

BANBURY WINTER & FLOODLIT LEAGUES

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on MONDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2010

Present: Trevor Stevens (Treasurer); Jackie Robinson (Secretary): CLUBS
REPRESENTED: Banbury West End (Sue Jelfs & Helen Brain); Byfield (Matt Clarke); Kings Sutton (Nigel Hicks); Warwick (Steve Drummond & Gemma Sharp); Deddington (June Ward); Banbury (Steve Rogers)); Charlbury:
(Alison Hopewell); Hook Norton (David Hudson); Tysoe (Julie Smart);
Brackley (S Griffith); Marsh Gibbon (Mike Sipple); Towcester (Barbara Parsons); Middleton Cheney (Paul Christie & Garry Liversage).

Sue Jelfs (BWE) Chairman for 2010, opened the Meeting and welcomed the delegates.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None received.

MINUTES OF 2009 MEETING: (Thursday 3rd September 2009)

Distributed with notice of the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

None

Proposed by *Deddington* and **Seconded** by *Banbury West End* that the Minutes be accepted as a true record. Passed unanimously.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Jackie produced this written 'report' which was distributed at the Meeting.

WINTER LEAGUE

Re-Entry PRIORS MARSTON: Rob Morrissey is the team captain and coach. He had asked to put in two teams and bearing in mind the past I suggested perhaps they should start with one team. Rob assures me that "they are not the same club now with a new committee". He says they have sufficient competitive players wanting to play league tennis. We therefore welcome Priors Marston back with two teams in the Winter League.

FLOODLIT LEAGUE

I received a phone call from Martin Schallard asking if his club could enter our Floodlit League as they had just acquired lights for its two courts. The club is **Offchurch** near Leamington Spa and situated some 6-7 miles north of Harbury.

Unfortunately, the club has no clubhouse and Martin asked if they were to provide refreshments. He thought it might be a problem, which, of course, it is, especially in the winter nights. I have suggested that Martin should contact us again when and if they acquire some sort of clubhouse.

I am tendering my resignation as of the end of these coming leagues which I will , of course, complete in every sense... i.e. certificates, etc. This will allow some 5 months to find a replacement in time for the AGM in February.

I'm sure there is someone within your club who would be willing to take on the job, so please do your best to find that person.

Prospective Candidate: Charkbury asked to whom should a prospective candid for the Secretary's post be directed? Agreed – to Jackie.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Trevor Stevens (Treasurer) had distributed a copy of the breakdown of the accounts prior to the start of the Meeting.

Trevor reported that there was a small increase of income over expenditure – i.e. £20.52 (£305.02 deficit £209/10). Jackie was frugal with her expenses and match cards not being printed now.

It was agreed unanimously that the Accounts be accepted

FORMATION OF WINTER & FLOODLIT LEAGUES

A list of Proposed Divisions for 2010/2011 was distributed by Jackie.

Floodlit League: New Entry: Brackley

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Proposed; *Priors Marston;* **Seconded:** *Harbury* that the following divisions be accepted. Passed unanimously.

FLOODLIT

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
Deddington 1	Kings Sutton 2	Towcester 1	Deddington 4
Brackley 1	Deddington 2	Hook Norton 2	Towcester 2
Kings Sutton 1	Charlbury	Banbury West End 2	Brackley 3
Byfield 1	Marsh Gibbon 2	Harbury	Brackley 4
Hook Norton 1	Byfield 2	Kings Sutton 3	Deddington 3
Middleton Cheney 1	Brackley 2	Middleton Cheney 2	Buckingham
Banbury West End 1	Marsh Gibbon 1	Hook Norton C	Byfield 3

Winter League: *New entries:* Warwick D and Priors Marston A & B: **Withdrawn**: Hook Norton C.

Proposed:: *Charlbury*; **Seconded:** *Middleton Cheney* that he following divisions be accepted. Passed unanimously.

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
Banbury West End	Charlbury A	Banbury B	Charlbury B
Byfield A	Warwick C	Banbury C	Middleton Cheney B
Warwick A	Middleton Cheney A	Byfield D	Tysoe B
Warwick B	Deddington	Tysoe A	Warwick D
Banbury A	Hook Norton A	Hook Norton B	Harbury
Byfield B	Byfield C	Priors Marston A	Priors Marston B

PROPOSALS: None received.

RULES – Amendments: No changes.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sue Jelfs (BWE) asked what could be done regarding the necessity of floodlights and the cost if a Summer League match is late starting and finishing? The shorter evenings in the early and late months with the Summer League is a factor. Sue said there have been many times when lights had to be switched on and with the cost at £2.50 per half hour perhaps the visiting team could pay this and claim it back from its club?

Light bulbs are costly and the maintenance of them is quite expensive. It would be helpful if Sue could get the real cost per court and record how many times the lights have had to be used to complete a match. Another factor is the switching off time which is not uniform - BWE and Banbury have a 10.00 pm cut off but others have an earlier shut down. It was suggested that a match, albeit there is a recorded starting time of 6.30 or 7.00 pm, can start anytime if both clubs agree – the earlier the better!!

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It was suggested that this should be on the Agenda for the AGM in February.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

The **Chairman**, **Sue Jelfs**, presented Certificates to the Winners and Runners Up in the 2009/2010 Winter and Floodlit Leagues.

WINTER LEAGUE

WINNERS

Division 1: Byfield A; Division 2: BWE; Division 3: Byfield C; Division 4: Banbury C.

RUNNERS UP

Division 1: Banbury A; Division 2: Byfield B; Division 3: Deddington; Division 4: Byfield D

FLOODLIT LEAGUE

WINNERS

Division 1: Byfield 1; **Division 2:** Deddington 2; **Division 3:** Charlbury;

Division 4: Harbury

RUNNERS UP

Division 1: Brackley 1; Division 2; Middleton Cheney 1; Division 3: Byfield 2;

Division 4: Hook Norton 3

With no further business to discuss the Chairman wished everyone an enjoyable winter of tennis.

The Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

My Last Message! 17 February 2011

Did I hear you say 'good'? After eleven years as Secretary of BTL, I actually feel quite sad to leave you but it is time to move on.

There have been many changes during those years, which I feel the Leagues are all the better for them. As always, there are exceptions! My annual moan about the match results have fallen on deaf ears for some participants – but, you can't win them all – I mean my requests not matches!!

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As you know by now, I am handing over to Nick Adams and he has already jumped in with two feet, with up-to-date programmes for on line fixtures, results, etc. I feel sure the Leagues are in good hands and will continue to thrive.

Those eleven years will always be recorded in my memory and thank you so much for allowing me to be part of your Leagues. Life will be very quiet from now on but there will be no excuses for not getting to work on the garden – and, elsewhere! My dog, Cindy, will keep me relatively fit – hopefully!

M y very best wishes to you all for many happy and enjoyable tennis matches in the months, and years to come.

GOODBYE!

Jackie