

Banbury and District Tennis Leagues

Minutes of AGM

23rd March 2021

Online – Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present

Mark Wolton (League Chairman, Banbury West End), Trevor Stevens (League Treasurer), Art Kharlamov (League Secretary), Sandra Parsons (Kings Sutton), Keith Britchford (Byfield), Judy Kirk (Charlbury), Nigel Eaton (Harbury), June Ward (Deddington), Helen Harman (Middleton Cheney), Steve Drummond (Banbury), Renato Lusardi (Hook Norton), Sylvia Wilcox (Tysoe), Lizzie Cooke (Warwick)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:39 p.m. by welcoming all attendees and saying thank you for attending via Microsoft Teams.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received, Maureen McAree (Towcestrians, Claire Postins (Napton), Liz Forbes (Charlbury) and Shirley Griffith (Brackley)

The following clubs also had no representatives attending the meeting:

- Priors Marston

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (28th January 2020)

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.

Richard Stidworthy (Banbury) proposed the Minutes be accepted. The proposal was seconded by June Ward (Deddington) 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 challenges the Leagues faced since the last AGM and the problems due to some technical difficulties with Playwaze which were outside of our control. He has also congratulated the teams who have achieved exceptional results in the Summer and Summer Weekend Leagues and highlighted that we have very few entries in Ladies and Mixed Weekend Leagues which could be therefore in danger of not continuing next year. The secretary also summarised the situation with Covid lockdowns which have resulted with the cancellation of the 2020 Summer and Summer Weekend leagues the 2020-2021 Floodlit and Winter Leagues were only played about 25%

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer was not present at this point and therefore the chairman presented a copy of the accounts for Year Ended 31st January 2021 which he

summarised and reviewed on the screen sharing via Teams. It is available on the banburytennisleagues.com website.

The Chairman highlighted that the accounts looked similar to a usual year and Renato Serena also added that the accounts were solvent.

The Leagues Secretary explained what was his understanding regarding the fees paid to date for the cancelled leagues and that they were used to compensate clubs for the following season.

A new £180 (£124 - 30% discounted for 2021) per year Playwaze fee was also discussed and all agreed that it was not a reason to change platform.

When the Treasurer finally joined the call the Chairman then said that the meeting approve the accounts as presented and this carried unanimously.

6. Election of Officers

The Chairman reminded the meeting that it was previously agreed that the role of Chairman would be on a revolving basis whereby club names will be picked "out of the hat" annually but if it will help, he is willing to continue as Chairman if there will be no other nominations.

There were no other nominations and therefore the meeting accepted that the Chairman will continue for another year.

The chairman then reminded that the Treasurer would like to step down and as there was no volunteers and the Treasurer agreed to stay for another year the meeting has decided to select a club using ad PickerWheel.com.

A wheel containing all leagues clubs was spun and Tysoe was selecting as a nominating club for the treasurer to start after 2022 AGM.

Sylvia Wilcox representing Tysoe said that she knows what is involved in the treasurer role and as long as they have enough time it should not be a problem for Tysoe to find a candidate.

The discussion was also held about how long a treasurer should stay in position and everyone agreed that this role is difficult to change on a yearly basis because the signature in the bank will need to be updated etc.

The meeting agreed that Tysoe will nominate a candidate as per Picker Wheel selection rules some other club can find a volunteer. The meeting agreed that all clubs will be actively looking for a volunteer because this would be the best solution.

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

The Chairman then asked whether the meeting is happy to re-elect current Chairman and Leagues Secretary, and this carried unanimously.

The Chairman thanked the meeting and asked to be on a look out for potential new volunteers to be committee members.

7. Proposals

There was no proposals put forward for the 2021 AGM

8. Formation of the 2021 Summer and New Summer Weekend Leagues

The meeting discussed the situation regarding Lockdowns/Covid-19, abandoned and not completed leagues and the best way forward considering highly uncertain situation.

The Leagues Secretary proposed the following two options for discussions:

- 1) Continue and complete our Floodlit/Winter Leagues through the summer as we did in 2020 and abandon the summer leagues for 2021.
- 2) Abandon partially played 2020-2021 Floodlit/Winter Leagues and start the summer leagues as formed for abandoned 2020 summer season

During discussions it became very obvious that the majority of clubs preference was to abandon the 2020-2021 Floodlit/Winter Leagues and to play the Summer Leagues.

The meeting also discussed how the 2021-2022 Floodlit and Winter leagues should be formed later in the year. After much discussion a decision was made to decide on whether the Floodlit and Winter leagues will be started fresh later in the year between June and September depending on the Covid situation and any potential lockdowns.

It was agreed that that the clubs will play the leagues fees for the 2021 Summer and News leagues and any the fees from the 2020-21 Floodlit and Winter Leagues will be used towards 2021-2022 entries.

The meeting also discussed any potential difficulties which may arise from any new lockdowns, new tiers system etc.

Finally discussed and decided that no food will be provided after the matches until further notice.

9. Any Other Business

The Chairman asked if there was any other business.

There being no further business to attend to the meeting closed at 9:44 p.m.

**Formation of 2021 Summer League (Midweek) (
as per 2020 entries – further entries can be
added or removed on request by clubs until the
new fixtures are released)**

Option 1 - preserving promotions

Division 1

Byfield A

Hook Norton A

Charlbury A

Banbury A

Kings Sutton A

Banbury West End A

Byfield B

Deddington B

Division 2

Middleton Cheney A

Deddington A

Brackley A

Hook Norton B

Harbury

Middleton Cheney B

Charlbury B

Division 3

Byfield C

Byfield D

Brackley B

Banbury West End B

Kings Sutton B

Hook Norton C

Division 4

Tysoe A

Banbury C

Deddington C

Deddington D

Banbury West End C

Brackley C

Hook Norton D

Formation 2021 Summer League (Weekend)
(See note above about adding new teams)

Ladies

Byfield Ladies
Warwick Ladies
Kings Sutton Ladies

Mixed

Harbury Mixed
Priors Marston A
Byfield Mixed
Kings Sutton Mixed
Towcestrians Mixed