

FULFORD LADIES INVITATION TENNIS LEAGUE

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AGM Minutes - 18th March 2019

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Fulford Ladies Invitation Tennis League was called to order at 7pm on 18th March 2019 in the Clubhouse, Fulford Tennis Club by the Chairperson, Pauline Craddock.

Present:

Pauline Craddock – Chair
Maggie Middleton - Treasurer
Carolyn Taylor – Committee Member
Pam Mason – Committee Member
Ellie Page - Results Secretary

Representatives from all Clubs participating in the League apart from the following:

Pocklington
Sutton upon Derwent
Margaret Whitehead (York/Committee)
Riccall.

A Agree minutes of previous AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 5th March 2018 were approved.

B Reports

(a) Chair

The Chair thanked all members of the Committee for their work during the year, particularly Ellie for recording the results and checking players' eligibility, alongside work on the new website, Maggie for collecting the fees and doing the accounts and Carolyn for running the raffle.

Division 1 – York 1 notched up their sixth consecutive division 1 title as they were crowned champions of the Fulford Ladies Invitational Tennis League. Finishing nine points clear of runners up Pocklington, they were the only team throughout the league to finish the season undefeated

Division 2 – Fulford 1 headed up division 2 so will return to the top flight after just one season. Starbeck's strong second half of the season sees them promoted alongside Fulford to the top tier.

Division 3 – Long term division 3 leaders, Dunnington, dominated their league to take the title and so bounce straight back up to division 2, as do runners up, Wistow.

Division 4 – Cliffe took the division 4 title, helped by a strong run at the end of the season. Tollerton just pipped Wigginton to the second automatic promotion place.

Division 5 – David Lloyd 3 won the division 5 crown, just a point ahead of Wilberfoss, both teams finishing comfortably ahead of the chasing pack.

Division 6 – Dunnington and Cawood will be promoted from division 6, the former as champions after losing only a couple of matches all season.

Division 7 – Stamford Bridge wrapped up the division 7 title and will be joined in division 6 by Sheriff Hutton, who took the second automatic promotion slot on games difference.

Wendy Stirke won the Terry Haw trophy for the most games scored by an individual player by taking 339 games.

The Chair then updated clubs regarding the new General Data Protection Regulations

The regulations came into effect last year which means the League have to have authority from team captains or a representative from each club to share information – (generally this is captains' contact details) - in our case for tennis league and competition purposes. The privacy policy explains this in more detail.

If captains' details change it won't be practical for the Chair to have a club sign an updated contact details sheet, so it will be the responsibility of the club to advise the new captain of this info. All current captains have an electronic copy of the privacy policy that they can share with any new incoming captains.

The Chair does not advertise any events – such as charity functions etc. - via the e mail addresses she holds as they are used solely for tennis info purposes, this will continue to be the case.

Thanks to Alan Wilkinson from the mixed league for his work on this.

The Chair reminded Team Captains about some issues to bear in mind which would help smooth running of the season.

- Please always respect your opponents and team mates whilst also playing matches in a fair and competitive spirit.
- Should any disputes arise clubs were advised to contact the Chair after the match who will investigate with the relevant captains.

Finally it was requested that all scorecards should be submitted by email. From next year cards will be available to be downloaded and printed by captains.

(b) Treasurer

The Treasurer distributed copies of the annual report showing an income of £566 for year ending February 2019. Income comprised fees, sponsorship and late score card fines. Expenditure totalled £500.31 leaving a balance of £65.69 for the year. The primary expense are the web host fees at £193.52 although there is an expectation these could decrease in 2019.

(c) Results/Eligibility Secretary

The Results Secretary confirmed she had issued nine fines this year, two for a late scorecard and seven for illegible cards. This is much better than the previous year which is appreciated and makes the job much easier. The League has now launched new website which will reduce hosting fees to around £20 and all fixtures will be uploaded by 20th March. Captains were asked to check them and confirm their fixtures and start times.

C Election and/or re-election of Committee Members

The Chair was unopposed for re-election, and the current Chair agreed to be re-elected for the coming year.

The Treasurer resigned her post and Elizabeth Mallory agreed to take on the role.

All other members presently on the Committee and in attendance at the AGM agreed to stay in post and, with no one else coming forward to take on a role, these members were voted to remain on the Committee.

All these re-elections were proposed by Carol Rees from Knaresborough and seconded by Kate Lewis from Rufforth.

D IT Sports and Beryl Bean Trophies - select dates for tournaments and volunteers to organise

This year's Beryl Bean tournament saw ten couples from various clubs participate as Wigginton once again hosted this popular event.

In a close fought final, which included some long rallies and tactical match play, Jill McCreedy and Anna Baker from Fulford eventually emerged as winners to take the crown for the first time.

David Lloyd have expressed an interest in hosting the IT Too Tournament for divisions 4 - 7 on Sunday 8th September (possibly 2pm)

York confirmed they would be willing to host the IT Tournament for divisions 1 -3 at a date to be agreed.

