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**MINUTES OF THE
WILSON SOUTHPORT AND DISTRICT TENNIS LEAGUE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Held on Thursday 16th February 2012 at 7-30
At Southport & Birkdale Sports Club**

**2012 SEASON OPENING DATE IS WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY April 23rd.
FINISHING DATE IS WEEK BEGINNING JULY 23rd.**

1. All Clubs represented and recorded.
2. Apologies were received from: John Spurr, Neil Leadbetter, Gill and Tony Hibbs, Terry Barham, Gaby Naylor, Rob Owens, Liz Eaves.
3. As the minutes of the 2011 AGM are on the website the Vice-Chairman asked if these could be taken as read. Adopted by: Trevor Hale (Mawdesley) Seconded by Gerry Harrison (North Meols).
4. There were no matters arising.
5. The Chairman's Report is also on the website and was therefore not read out.
6. The Treasurer told us that we had an excess over expenditure of about £1000. The core expenditure of £11745 was covered by the Club subscriptions, senior team fees and sponsorship, which is good. We have a draft agreement from Amer sports i.e. Wilson) for 2012 and 2013 although sponsorship is reduced from £250 to £200, still with 6 dozen Tour balls and in theory with assistance for printing costs and the Committee has agreed to this. Team tournaments broke even and Individual tournaments made a profit.
The Junior League and tournaments show the healthy state the Junior side is in, which is a credit to Terry Parkes and all the others involved. Largely due to the success of the 5 day tournament at Argyle it made a profit of £600. There has been a request from Argyle, through Terry for a substantially larger donation to the Club to compensate for loss to their members of the facilities for a week. A figure of £500 has been agreed for 2012 and to agree a figure for the following years each Autumn.
Chris thanked David Ellis for acting as Auditor and stated that he was willing to continue for next year.
This report was adopted by George Walker (Mawdesley) and seconded by Bill Core (Southbank).
7. The Match Secretary's Report is on the website, but Hilary wanted to pick out relevant parts and therefore read out the report.
8. The Team Tournament's report can also be seen on the website.
9. The Individual Tournament report is also on the website.
10. Junior Report-Terry Parkes said that 2011 had seen a change in the leadership with him taking over from Rob Owens. On behalf of the Club Junior organisers and himself he took the opportunity to thank Rob for his efforts in building and securing the leagues for the future. During 2011 the Leagues were administered by the use of LTA League Planner Software. He said that this had proved invaluable for Clubs and himself and will be continued in 2012.

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He stressed how few girls took part in the Summer Leagues and hoped to address this in 2012 with the introduction of a girls' league.

The Junior Leagues will commence on Saturday 14th April and finish Saturday 21st July. The Junior Tournament will be 23rd July to the finals on Saturday 28th July.

Terry made a plea for Clubs to allow more time for Junior matches on a Saturday a.m. as these juniors are our future.

11. Hillside V and Southbank IV were invited to re-apply for re-instatement to the 9th Division. Also there was an application from Champion TC for a third team for next season.

Each Club representative was asked to speak, as to why their team should be considered.

In alphabetical order:

Campion stated for 10 years they had fulfilled fixtures and had good facilities. They were competitive and had enough players to fulfil all future commitments.

Hillside said all 5 teams had not conceded any matches last season. This year they had 15 new members and would be able to field a 5th team without a problem.

Southbank said that they had a lot of players but not always good, but they were keen and would try to fulfil their commitments.

Voting slips for the rejection of the club application for the Tennis League were handed out and only delegates from each club present were Allowed to vote.

It was a clear cut rejection of Champion's application. Therefore Hillside V and Southbank IV's applications were successful.

This does not prevent Champion from re-applying in the future.

12. **RULE AMMENDMENT** from Hilary Bell

Proposal: To reinstate the second part of Rule (x)(v), rescinded last year- No registrations after June 30th without permission of the Executive.

(SUPPORTED BY THE EC) The vote was unanimous.

13. Terry Barham, The Spartan's Trophy organiser was unable to attend the meeting, but sent a report that everything had gone well. Waterloo won the competition.

14. Election of Officers. See the Agenda on the web for officers prepared to continue in office.

General Secretary, Mary Ball has resigned after 6 years and a nomination was received for Mrs. Michelle McNulty to take over the position.

However, this was withdrawn on the day of the meeting.

Team Tournament Secretary, George Coulthard resigned, after many years and no nominations have been received.

George and I were thanked for our years of service.

The General Committee (prepared to continue in office)

Mrs. B. Bond, Mr. A. Williams, Mrs. B. Cox, Mrs. B. Davies.

Mr. N. Leadbetter, Ms. T. Smith

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Resignations received from Mr. I Bradshaw, Mr. A. Rushton, Mrs. M. Walker.

Nominations were received and taken as read from Mr. G.Coulthard (Formby), Mr. T. Hale (Mawdesley) and Mr. G. McGregor (Sphynx)

- 15. A.O.B. Steve Dundas (North Meols) apologised to Hilary for the late or missing score cards and asked for extended time to send them, this season, as with 6 teams it is difficult to co-ordinate within the present period. Perhaps, he said they could send them all in one go, although it was pointed out the weight and postage and Hilary would prefer them sent individually, which was accepted.**

Gerry Harrison (North Meols) thanked Rob Hemmings for chairing the meeting so efficiently and the meeting ended at 20-35.

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