

MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHPORT AND DISTRICT TENNIS LEAGUE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Thursday 13th February 2020 at 7:30pm

At North Meols Tennis Club

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and during the course of the evening conveyed his thanks to all the individuals responsible (especially those retiring from office) for running the league and to North Meols Tennis Club for the use of their facilities.

1. **CLUBS REPRESENTED AND RECORDED:** representatives attended from
Argyle (3) Aughton (1) Birkdale (2) Blundellsands (2) Champion (1) Carlton (2) Croston (2) David Lloyd (1) Formby (2) Formby HT (3) Hightown (3) Hillside (5) Mawdesley (2) North Meols (6) Ormskirk (2) Rainford (1) Southbank (4) Sphynx (3) Town Green (1) Waterloo (1)
2. **APOLOGIES** received from
John Spurr, Ben Blackman, Dave Eyes, Janet Crompton, Maureen Thwaites.
3. As the **MINUTES** of the 2019 AGM are available on the website and no questions were raised or inaccuracies reported, the chairman signed them as a factually accurate record. Proposed: Denis Swainson
Seconded: Helena Culshaw All in favour – passed unanimously (no abstentions)
4. **MATTERS ARISING** – to be covered under separate heading later
5. **THE CHAIRMANS REPORT** - is also available on the website – no questions raised
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Jason's Report is available on the website, but he also provided copies to the meeting. He confirmed a loss of £820.58 over the 2019 season leaving a balance of £7842.75. The league is again waiving junior league fees to help encourage more junior teams joining and whilst the balance of funds is healthy at present it was felt a loss of £800 every season was not sustainable for more than a few seasons as the league reserve funds policy is a £5000 balance. So, to partially help slow down the loss he announced the league joining fees would be going up £10 to £30 per club for the 2020 season
7. **MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT** – available on the website – no questions raised
8. **THE TEAM TOURNAMENT/ SPARTANS TROPHY SECRETARY'S REPORT** - available on the website
9. **THE INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT** – available on the website.
The Chairman gave particular thanks to Sam Johnson in running this tournament for the first time at such a young age and this was seconded by Hugh Chambers who said it had been an excellent run finals day at Birkdale.
10. **THE JUNIOR SECRETARY'S REPORT** - also available on the website
11. **APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP/RESIGNATION.**
Sphynx 4 resigned from the league.
This has resulted in Division 4 being added to the list of divisions with only 7 teams for the 2020 season
It also means only one team from each division below division 5 being promoted in order to accommodate this change.

12. RULE CHANGES:

A number of proposed rule changes were proposed to try and help stop so many games being conceded and ineligible players playing.

All clubs had been issued with copies of the proposed Rule Changes for 2020 and The Chairman explained the rules changes had been allocated into groups as those in the former group are dependent on each other and will therefore need to be voted on together to ensure that the rules remain consistent.

The voting results for the changes as proposed were:

Section 1: Players playing for more than one team in the same week

Changes to Rule 7 and 9 and removal of rule 22 - All carried with no votes against and no abstentions.

Section 2 General Rule changes

Amendment to rule 10, 11 12 and new rule 10a – All carried with no votes against and no abstentions.

Proposed New Rule – defining the minimum number of players to avoid conceding a match

There was an amendment to the proposed new rule on the night proposed by :North Meols TC and seconded by David Lloyd TC : -This was that the wording **playing on that night** should be removed so as it just reads **lowest team** and also that the notice period for notifying the opposition is **extended to 2 hours**.

The Amendment to the new rule was carried with just 1 abstention

The New Amended Rule was then proposed by Chris Creswell and seconded by Colin Jones

The Amended New Rule was carried with no votes against and no abstentions.

13. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President: Mr John Spurr

Chairman: Mr R Hemmings

Treasurer: Mr David Eyes

Match Secretary: Mrs Jeanette Heague

Individual Tournament Secretary: Derek Bardwa

Team Tournament Secretary: Mr Mick Walsh

Junior League Co-ordinators: Mr Rob Owens and Mrs Angela Bardon

Spartan's Trophy Secretary: Mr Mick Walsh

General Secretary: Ms Pauline Pope

Hon Auditor: Mr Jason McLeod

League Planner Manager: Christian Bryan

Resignations:

Officers: Mr Jason McLeod, Mr Sam Johnson Mr Neil Leadbetter Mrs Hilary Bell

General Committee: prepared to continue in office –Miss Tracy Smith, Mr Andy Williams, Mrs Pru Makin,

Mrs Heather Chambers, Mis Liz Eaves and Mrs Val Ormerod. Denis Swainson

(new member) Maureen Thwaites

14. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO LANCASHIRE LTA COUNCIL

John Spurr and Rob Hemmings were again elected as The Southport and District League's Representatives to Lancashire LTA Council.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Hilary asked that any clubs who had not provided their completed Club Details Forms should do so as soon as possible.

The Chairman expressed the leagues and his own personal thanks to Hilary for all her hard work for the league over the years in various roles as she stands down from the committee in her role as Handbook Secretary after this 2020 season.

The dates for the start and finish of the 2020 Season are week commencing 27 April and finishing week commencing 27 July. This means that fixtures are continuous (i.e. no gap for bank holiday) and there are 3 early starts at the beginning and 2 at the end of the season.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:30pm.

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