

North Somerset Tennis League AGM Minutes

Thursday 12th September 2013, 7.30pm at Winscombe Tennis Club

David Pottow welcomed Len May, President, and representatives from all of the 21 clubs in the League.

1. **Apologies for absence:** No apologies were received.
2. **Minutes:** Minutes had been circulated to all clubs prior to the meeting and were unanimously accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Nailsea. Seconded: Lympsham

3. **Matters arising:** Clubs are happy with not having Summer League booklets and taking the fixtures offline.
4. **Chairman's Report follows**

David Pottow, Chairman, welcomed everyone to the 45th AGM.

He said it had been a very successful year, and for once the weather was on our side so there were few postponements.

He congratulated all the Champions for the season's competition:

Ladies - Bridgwater A Men - Clevedon A (Summer League)

Winter - Woodland A Vets - Bridgwater (Winter League)

and also all those who won their divisions. Without all the players in the various divisions the League would not be so successful.

Again last year no Mixed doubles tournament was held and it appears that there are not sufficient couples for this year. Do you still want one?

He did not want to break with tradition over the past 45 years so felt he must mention cards - completion and posting. Both are improving but there is still some concern with posting and it always seems to be the same clubs responsible. He could not understand why clubs do not question their lack of results each week when they are published and not wait for either Philip or himself to question why results are missing.

Over the past year there is evidence that some of our rules need amending or updating. This again would come up for discussion later in the meeting.

With the change of Treasurer last year, it took until Christmas to get all the necessary changes made. It had also become obvious that we should consider a Vice Chairman to shadow the existing Chairman for continuity. This to be considered when voting later for officers.

He thanked all the Committee this year for their input. Philip for the time and effort keeping the website up to date, also Carole for taking on the Treasurer's job from Liz and helping him to sort out the documentation required by the banks. Not forgetting the Secretary, Chris, for correlating the Winter matches. He reminded clubs to send

in their fixtures to the Secretary by Oct. 31st to save the Secretary chasing clubs for them.

He also thanked his wife, Jane, for helping him with the typing and checking before sending out letters during the year and also for sorting out the envelopes and shields last night before the AGM.

Finally, David said that this will be his last year as League Chairman - should you vote for him again this year. He said he has been honoured to hold the post as Chairman, but believed that after 14 years that is long enough, and felt a fresh face would be beneficial.

5. **Secretary's Report:** Chris Wilson (Wedmore) reported that he had enjoyed his year as League Secretary and thanked the clubs for getting the fixtures to him. He welcomed Christine Leach (Weston) as the Secretary for the 2013/14 season.
6. **Treasurer's Report/Subscriptions:** Carole Carter said she was honoured to be asked to be Treasurer although it was in very sad circumstances due to the death of Liz Yeo. She recommended that the league fees stay the same as at present. The interest paid on the NSTL account is only 0.8% but that is the best rate available at present.
The accounts were accepted
Proposed: Wedmore. Seconded: Clevedon
7. **Election of Chairman and Committee:** David Pottow said that Peter Hucker was willing to take on the role of Vice Chairman with a view to stepping into the Chairman's role when he steps down in September 2014.

Peter Hucker took over from David Pottow for the election of the **Chairman**. He congratulated David for being Chairman for 13 years and thanked him for all his hard work. Proposed: Trull. Seconded: Winscombe

David Pottow then took over the meeting for the election of the other officers:

Vice Chairman: Peter Hucker. Proposed: Carole Carter (Brent Knoll).
Seconded: Philip Hunt (Winscombe)

Treasurer: Carole Carter. Proposed: Peter Hucker (Winscombe). Seconded: Claire Walker (Wrington)

The new **Secretary** was introduced as Christine Leach from Weston.

The **committee members** remain as before and were voted in en block:
Charlie Hart (Lympsham). Nathan Walker (Wrington). Philip Hunt (Winscombe)

8. **Amendments to rules: Rule 11:** It was agreed by the members present that when matches are postponed two dates on different days of the week within two weeks of the original play date should be offered to the away team.

Proposed: Minehead. Seconded Woodland

Rule 18: A player may only represent one club in a season and must be a fully paid up member for that season, not temporary or a visitor. Any rubber involving a

ineligible player shall be forfeited 6-0 6-0 and the match points adjusted accordingly. If the rubber is lost, the club shall be deducted 2 points.

Proposed: Wrington. Seconded: Winscombe

The posting of cards is still a problem as they are still not arriving on time. The cards need to be posted to arrive by the Saturday following the match. The clubs that do not send in cards on time will be named and shamed on the website. If the match is postponed it was suggested Philip Hunt should be notified. Carole Carter suggested letting the Secretary know so an email can be sent to Philip Hunt.

David Pottow said that if results are not shown on the website, the relevant club should follow this up within in a week of the results being published rather than leave it for three weeks. The Summer League results are put on the website every Sunday evening. If the results are not there and the card has been sent, Philip Hunt should be notified immediately.

- 9. Resignations and New Applications for the League:** There were three applications for the Veterans League in the winter. These are Victoria, Clevedon B and Avenue. As a result there will now be two Veterans Divisions, 5 teams in Div 1 and 6 teams in Div 2.

In the ladies summer league Div 7, Avenue C have resigned and Weston C have applied and been accepted.

The templates for the winter fixtures need to be completed by each club, so they can be sent direct to the Secretary by 31st October for her to collate. (Rule 11).

- 10. Composition of Leagues for 2013-2014.** The Summer League fixtures will be published on the website by the beginning of December. Clubs are asked to view the fixtures and if there are any queries or withdrawals to let Philip Hunt know by the end of January 2014.

- 11. Any Other Business:** There is no any other business.

- 12. Presentation of Trophies:** Divisions Winners trophies were presented to representatives of the winning clubs.

David Pottow thanked Peter Hucker for making Winscombe Club available for the AGM.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed

(Chairman)

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