

Portsmouth & IOW District LTA Annual General Meeting

Date: Thursday 14th Match 2013

Venue: Avenue Lawn Tennis Club

Present

Jim Skinner (Chairman)
Colin Manvell (Treasurer)
Michael Isaacs (District League Secretary)
Carrie Bateman (League Secretary)
Karen Downie (Warsash & Committee)
Paula Fuge (Ladies Winter League Secretary & Committee)
Karl Bateman – Ryde Lawn
Alan Best – Rowlands Castle
Dawn Dewilde – Southsea
Angela Stafford – Southsea
Gwen Isaacs – Sarisbury Green
Elaine Philip – Carlton
Sue Sherwood – Avenue
Hammy Haze – Priors
Jeff Sparshott – Portchester

Meeting commenced at 8pm

Apologies for Absence

Anne Tapley, Helen Peak, Sarah Hill – Ryde Lawn
Kirsty Roberts & Jitka Davey – Ryde Mead

Minutes of 2012 AGM

The minutes of the 2012 AGM were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Matters Arising

None.

Chairman's Report

Jim thanked all those who had attended but commented that there was a deterioration of numbers than previous years. Jim reported that the Committee exists to support the league and explained the role of the League Committee was to ensure disputes and disagreements were dealt and resolved promptly. This year had been a good year and the league has continued to grow. However the winter proved to be a difficult time with matches having to be re-scheduled due to bad weather resulting in some matches being unable to be played.

Jim sadly announced the demise of the Portchester Club and remarked that there have been fond memories of the club and that the Portchester club will be sadly missed. Jeff Sparshott was thanked for all the work he has contributed to the league over the years.

The Trophy Presentation evening was a success and was well supported by all league players and informed the committee that the next one would be again at Lee on-Solent on the 17th October 2013.

Solent Cup:

P&D LTA have contacted The Southampton LTA to invite them to jointly organise an end of season championship playoff with P&D Div. 1 Champions against Southampton Div.1 Champions. It is hoped this will be an exciting event and would be played for on an annual basis. The first event will be held at Warsash on the 21st April 2013.

Treasurers Report

Colin reported that it had been a busy year as treasurer. He informed the meeting that after 40 years the club accounts have been moved from Halifax to Lloyds due to the Halifax account facility being no longer suitable. Colin presented a financial report (copy attached to this minute) and was pleased to announce that the finances was in a healthy position and the only expenditure had been to buy new Cups & Trophy's and expenditure at the presentation evening. Since there are no current website related costs or other administration and postage expenses, and income had increased, the accounts were in a healthy position.

Match Secretary Report

League reports: notes attached

Michael reported that the P&D League website had been very useful in gathering stats and it showed that the site had been accessed from as far a New Zealand.

League issues

Michael in conjunction with Paula informed the members that in future all ladies winter fixtures on the website will be listed as a Saturday and it would be up to the home clubs to inform the away teams as to whether it's a Sat or Sunday and to arrange the start time. There was a general discussion on clarification of the role of Club Secretaries & captains.

- He advised members that captains should ensure they communicate with each other in plenty of time prior to a match, ideally minimum 3-4 days prior to the scheduled match date.
- Match Secretaries & Team Captains should communicate with each other to ensure no misunderstanding

A decision was made to keep the proposed 3 full sets played in the summer season but to continue with 2 full sets and championship tie break in the winter season.

Michael confirmed that with regard to travel arrangements to Isle of Wight, Ventnor club that it was reasonable that players should be picked up from the Shanklin Station.

There was a general discussion regarding the size of the division and how the league could be set up to ensure the standard of each division was competitive but generally even. It was suggested that smaller leagues made up of 4 – 6 teams would be played home and away ensuring similar level of standard. Whereas larger leagues would be made up of 7 – 9 fixtures at different clubs which would provide variety but the standard would also be less competitive. There was a mixed reaction to this with some for the smaller and other preferring the larger more variety of leagues. It was therefore suggested to experiment with these idea's however no definitive decision was made.

Injury Rule: Clarification regarding this was confirmed by Jim Skinner

Players are allowed a 3 minute timeout for injury to allow for time to recover, after this then the opposing team can claim a walkover.

Election of Officers

It was announced that **Helen Peak** (Committee) & **Vicky Williams** (League Secretary) had decided to step down from the committee; the members formerly recorded their thanks for their service.

Carrie Bateman has agreed to join the committee as Committee Secretary

AOB:

Michael informed the committee that he is attempting to speak to WightLink in the hope of negotiating a possible discount/concession for players using the Isle of Wight Ferry.

Meeting ended at 9.12pm