

Portsmouth and Isle of Wight District LTA

Annual General Meeting

Date Monday 28th February 2011

Venue Avenue Tennis Club

Present

Jim Skinner (Chairman)

Colin Manvell (Treasurer)

Michael Isaacs (District League Secretary)

Sue Foott (League Secretary)

Pammi Haylett (Chichester & Committee)

Karen Downie (Warsash & Committee)

Paula Fuge (Ladies Winter League Secretary & Committee)

Sarah Robson (PTA and Assistant Ladies Winter League Secretary)

Sue Sherwood Avenue

Hammy Haze Priory

Derek Allaway Priory

Vicky Williams Lee

Gwen Isaacs Sarisbury Green

Tim Clark Southsea

Ann Clark Southsea

Tina Leyton Smith Carlton Club

Chris Weatherill Carlton Club

Carrie Bateman Ryde Lawn

Karen Kirwan Warsash

Tricia Bassett Alverstoke

Sally Goodman Alverstoke

Maureen Parker Stubbington

Lilah Lidgate Alverstoke

Alan Best Rowland Castle

Elaine Philip Carlton Club

Paul Edney Carlton Club

David Fothergill Ryde Lawn

Jeff Sparshott Porchester

Apologies for Absence

Seacourt Tennis Club representatives

Simon Baughan – Ryde Mead

Minutes of 2010 AGM

The minutes of the 2010 AGM were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting

Matters Arising

None

Chairmans Report

Jim reported that 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 the committee had taken steps to unify the rules for the summer and winter and the proposed changes form part of the agenda for this meeting.

As part of the process from this Winter season trophies will be awarded to each of the division winners.

Jim asked the members to record a vote of thanks to Michael for the work he has done in getting the web site up and running. This site contains district and league information.

Finally Jim reported that the Committee has two out going members Sue and Pammi.

Treasurers Report

Colin reported that major expense in 2010 was in setting up the web site at a cost of £500. With the advent of on line results there has been a reduction in postal expenses.

There was an increase in the cost of hiring the Priory school for the AGM last year.

The Committee has determined that the affiliation fees should be increased in 2011 and next year the team entry fee will be increased.

The increases would go to fund the up grading of trophies and purchasing new ones for the winter league.

A copy of the Treasurers report and financial statement is attached to the minutes and it is noted that the years of account have been amended.

League/Match Secretary Report

The summer of 2010 went well with the only area of concern being the Mens leagues where there were a number of walk overs. There are some changes to the league structure in 2011 to accommodate departures and new entrants to the league.

Michael continued to press clubs to make sure that score cards and re-arranged matches are notified to him as soon as possible. The web site will continue to be enhanced, including making notification of re-arranged matches easier

The winter league is going to be completed on time notwithstanding the bad weather. Michael recorded his thanks to Paula for managing the Ladies Winter League.

Michael asked clubs to let him know if there are any enhancements that are required to the website and asked clubs to ensure that it was used.

Election of Officers

Sue and Pammi are to stand down. The rest of the committee are happy to stand again. Vicky Williams of Lee was proposed as league secretary and Helen Peak of Ryde Lawn as a committee member. The existing committee, Vicky and Helen were duly elected.

Jim thanked Sue and Pammi for their assistance.

League Competition Rules

Jim explained the rationale behind the proposed changes which were to unify the winter and summer rules and to ensure clarity in the wording. He reminded members when voting that each club has one vote only.

The first rule change would be to reduce the mixed leagues for 3 to 2 pairs and then alter the order in which each round is played. **See rule (5) and rule 6(g)**

There was substantial discussion on this point some clubs had entered teams in the mixed league on the basis it would be 2 pairs from 2011 and others on the basis of 3 pairs. Jeff Sparshot and representatives from Carlton Club spoke in favour of 2 pair matches. Sue Sherwood and David Fothergill spoke in favour of 3 pair matches.

Membership were asked to vote on whether to change the mixed league from three to two pairs from 2012.

6 votes in favour 5 against.

Membership asked to vote on the change being made in 2011 year.

6 votes in favour 7 against.

Following this vote there was further discussion on **rule 6(g)** and the rationale behind changing the order of each round. Michael suggested that by changing the order to playing opposite pairs last that it would give the first pair the opportunity to get their eye in and make for a better match.

Members vote 9 to 4 in favour of rule change.

Next proposal relates to matches being decided by championship tie break. This is a revision to the previous rule **6 (d)**.

There was significant debate about the change to this rule with some members suggesting there should be a difference between the winter and summer position.

After the debate the membership were asked to vote on retaining the original rule of best of three sets in the mens and ladies league and using the championship tie break to decide mixed matches only for 2011.

10 Votes in favour 3 against.

The second proposal was to change the winter league to the revised rule as set out in **6 (d)**

There were **8 votes in favour and 4 against.** After the vote Hammy did suggest that the position could be trialled for next winter and discussed at next AGM.

The members were asked to consider **rule 11** and whether they would like to increase the number of times a player can play up before they are not permitted to play for a lower team. It was agreed there are different rules in Hampshire and Sussex. Colin asked the members to consider increasing the number of times a player could play up from once to twice.

After debate the members were asked to vote on whether the rule should be changed.

There were **8 votes for no change and 1 for change.**

Next proposed rule change is **8 (f)** this relates to the amount of notice that should be given before a match. Pammi argued that 48 hours was not

sufficient. It was agreed that early contact was desirable particularly if the Captain as listed on the web site is not going to be in charge on that day.

Sue Sherwood suggested that it would be a difficult rule to enforce the rule in any event and it is not clear who would be monitoring breaches of it. Representatives from Carlton suggested the Michael puts more than one contact on the web site if this would assist. Michael is happy to do this.

The members were then asked to vote on the proposed changes to rule **8 (f,g& h)**.

There were 10 members in favour and 0 against

David Fothergill asked for clarification of **rule 13** which relates to score cards. Michael would like score cards from both Captains. It was agreed that rule 13 would be amended to reflect this position.

The final proposed change was to rule **9d**, a reduction of one point per match conceded instead of one for the first match conceded, two for the second etc. Hammy queried the one point deduction for each match conceded and did not think this was enough of a penalty. Michael suggested that usually a missed match was down to a change in captain or circumstance and he felt it unfair to penalise the team for this.

The meeting voted in the change of rule to one point deduction per match conceded.

Any other Business

Sue Sherwood of Avenue proposed a vote of thanks to Michael and this was supported Jeff Sparshott of Portchester and the other members.

Jeff Sparshot wanted placed on record the need for Clubs to be willing to play matches even if this means giving up home advantage. This comment stemmed from some difficulties in re arranging winter matches following the adverse weather.

Michael reminded members to return the fixture forms to him as soon as possible to that he can get the information on his web site. He also made a further plea for score cards to be sent to him as soon as possible after the conclusion of matches

Michael also reported that on the return of the trophies each club would receive a laminated certificate to show they had been the Division winners in the year in question.

Presentation and vote of thanks to Pammi and Sue for services to P&DLTA

Presentation of Trophies

The meeting concluded with the presentation of the trophies a list of winners is attached to the AGM minutes.