

TENNISMK AGM 2019

Minutes of the TennisMK AGM held on Wednesday 27 February 2019 at 7.30pm at David Lloyd

Present: Peter Tolaini (Chair), David Higgs (Treasurer), Sue Soul (Committee member, Gilpin), Jo Woodward (Secretary), Liz Murdoch (Committee member, Gilpin), Gary Elliot Cirigottis (Committee member, Wolverton/OU), Avril Tarry (Bucks LTA, Gilpin), Julia Hobbs (OU), Darryl Lucas (Newport Pagnell), David Massey (Open University), David Milligan & Wendy Prince (Woburn Sands), Claire Worley and Steve Higham (Olney), Andy Howell (Great Brickhill) Tony Carr (David Lloyd), Andrew Petherick (Bucks LTA, DLMK), Kathy Sumpter & Dominic Morgan (MK), David Bartlett (Winslow).

Apologies: Mark Meagrow (Stony Stratford), Tony Johnston (MK), Steve Morris (DL)

Minutes of 2018 A.G.M : Agreed and signed

Matters Arising: None

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer's report is attached.

The biggest expenditure last year was for the Dinner and Dance, however we received a grant for £500 from Bucks LTA for this and a refund from Harben House for £300.

The cheque sent to the LTA in November for use of the online scoring system has not yet been cleared. It was noted that the entry fee for each team includes use of the online scoring system. If the cost of this goes up we may need to increase team entry fees.

Website costs this year will be reduced to £23.98.

Chairman's report: The Chairman's report is attached.

The suggestion to change trophies to plaques was discussed.

It was also suggested combining the AGM with a presentation evening, however there would be several months between finals and the AGM, unless the date of the AGM were changed. It was agreed that clubs would encourage representatives to attend the presentation evening. Suggestions were to hold it at a restaurant with a reasonably priced meal or have a tournament with the presentations afterwards. The committee will consider these suggestions.

Junior report: The Junior report is attached.

Proposals:

Amendment to Rule 14

- a) If a Club has more than one team in any Section of the League, (i.e. Open, Ladies, Mixed), a player who has played in higher ranking team(s) more than once is not allowed, in that season, to play in any lower team in the same Section. Juniors playing in senior leagues are subject to the same rule. League and Knock-out cup matches are regarded as separate for this rule
- b) In the case of the Knock-out, the rule shall read b) Any team entering into a Knock-out cup competition may only qualify to do so if it is competing in one of the summer league divisions

- c) Any player who has played in a higher division in the knock-out cup may not then play in a lower division in the knock-out cup.

For players to be eligible to play in the semi-final or final of the Knock-out cup, they must have played at least twice for their registered club, in that particular season, in the Milton Keynes Tennis League or Knock-out cup

Proposer: Julia Hobbs

Seconded – Tony Carr

Ali in favour. This rule amendment proposal will be implemented.

Election of Officers: The following were re-elected en bloc:

Chairman, Peter Tolaini

Treasurer, David Higgs

Match Secretary, None

Election of committee members: The following were re-elected en bloc:

Liz Murdoch, Sue Soul, Gary Elliott, Gill Williams

It was noted that Avril Tarry is the Bucks LTA Council representative and also attends TennisMK meetings.

It was noted that there should be representatives from larger clubs in Milton Keynes on the Committee. Help is also needed on Finals Day. If anyone is interested in joining please contact Jo on TennisMK@hotmail.com

A.O.B

David Bartlett from Winslow raised that there were clashes of fixtures with the mixed and ladies teams taking place on the same night. This is problem for smaller clubs with fewer players to call on. Unfortunately it is not possible to carry out checks across different leagues to avoid these problems, so clubs may have to rearrange these fixtures. The alternative to the Committee arranging fixtures would be to hold a fixtures meeting which all clubs attend to arrange their fixtures.

It was agreed that clubs will be asked to be sympathetic to requests to pre-season fixture changes due to clashes.

The meeting closed at 8.31pm

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