

Portsmouth & IOW District LTA

Annual General Meeting **

Date: Thursday 8th March 2012

Venue: Avenue Lawn Tennis Club

Present

Jim Skinner (Chairman)
Colin Manvell (Treasurer)
Michael Isaacs (District League Secretary)
Vicky Williams (League Secretary)
Karen Downie (Warsash & Committee)
Paula Fuge (Ladies Winter League Secretary & Committee)
Irene Knott – Alverstoke
Sally Goodwin – Alverstoke
Tony Lidgate – Alverstoke
Mel Davis – Carlton
Chris Weatherill – Carlton
Alan Best – Rowlands Castle
Katy Firrell – Warsash
Gwen Isaacs – Sarisbury Green
Tim Clark – Southsea
Sue Foott – Chichester
Alan Sherwood – Avenue
David Fothergill – Ryde Lawn
Jon Brown – Ryde Lawn
James Law – Seacourt
Sue Western – Alverstoke
Lilah Lidgate – Alverstoke
Paul Edney – Carlton
Elaine Philip – Carlton
Tina Leighton-Smith – Carlton
Gill House – Rowlands Castle
Hammy Haze – Priory
Jeff Sparshott – Portchester
Ozzy Glogic – Southsea
Sean Terry – Chichester
Jennie Ward – Avenue
Carrie Bateman – Ryde Lawn
Anne Tapley – Ryde Lawn
Caroline MacDowell – Seacourt

Meeting commenced at 8pm.

Apologies for Absence

Maureen Parker – Stubbington
Sue Sherwood – Avenue
Simon Baughan – Ryde Mead
Kirsty Bennett – Ryde Mead
Pammi Haylett – Chichester

Minutes of 2011 AGM

The minutes of the 2011 AGM were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Matters Arising

None.

Chairman's Report

Jim reported that the Committee continued to exist to support the league structure and as in previous years its role remains to resolve disputes and communicate with the Clubs involved in the league.

This year has been a good year with hardly any disputes and there has been good communication with Michael and Paula and the use of the Website.

He reported how successful the Trophy Presentation evening at Lee went and it will be held again this year at Lee on Thursday 18th October 2012.

Treasurers Report

Colin reported that there was a growth in income as a result the increase in the affiliation fees together with additional teams taking part over last year.

He reported that, compared with the past years, outlay was heavier due to the purchase and engraving on new winter league trophies. However, expenditure on refreshments was kept down largely due to the generosity of Lee and Avenue caterers.

This resulted in a deficit on the year of £333.01 but since there are no large bills in the immediate future and have as the team entry fee has been raised raised by £1 to £3, this loss should be made up in two years.

League Secretary Report

Michael reported that the winter league has gone remarkably well. The weather had been mild and largely unaffected the fixtures during the season. The majority of postponements and re-arranged dates were due to the clubs themselves.

The Ladies competition was extended to five divisions which did mean a slight re-adjustment of some teams to different division than they were expecting, however this will even itself out by next year.

The newly formed Mixed leagues entered its second year with an increased entry.

Communication has been very good and scorecards have been coming in a lot quicker. He thanked everyone for this.

Michael was also delighted to report that the forthcoming summer entry for 2012 had seen a record number of 69 teams looking to take part.

There was a general discussion regarding the size of the divisions and whether clubs were coping with up to eight fixtures during the summer. Also their view regarding playing home and away as opposed to playing each team just once in a season was sought.

It appeared there was mixed reaction to home and away, some of the smaller clubs being concerned that they may not be able to handle increased amount of fixtures. However, no definitive decision was made and it was suggested experimenting in the winter when the fixture list is not so heavy. Further comments on the matter would be welcome through the season.

If smaller leagues took place then it was suggested promotion and relegation be restricted to only 1 up and 1 down.

The League's website was being utilised more a than ever and continues to be a very useful tool for the smooth running of the league. It will be enhanced on an ongoing basis. However, Michael had to inform the meeting that his IT support for the website was not able to give help in the immediate few weeks of the summer season and there were technical problems that could not be solved until the end of June at the earliest.

Election of Officers

It was noted all committee members were happy to continue in their roles.

Any Other Business

Alan Best (Rowlands Castle) asked if the scoring system could be revised because with the existing scoring system a team could just win a couple of matches and draw the rest and still be at the top. He put forward the suggestion of 3 points for a win, 2 points for a "drawing" win and 1 point for a "drawing loss. A discussion ensued, however the present points ssystem of 2 points for a win will remain for the time being.

Michael advised that he has been in contact with Wightlink Ferries to see if a "league discount" could be negotiated on the basis there was significant additional crossing revenue for the ferry company due to the leagues fixtures. Discussions were ongoing and he would update the league if and when there was an agreement.

Meeting ended at 9.05pm

** These minutes are subject to approval and adoption at the next AGM