

MINUTES OF NDLTA AGM HELD 29th NOVEMBER 2019 at TARKA TENNIS CENTRE.

APOLOGIES: Teresa Pool. Alli Swinton. Sue Hunter.

*There was no representative from Lyn, nor Tarka Club

MINUTES OF LAST AGM: These had been circulated with the agenda, and taken as read.

MATTERS ARISING: There were none.

REPORTS FROM CLUBS: These had been circulated prior to the meeting.

*No reports had been received from ARC, Lyn, Ilfracombe, Tarka Club.

Paul Hollis queried whether there was any point in these. John N assured him that they were read by the committee, although he could not speak for the clubs.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: John read this out.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Matt circulated the meeting with copies. He said that although there had been a reduction in bank balance, some of the payments were one-off. The invoice from Tarka Centre for the courts used for challenge matches had yet to be received.

John N expressed concern at the increasing losses over the past three years, and told the meeting that a sub-committee had been formed to oversee and monitor the finances. This was himself, Matt Johns, Alex Wingent.

He proposed that League fees be raised to keep in line with inflation:

Affiliation – from £10 to £12 per club.

League – from £12 to £15 per team

Cups – from £8 to £11 per team.

This was passed nem con.

FIXTURES SECRETARY'S REPORT: Alex had circulated this prior to meeting. Paul Hollis (P Lane) commented that although at the EGM his club had voted against the introduction of the League Planner, it had been successful, and they were proved wrong.

Andy Woo asked if, for those who struggled with the technology, it would still be possible to submit the score cards and Alex transcribe the result. Alex replied he would prefer not, but he was prepared to run some more demo and/or refresher sessions. Some players were submitting results on the night via their mobile phones.

Mark Joslin (Chulmleigh) commented that their matches had seemed to be all late into the season, in August, when they struggled to raise teams. Alex explained that this could be related to the availability of the opposing team's courts. It was pointed out that matches could be re-arranged before the start of the season.

CUP REPORTS: these had been circulated before the meeting. At the last minute, Sue Hunter was unable to attend. Although in her report she had said cards should be sent to organiser, it was agreed at the committee's pre-AGM that this be changed and to use the same on-line system as for League.

ND TOURNAMENT REPORT: This had been circulated prior to the meeting. The scheduling of matches had been affected by some last minute alterations by Tarka Centre to our bookings, which meant we had fewer courts, and/or less time in which to play.

PRESENTATION EVENING REPORT: Teresa Poole had sent a combined report with that of Sue Hunter of the evening, and her own of the admin. She recommended a later date for the 2020 evening so that there would not be such a rush between the end of the season and the event. She suggested 31st October, but as this was Hallowe'en night, it was agreed to settle for 24th October.

Teresa asked that clubs have a central person to take responsibility for the numbers and names going, as this had been a source of confusion this year.

ELECTION of OFFICERS:

Chairman: John Norman.

Vice-Chairman – Steve Minall.

Treasurer – Matt Johns

Secretary – Sue Doncaster

Fixtures Secretary – Alex Wingent.

Committee members – Julia Sloman, Teresa Poole, Steve Parker, Alli Swinton.

DATES:

Pre-season meeting – Friday 7th February.

Ilfracombe Tournament – 25th July to 2nd August

Westward Ho! Tournament – 23rd to 31st May

N Devon Tournament – March 6th, 7th, 8th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 20th, 21st, 22nd at Tarka.

ND Junior Tournament – 6th April, at Tarka.

NEW RULE:

All clubs must be registered with the LTA before entering in ND/LTA competitions.

AMENDMENTS to KO/PS CUPS:

4. Replace 1st May, with **should be received by the team's first match**

8. SCORING: The team winning the most rubbers will win the match. In the event of a draw in rubbers won, the match shall be awarded to the team winning the most sets. If the number of sets is equal the winner shall be the team winning the most games. If these are also equal, and the match is tied, each team must nominate one of the pairs to play a deciding championship tie-break.

ROUND ROBINS: a round robin format will be used if there are four, or fewer entries. Each match will be scored as above (hence no draws allowed). The round robin will be won by the team winning the most matches. If this is equal, then the percentage of rubbers won will decide. If still equal, the percentage of sets won will decide. If still equal, the percentage of games won will decide. If this is still equal, the head to head record will decide the placing.

14 SCORE CARDS: Scores to be entered on-line by the home captain, in the same manner as for League results. The away captain to confirm the result on-line.

16 TROPHIES: Cup winners shall hold the respective trophies for one year. They will be signed for, and the club will be responsible for returning them to the League Fixtures Secretary by the date specified by NDLTA committee.

AMENDMENTS TO LEAGUE RULES

19 SCORE CARDS: The captain of the home team is responsible for submitting the result of the match on-line to the League Planner. Full names of the players are required and the full score of all rubbers, sets, and games won or lost. This should be done as soon as possible, but definitely within two weeks of the match. No results will be accepted if the names of all players are not included. A record of the score and names of players should be retained by both captains. The captain of the away team should confirm the result on-line.

21 TROPHIES: League division winners shall hold the respective trophies for one year. They will be signed for, and the club will be responsible for returning them to the League Fixtures Secretary by the date specified by the NDLTA committee.

MEN'S VETS' LEAGUE: Park Lane had expressed disappointment at the low numbers playing, and suggested it would only be viable if a minimum of 6 teams. Rock Park and Ilfracombe had indicated their intention to enter, which would bring the total to the required minimum.

It was agreed that some flexibility could be applied in the imposition of the 'play by times' to the vets' programme.

MIXED LEAGUE REPORT: Steve Minall is happy to continue running it on an informal basis as it has this year. It will be included on the entry form, and an entry fee charged.

GROWTH IN OUR SPORT: John gave report reviewing the establishment of the new website, and the resulting formation of the Media sub-committee; involved are himself, Alex Wingent, Steve Minall, Steve Parker, Sue Doncaster.

The meeting finished at 8pm.