Wigginton offered to host the Beryl Bean tournament once again.

If any other club wishes to offer their facilities please contact the Chair at info@yorktennisleague.co.uk

E Fees for the coming season

It was agreed that the fees would remain at £8.

F Consideration of any proposed amendments to the Constitution and League Rules, of which the appropriate notice has been given.

Teams from clubs that are not registered with the LTA will not be able to compete in the Fulford Ladies Invitation Tennis League (Karen Mitchell)

In Karen's absence it was noted that LTA clubs have volunteers that cover risk assessment, equality and diversity and safeguarding. Concern was raised regarding the cost of registering with the LTA especially for smaller clubs. It was pointed out that insurance is covered by the LTA which would offset the cost of the fees and in the event of a serious problem the LTA provide valuable support.

The proposal was defeated by the majority with 3 for.

Rescheduling of matches due to bad weather – If a match is cancelled due to adverse weather conditions or stopped before one team has a winning score, the home captain must offer the opposing captain up to three dates within two weeks of the original match date to replay the match, one of which must be a weekend when neither team has a scheduled match. If dates are not offered within this period, the home team will be deemed to have conceded the match. (Helen Gray – Heworth)

Following a discussion the proposal was agreed unanimously.

The home team must ensure that a copy of these Rules is either displayed in the clubhouse or is available for consultation before and/or during any match. (Popleton)

The proposal was agreed unanimously.

Amendment to Rule 5 (addition in italics)

Clubs with two or more teams must nominate four players in their first and second or third team before the season starts, or the first score card received by the Eligibility Analyst (ladiesresults@yorktennisleague.co.uk) will commit the players to that team they have represented. A player may play up twice to help out without losing her place in the lower team. *In addition to this, from the midpoint in the fixtures, any player who has already played up twice can be given the opportunity to play up a third time, also without losing her place in the lower team. A player already tied would not be able to play down and rearranged fixtures will count in the second half of the season.* (Appleton Roebuck)

The proposal was defeated by 19 votes to 12.

New proposal for Rule 15 (new proposal in italics)

Current rule - Late arrival for matches. If players are late for the start of the first round, they can start playing on arrival, but must finish when the other two rubbers are completed. All remaining unfinished games will be awarded to the team who were ready at the start of the match.

All players should be on court and ready to play at the published start time of a match. (There should be a warm up after which match play should begin). Any players who are not on court at the start time, can play on arrival but must finish when the other two rubbers are completed, (in most cases it will be the second of the two rubbers, in exceptional circumstances it may be when the first rubber

has completed). Pairs should be made up from those available to play, irrespective of prior selection. All remaining unfinished games will be awarded to the team who were ready to play at the start of the match.

In the event of a whole team arriving late, due to mistaking the agreed start time, the opposing team, can if they wish, claim games at the rate of one rubber per hour or prorata from 15 minutes after the published start time. If there are mitigating circumstances, such as traffic issues, which result in a team arriving late, but the team had under normal conditions allowed enough travel time, games should not be claimed but if there are time constraints, any remaining games could be shared at the end of play. Both team captains should be prepared to resolve issues of late arrival in a convivial manner. (Popleton)

The proposal was agreed by the majority with one against.

Amendment to Rule 19 (addition in Italics)

If a nominated captain/contact will not be available on the day of a match, an alternative contact number must be provided beforehand to the opposition.

Captains should aim to reconfirm match details before each fixture. (Popleton)

The proposal was agreed by the majority with two against.

G Consideration of any new applications for membership

Appleton Roebuck would like to re-enter a second team into the League.
The team was admitted to the League following a unanimous vote.

H Formation of divisions for the forthcoming season

The Chair put forward the suggestion that, following the withdrawal of Dunnington 2 and Pocklington 2 from divisions 2 and 3, there should be adjustments to the divisional formation. All promotions will be honored, but in some cases two teams will not be relegated and a third placed team may be promoted.

Divisions will be organised as follows:

Divisions 1 – 3 – 8 teams

Divisions 4 - 5 – 7 teams

Divisions 6 – 7 - 6 teams

I Sponsorship

This season we have a new sponsor – Suitably Sporty – a sports clothing company. The Chair thanked Ryedale Brakes for their sponsorship for the last two years.

J AOB/Other matters of which prior notice of 21 days has been served

Review of `Pink Theme' weekend

A Pink Theme weekend was held in 2018 in support of Breast Cancer which raised over £400. The consensus was to continue in 2019, for matches over the first weekend in July.

A request was made that photos are sent in to the Chair and that any money raised should be paid directly to the charity.

Umpire's Chair – Bubwith asked if any club had an umpire's chair they could borrow for a tournament in May.

It was suggested perhaps a Ladies League presentation evening could be held if a club would like to volunteer to organise/host it.

Following the Raffle Draw (in aid of Dementia UK, which together with fines, this year raised £109.50), the Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed.