

FULFORD LADIES' INVITATION TENNIS LEAGUE

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**Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2nd March 2026
Fulfordgate Working Men's Club 7.30pm**

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

Apologies: Starbeck

Not in attendance: New Earswick

2. The minutes of the AGM held in 2025 were agreed.

3. (a) **Chairs report** – Laura Rhodes. Thanked everyone for attending. LR reflected on a very positive season, 7 divisions of teams encompassing all ages and abilities. Special thanks went to captains who ensure the league runs as well as it does during the season. Pink Weekend raised more than £1000 for Cancer Research. A final thanks went to the organisers of the end of season tournaments, Appleton Roebuck, Fulford and Rowntree Park. LR presented CF with flowers and a card to show appreciation of the work done for league.

(b) **Treasurers report** – Nicola Graham. NG informed the meeting that fees would remain at £8.00 per team and she was collecting this at the meeting or had bank details for those wishing to transfer directly. NG presented a summary of the balance sheet which leaves the league with a surfeit of £157.73

(c) **Results Secretary** – Ellie Wilkinson. EW thanked captains for submitting results on time. There had been a couple of nomination issues last year. EW informed the league that they were testing a new system which will enable results to be posted by team captains and not centrally by one person. They may ask some members of the league to take part in testing this year with a view to rolling it out next year. EW will endeavour to publish the provisional fixtures within 2 weeks of the date of the meeting. (16th March 2026)

Please contact EW using ladiesresults@yorktennisleague.co.uk

All nominated players details must be with EW no later than 1 week prior to the start of the season. (11th April 2026) 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 the clubs who have submitted the google form with updates and confirmations of team contacts. CF asked that any outstanding details be with her as soon as possible. New captain details will be circulated once the fixtures have been published. Please use info@yorktennisleague.co.uk to contact the league secretary. In stepping down from the role, CF thanked the committee generally but especially LR who is an excellent chair.

4.

Election of Officers:

Officer	Candidate	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Laura Rhodes	Fulford	Bishopthorpe
Treasurer	Nicola Graham	Heworth	Rufforth
Results Secretary	Ellie Wilkinson	Rowntree Park	Sutton on Derwent
Secretary	Kate Lewis	Copmanthorpe	Poppleton

All candidates were voted in unanimously

5. Tournaments

Rowntree Park offered to host the Beryl Bean again this year. No club has, yet, offered to host IT and IT TOO. Thank you to Rowntree Park for agreeing to run a tournament again.

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

Appleton Roebuck proposed the following amendment to Rule 20.

"If an amber alert for extreme heat is given for the area, a match may be called off by one or both captains before the away team have set off."

A healthy discussion was held around the above proposal. The general feeling in the meeting was that we would all benefit from having something definite in the rules. Several clubs had opinions and suggestions on how the league could proceed in a way that would be fair to everyone. LR reminded clubs that everyone is responsible for their own health when making the decision to play or not and had also sent some links with the agenda to help clarify the difference between a met office warning and a inter government warning.

The outcome of the discussion was that the rule should be amended as follows, with no objections:

"If a Met Office heat warning of extreme heat is given for the area, a match may be called off by one or both captains before the away team have set off."

The league still supports pragmatic decisions, when the weather is hot, between captains regarding changing start times, playing 10 games, introducing short deuces etc., to ensure the matches as far as possible get played.

8. Applications for membership

Heworth 3 (home games will be played at New Earswick club)

Rowntree Park 3 (home games being played Friday evening)

Selby (slightly out of the 12 mile radius)

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

Copmanthorpe 3 and New Earswick have withdrawn teams from the league this season.

9. Formation of divisions

Following the acceptance of the above changes, the format for the league shall be 7 divisions with either 7 or 8 teams in each.

10. Sponsorship

The league is very happy to have Ray Chapman Motors continue as their sponsor.

11. Pink Weekend

This shall be held over the weekend 4th/5th July. Just Giving link will be circulated ahead of the weekend.

12. AOB

Copmanthorpe Club asked for clarification of rule 11, which states 'Players must be fully paid-up members of their club which is registered in the Fulford Ladies Invitation Tennis League to be eligible for matches.' LR explained the rule was in place to prevent 'ringers' from being drafted in to help with results. Some flexibility would be tolerated if this was used to ensure a full team rather than having an advantage. It is important to uphold the spirit of the league. It was also noted that this rule being upheld very much relies on captains ensuring players are members of the club, the league does not have any 'power to police'.

Copmanthorpe Club asked if anyone at the meeting would be willing to undertake some coaching at Copmanthorpe Club, if anyone knew of anyone able to do this, please get in touch with the committee of the club.

As a personal plea, CF asked if people would consider the role of Mixed League Match Secretary as she is stepping down at the AGM this year.