

## **Portsmouth & IOW District LTA**

### **Annual General Meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2007, Priory School Tennis Facility**

Present Colin Chuter	(Priory & Match Secretary)
Wendy Chuter	(Committee)
Sue Foott	(Chichester & Secretary)
Pammi Haylett	(Chichester & Committee)
Jim Skinner	(Chairman)
Judy Emms	(Lee on Solent)
Lilah Lidgate	(Alverstoke)
Irene Knorr	(Alverstoke)
Maureen Parker	(Stubbington)
Colin & Anne Hoath	(Ryde Mead)
Ken Okell	(Steep)
John Stevens	(Ryde Lawn)
Jodie Adams	(Priory)
Phil Jones	(Alverstoke)
Jeff Sparshot	(Portchester)
Alan & Sue Sherwood	(Avenue)
Ashley Neaves	(Priory)
Heather Mill	(Ryde Lawn Tennis Club)
Kevin Wilks	(Ryde Lawn Tennis Club)
Helen Peak	(Ryde Lawn Tennis Club)
Anne Tapley	(Ryde Lawn Tennis Club)
Hammy Haze	(Priory)
Tim and Ann Clark	(Southsea)
Karen Downie	(Warsash)
Duncan Read	(Steep)
Gwen Isaacs	(Abshot)
Doreen Cadman	(Abshot)
Paula Fuge	(Winter League Secretary Ladies)
John Bothwick	(Winter League Secretary Mens)

Apologies from Tim Groom, Ian Stewart and Colin Manvell

#### **Matters Arising from Minutes of Last AGM**

Colin Chuter reported that where appropriate new trophies had been purchased.

Sue Sherwood Avenue enquired whether a formal letter of thanks had been sent to Deborah Bennett the previous Ladies Winter League secretary. The committee reported that no formal letter had been sent and this would now be attended to.

There were no other matters arising and the 2006 minutes were duly agreed.

Election of Officers. The Committee had received no nominations for officers or committee members. Jim Skinner reported that Ian Stewart would be standing down but Tim Groom had offered to take his place.

The existing Committee as outlined above together with Tim Groom were duly re-elected.

## **Chairman's Report**

Jim Skinner reported that the Committee continued to meet when appropriate and acted very much in a supportive role to the match secretary. The Committee considered rule changes and correspondence received from the member clubs but have not taken on a wider role.

## **Treasurer's Report.**

Colin Manvell was absent but Jim was able to report that the District now had the sum of £2565 in their accounts. Formal accounts had been prepared by Colin and would be attached to the AGM Minutes.

## **Summer League Report**

Colin Chuter provided an over view of the 2006 summer season and produced the final league tables. He reported that whilst there had been some queries over score cards and walk overs there was no other rule abuses to report.

Colin would like teams to ensure that score cards are correctly filled out and the same scores agreed by the Captains.

The league report and final league tables are attached to the Minutes.

Paula Fuge reported that the Ladies winter league had gone well and the season was now coming to an end

John Bothwick reported that Mens Winter league was going well with some matches needing to be rearranged because of the weather. Currently Alverstoke are leading division 3, Warsash division 2 and Priory and Ryde Lawn are contesting top spot in Division 1.

The results for last winter were handed to the Meeting and are attached to the report.

Jeff Sparshot of Porchester enquired whether it would be possible to publish the Winter league results during the summer so that teams would be prepared for any divisional changes the following season.

## **AOB**

Wendy Chuter proposed a rule change for the summer fixtures. Rule 13 currently requires the winning Captain only to send in the score card. Wendy proposes that both Captains send in a score card hopefully with the same scores on.

Pammi Haylett Chichester seconded the proposal which was carried.

Paula proposed a rule change for the Winter fixtures for the ladies to only allow matches to be re arranged due to bad weather. This is already in the rules she sent out.

There was a lively debate between Judy Emms of Lee and Karen Downie of Warsash about a re arranged fixture in the Winter league. Jim Skinner advised that the Committee would rule on the dispute outside of the AGM and write to the parties concerned.

Ann Clark of Southsea suggested that to avoid confusion start and end dates are agreed for the winter league for both the mens and ladies teams.

Sue Sherwood suggested that there should also be an application form sent to the clubs to enable them to register their teams. Jeff Sparshot suggested the form should be completed and returned before the 31<sup>st</sup> August.

John Bothwick expressed some concern about the extra work involved and the Committee will look into ways of assisting him.

There was also some discussion about conceding matches and it was suggested by Maureen Parker of Stubbington and Pammi Haylett of Chichester that rather than conceding matches one or two pairs depending on the match should be sent out with a warning to the opponents that this was happening.

The final resolution put to the meeting was that entry forms for mens and ladies winter league would be sent out in the summer with a 31<sup>st</sup> August closing date.

All mens and ladies winter fixtures would commence the first weekend in October and finish the final weekend in March.

This resolution was passed.

Judy Emms of Lee on Solent passed a vote of thanks for Paula for standing in and running the winter fixtures following Deborah's retirement.

Sue Sherwood Avenue and Karen Downie of Warsash both raised issues about the Apsley League. The Apsley League appear not to tolerate re arranged matches but do not get their fixtures out before our AGM.

It was agreed that the Committee would make representations to the Apsley League to see if the fixture dates can be sent out before our AGM or that they provide greater flexibility for re arrangements.

The meeting concluded with the prize giving and the list of Club prize winners and the parties to whom the trophies were given is attached to the AGM report.

Sue Foott  
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