number of games lost in all rubbers played.

The proposal was voted on and carried unanimously

The Chairman then clarified that the change to Rule 2 will apply to all league formats.

## 8. Formation of the 2018 Summer League

At the time of the AGM it was understood that there were 28 teams entered.

The meeting was asked to consider:

The meeting was asked to consider an option of 4 Divisions with 7 teams in each division. As no alternatives were proposed this option was put to the vote and accepted unanimously.

A discussion then took place in which some teams asked, where possible, not to have back to back home and away matches. The preferred option is to have home and away matches against the same team some time apart i.e. reverse fixtures.

**Secretary's Post Meeting Note:** Shortly after AGM it has become apparent that there was a misunderstanding between Rob Jones and myself in that Banbury West End C was entered ( but not D ) and therefore we now have 29 Summer Weekday teams – not 28 as it was presented at the AGM.

Because of this we therefore no longer can have a 4 Divisions of 7 teams in each agreed at AGM.

I have since circulated two options:

- a) Four Divisions : 7, 7, 7, 8
- b) Five Divisions : 7, 7, 6, 5, 4

The majority of clubs responding supported option a), one club supporting option b) and one club remaining "neutral". I discussed this with the Chairman whose view was that option a) was what the clubs had voted for.

## 9. Formation of the 2018 Summer Weekend League

One option was proposed which is copied below.

From the entries received it was clear that the Mens division is not going to be viable as only two teams have entered.

There were 4 entries in each of the Ladies and Mixed divisions.

The Secretary informed the meeting that he has asked Byfield Tennis Club whether they will be able to field a Ladies and a Mixed team (last year they had 3 weekend teams but they have not entered any this time) and is waiting for their response.

The Chairman then asked to approve the proposal for either 4 or 5 teams in Ladies and Mixed division. It was carried unanimously by show of hands.

**Secretary's Post Meeting Note:** Byfield confirmed they would be entering both the Ladies and Mixed Divisions.

## 10. Any Other Business

The Chairman asked if there was any other business.

a) A question was raised regarding teams playing tactically and forming their Pair1 and 2 after the Mens and Ladies Rubbers are played in order to potentially maximise their points and potentially not listing players in order of their playing abilities as stipulated in Rule 15.

Rule 15

*15. Teams will consist of 2 men and 2 ladies who should be listed in order of their playing ability. The match will consist of 1 ladies' doubles, 1 men's doubles and 2 mixed doubles. Each rubber will consist of 2 sets, a tie-break to be played at 6-6 each set.*

It was pointed out that it was not clear when the pairs should be declared and perhaps because of that we may need a change of the rule.

After a lengthy discussion the Chairman said that as there was no formal proposal to change the league rules at this AGM, no further progress could be made. It was left to clubs to decide if they wished to pursue a change at the 2019 AGM giving the required 14 days notice.

b) The secretary then asked the clubs to remind their captains to make sure that they are using the new Playwaze style scorecards for recording results after the match. Using hand written notes lead to many errors.

The Chairman suggested the Secretary send a reminder email to match secretaries with new scorecards attached and ask them to forward them to their team captains.

The reminder about expanded help section on BTL website was also agreed to be added to the same email.

c) Rob Jones then spoke about a new Banburyshire Tennis Project which is about building new indoor tennis courts in Banbury and some other smaller projects. He invited all interested parties to contact him for more information. The chairman encouraged the clubs to participate and pointed out that the more interest that come in the more chances of success.

There being no further business to attend to the meeting closed at 9:17 p.m.

## **Formation of 2018 Summer League (Midweek)**

### **Division 1**

- 1 Byfield A
- 2 Banbury A
- 3 Banbury West End A
- 4 Hook Norton A
- 5 Brackley A
- 6 Charlbury A
- 7 Deddington A

### **Division 2**

- 1 Middleton Cheney A
- 2 Kings Sutton A
- 3 Byfield B
- 4 Banbury West End B
- 5 Deddington B
- 6 Banbury B
- 7 Hook Norton B

### **Division 3**

- 1 Charlbury B
- 2 Middleton Cheney B
- 3 Byfield C
- 4 Byfield D
- 5 Tysoe A
- 6 Banbury C
- 7 Harbury

### **Division 4**

- 1 Brackley B
- 2 Hook Norton C
- 3 Deddington C
- 4 Kings Sutton B
- 5 Brackley C
- 6 Deddington D
- 7 Hook Norton D

## **Formation 2018 Summer League (Weekend)**

### **Ladies**

- 1 Warwick Ladies
  - 2 Kings Sutton Ladies
  - 3 Middleton Cheney Ladies
  - 4 Napton Ladies
- Byfield Ladies?

### **Mixed**

- 1 Harbury Mixed
  - 2 Towcestrians Mixed
  - 3 Priors Marston Mixed A
  - 4 Priors Marston Mixed B
- Byfield Mixed?

### **Mens**

- 1 Middleton Cheney Mens
- 2 Towcestrians Mens