

HARROGATE AND DISTRICT TENNIS LEAGUE

MINUTES of the 56th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at: HARROGATE RACQUETS CLUB
Date: Monday 7 February 2011 at 7.45pm

Present: R.Mitchell (Chairman & West Tanfield TC), I.Hargreaves (Secretary & Knaresborough TC), J.Harrison (Treasurer & Spa TC), Academy TC (C.Rothwell, C.Wynne), Bedale TC (H.Broadwith, J.Hart), Birstwith TC (C.Smith), Boroughbridge TC (J.Rowe, S.Rowe), Burton Leonard TC (C.Barr, R.Ellerby), Dacre TC (S.Welch), Harlow TC (B.Anson, C.Rees), Harrogate Racquets Club (Y.Richards, R.Shannon), Northallerton TC (I.Godfrey), Raskelf TC (A.Smith), Ripon TC (S.Alger, S.Jones, N.Pullan), Starbeck TC (J.Fenwick, D.Lang), Thirsk TC (N.Graham), Wetherby Castlegarth TC (D.Rhodes, W.Skubiak, I.Teasdale).

56/01 *Apologies for absence:* Almscliffe TC (H.Bosworth), Mashamshire TC (P.Baker).

56/02 *Minutes of the 55th meeting:* Previously distributed, approved.

56/03 *Matters arising:* None.

56/04 *Secretary's Report, 2010 season:*

The League was contested by 54 teams in 7 divisions, 6 divisions of 8 and 1 division of 6. Mashamshire withdrew from the League before matches started. Harlow were Champions – the third different club in four years to win the title. Another notable performance was by Spa, undefeated in Division 2, who have now won Divisions 4,3 and 2 in successive years. Academy B topped Division 5 in similar fashion, having won Divisions 7,6 and 5 in successive years. One match remained unplayed in Division 2, and 2 matches were conceded.

Final tables attached / in handbook.

292 ladies and 324 men competed in the League.

The website (www.hdtl.co.uk) was maintained and funded by David Titchmarsh, to whom many thanks.

The Tournament was played from June 6-12 at Harrogate Racquets Club and Harlow TC. It was refereed by Oliver Scaife. Thanks to both clubs for making their facilities available. 91 individuals competed - 30 ladies and 61 men, the highest entry for several years. 14 clubs were represented. Results attached / in handbook.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Bridge Inn, Walshford on October 15 with a good attendance. Thanks to Robin Mitchell for organising.

We were fortunate to receive continuing sponsorship from Cardale Asset Management, thanks to Richard Whiteley, a director.

56/05 *Treasurer's report, 2010 season:*

Attached, showing a surplus on year of £562.27 and assets of £2751.11.

Sponsorship of £1000 from Cardale Asset Management was valuable. Tournament entries could remain free, and a small fee was paid to Harrogate Racquets Club and Harlow TC in recognition of their generosity in making courts available for the Tournament.

56/06 *Subscription rate, 2011 season:*

Unchanged rate of £15.00 per team was approved.

56/07 *Officers and Committee, 2011 season:*

Elected unopposed:

Chairman	Robin Mitchell
Secretary	Ian Hargreaves
Members	Julie Abbott, Oliver Scaife

Janet Harrison resigned as Treasurer after 21 years.
Carol Wynne was elected Treasurer.

- 56/08 *Election of new Clubs:* Almscliffe TC was elected to membership, with one team.
The resignation of Ben Rhydding TC was noted with regret.
- 56/09 *Election of new teams:* The resignations of Ripon E and Ripon F were accepted.
The entry of Northallerton C was accepted.
- 56/10 *Proposed Rule changes, 2011 season:*
- Add new Rule 8.3:* Where a club has more than one team in any division, matches between those teams shall be played at the start of each half of the season. (Proposed: Thirsk TC). *Adopted.*
- Addition to Rule 15:* Any couple arriving after the match has started shall be nominated as Pair 3. (Proposed: Thirsk TC). *Not adopted.*
- Addition to Rule 19:* In the case of a postponed match between two teams from the same club, the final date for the match to be played shall be the Saturday following the last playing date for that Division as shown in the published fixture list. Any such match remaining unplayed after that date shall be declared null and void with no points or rubbers awarded to either team. (Proposed: Thirsk TC). *Not adopted.*
- 56/11 *Divisional formation of the League, 2011 season:*
Format of 5 divisions of 8 teams and 1 division of 13 teams was approved.
Final divisional allocation attached / in handbook.
- 56/12 *Tournament, 2011 season:*
To be held at Harrogate Racquets Club, 5-11 June, with overflow matches at Harlow TC.
Thanks to both Clubs. Oliver Scaife to organise. Free entry for all events.
- 56/13 *Social Evening, 2011 season:*
Although the 2010 event at the Bridge Inn, Walshford, was reasonably well supported, S.Welch suggested that prizewinners had to be coerced into attendance and that maybe an event such as this had run its course. There was some support for the event to continue, maybe at a Harrogate venue. R.Mitchell will consider the options.
- 56/14 *Sponsorship*
Cardale Asset Management had agreed to continue their sponsorship for a further year.
- 56/15 *Wetherby floodlit league*
I.Teasdale outlined a successful if weather-interrupted start to the new competition.
- 56/16 *Match timing*
W.Skubiak initiated a discussion on the possible options to help bring matches to a conclusion in daylight. Options discussed included: earlier match start time (rejected), sudden death deuce/no advantage points (rejected), 2-1-1 format as standard, no tiebreak/halve set at 5-5, 12-game rubbers. No change adopted for 2011. Any significant change to be proposed for discussion at 2012 AGM.

Harrogate Racquets Club was thanked for its hospitality. Meeting closed 8.50pm.

Ian Hargreaves

Secretary

8 February 2011