

FULFORD LADIES' INVITATION TENNIS LEAGUE

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2nd March 2023 Fulfordgate Working Men's Club 7.30pm

1. Present: Appleton Roebuck, Bishopthorpe, Boston Spa, Bubwith, Cliffe, Copmanthorpe, David Lloyd, Dunnington, Fulford, Heworth, Knaresborough, New Earswick, Poppleton, Riccall, Rowntree Park, Rufforth, Stamford Bridge, Starbeck, Sutton-upon-Derwent, Tollerton, Wetherby, Wigginton, Wilberfoss, York

Apologies: Sherrif Hutton

Not in attendance: Pocklington, Wistow

2. The minutes of the AGM held in 2022 were agreed.

3. (A) Chairs report – Laura Rhodes. LR thanked Pauline Craddock for the work she had done over the previous 10 years, in running the league. PC not in attendance, but everyone displayed their appreciation with a round of applause. A 'Pauline Craddock Fair Play' trophy shall be introduced this year, details to be decided and circulated.

52 teams currently taking part in the league, and it continues to grow, which is great for tennis in York.

LR hopes that this year shall not be disrupted by Covid-19. Last year the virus and the knock-on effect of holidays/weddings etc., being carried forward from previous years, still had an impact on the season.

(B) Treasurers report – Laura Rhodes. LR informed the meeting that fees would be collected this year, the first since 2020, and £8.00 per team would be collected.

(C) Results Secretary – Ellie Wilkinson. EW has put the provisional fixtures on the website, but advised there may be some changes to Division 7 following the meeting. EW asked that everyone check the details of the fixtures and alert her to any changes needing to be made regarding start times etc. Any rearranged fixtures need to be sent to EW using

ladiesresults@yorktennisleague.co.uk

Please get your score card in on time and be mindful that if you are still posting results, EW has moved house. All nominated players details must be with EW no later than 1 week prior to the start of the season. If EW has not received these, the rule of the first 3 players on the first completed scorecard will be applied.

(D) Secretary report – Claire Fuller. CF thanked all clubs for their communications in updating contact details. New contacts shall be circulated no later than Friday 17th March. If possible, CF will get these out to clubs sooner. CF asked if anyone saw any errors in the contact details to let her know so she could rectify them. CF asked that general correspondence and contact information be emailed to her using info@yorktennisleague.co.uk . From this year please DO NOT send any changes to home days or times, additions or withdrawals of teams to this inbox. These need to go directly to the Results Secretary using this email address, ladiesresults@yorktennisleague.co.uk CF advised she would monitor the inbox on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the season, so please be patient for a response. CF advised that minutes of meetings would not be emailed to clubs, these would be posted onto the website. CF hoping to submit some press reports, if anyone has anything for inclusion, please let her know.

4.

Election of Officers:

Officer	Candidate	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Laura Rhodes	Rufforth	Poppleton
Treasurer	Vacant		
Results Secretary	Ellie Wilkinson	Bishophorpe	Sutton-upon-Derwent
Secretary	Claire Fuller	Rufforth	Poppleton

All candidates were voted in unanimously. Laura Rhodes to continue with Treasurers role until a replacement can be found. Attendees were asked to consider if this was something they or someone from their club could do.

5. Competitions

IT will be hosted by York Club this year.

IT Too will be hosted by Copmanthorpe Club this year.

Beryl Bean Trophy still to be determined.

6. Fees

Fees for the coming season were agreed as £8.00 per team entering the league. Payable ahead of the season starting.

7. Proposed amendments to rules

HEWORTH TENNIS CLUB; Proposal to play 2 normal deuces then a sudden death deuce on the 3rd occasion. Reason being to curtail long deuce games and in turn matches.

Following discussion and a vote, this proposal was **not carried** by an overwhelming majority.

DAVID LLOYD TENNIS CLUB; Option 1 – play 10 games each rubber. Option 2 – sudden death deuce on the 2nd deuce but play 12 games. Option 3 – keep everything as it is now.

Option 1 – all voted against, **not carried**.

Option 2 – 2 votes for, the overwhelming majority against, **not carried**.

Option 3 – 2 votes against, the overwhelming majority for, **carried**.

LR reminded attendees that there is no obligation from the league to provide refreshments following a match. Please communicate with opposing captains to relay specific arrangements.

8. Applications for membership

Dunnington 2

Bubwith 2

Cawood

No objections were raised to these teams being entered into Division 7, **carried**.

9. Formation of divisions

This information is now available to view on the website, accommodating 3 new teams entering the league in Division 7 and one team withdrawing from the league (Division 3).

10. Sponsorship

Suitably Sporty are still happy to be our main sponsor. Their sponsorship helps to keep fees low. They are holding an event at Bishopthorpe Village Hall on Saturday 15th April. LR to confirm timings. Please try to support them at this event, as they are finding it increasingly difficult to reach the wider tennis playing community.

11. Pink Weekend

This shall be held over the weekend of 1st/2nd July. Please support the event, which raises money for Breast Cancer Research, by dressing in pink items, holding a pink raffle, maybe having a glass of pink fizz! Please take photos, with consent, and let us know how much your club has raised.

12. AOB

Coronation weekend (6th/7th May) was discussed, and teams were reassured that they could rearrange their match on this weekend should they wish to do so. In the first instance they should liaise with the opposing captain to come up with an alternative date, then advise the results secretary of the new fixture. LR urged everyone to be accommodating regarding this weekend, but did reassure clubs that if any encounter difficulties, she would support, just contact her.

The meeting concluded at 8.15pm