

Tyke Petroleum Men's Tennis League  
Minutes of the 2017 AGM at Wilberfoss Pavilion  
on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm

**Apologies from:** Alne & Tollerton, Bubwith, Cawood, Dunnington, Harlow, Heworth, Knaresborough King James', Pocklington. Racquets, Riccall, Starbeck

**Present:** David Moore (Chairman), Ian Hillman (Secretary/Treasurer), Derek Boorman (Tyke Petroleum League Sponsor)

**Members from:** Academy, Appleton Roebuck, Bishopthorpe, Fulford, Harrogate Spa, Poppleton, Rufforth, Sherburn, Strensall, Wigginton, Wilberfoss.

**and a representative from:** New Earswick TC

**Absent without Apology:** Boston Spa, Copmanthorpe, David Lloyd, Rowntree Park, Selby, Sheriff Hutton, Sutton-on-Derwent, Wetherby Castlegarth, Wheldrake, York.

**Neil Burke** of Wilberfoss Tennis Club bid a warm welcome to attendees to the club's pavilion on behalf of club chair, John Latham.

**Minutes:** *The minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting had been distributed by e-mail. The minutes of the 2016 AGM were accepted unanimously without amendment.*

**Matters Arising:** None.

**Correspondence: New Earswick:** Reported that their new courts are now complete – and they're currently offering memberships at a reasonable £70.

**The Academy** are now 'David Lloyd'. They've been given the choice, but elected *not* to complete as 6 ranked teams from ONE club, but to compete as TWO separate clubs. 'David York' and 'Harry Lloyd' were suggested, but they've decided on '*David Lloyd HG*', and '*David Lloyd YK*'.

**STARBECK** now *suggest* (rather than propose) that when Easter falls late and school holidays coincide with the first Sunday of our season, all of our fixtures should be pushed back a week.

**Chairman's Report:** Sadly reported the passing in April of Malcolm Huntington, who'd been a fervent supporter of Tennis particularly, in York. He'd donated one of the Men's League trophies and been active in both our league and the mixed. Malcolm had been a sports journalist with 'The Press' for some 45 years, and was also an international Tennis umpire. He was appointed head umpire at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics when Tennis was reintroduced as an Olympic sport.

Thanked Wilberfoss for their sumptuous hospitality. Many thanks too to Derek Boorman for his continuing support and sponsorship of our league, and for all the tremendous trophies he buys for the division winners.

Thanks to the committee who'd done a sterling job this year, via e-mail, sorting out the detailed arrangements for transitioning to a 'ladder league', and for helping find a new League Secretary.

Thanks to Ian (outgoing League Secretary) for his hard work this year and in previous years.

**Secretary's Report:**

Thanks once again to Derek for his unflinching support of our league, and providing us with all these lovely trophies, which make our competition so special.

Thanks especially to David, our chairman and the committee for sorting out the format of next year's league so comprehensively and quickly so that people could anticipate where they'd end up in 2018.

We'd 61 teams on the books, but Harlow 1<sup>st</sup> team and Division 6's Dunnington 2<sup>nd</sup> both withdrew, leaving us with just 59.

Appleton Roebuck 2, relegated to Division 6 were invited to replace Harlow 1<sup>st</sup> in Division 4, as the best of the 5 teams relegated from Divisions 4 & 5. That now left Division 6 with only 4 teams. New club Harrogate Spa were admitted to Division 6, and Harlow's remaining team in Division 8, were swapped to Division 6.

That left us with 6, 7 and 6 teams across Divisions 6, 7 & 8. 31 Inter-divisional matches were allocated, mid-season, so that all teams had 14 scheduled fixtures each, giving us 413 scheduled fixtures in total. (763 players took part in total).

It's remarkable then that only 6 matches were not played, although disappointing that 2 of them were in Division One (Dunnington).

2007 finished with 56 teams. In the next 10 years we lost many clubs. Stamford Bridge, Civil Service, Escrick, Nestlé, (New Earswick), and a host of teams from existing clubs. Although Harrogate teams were already playing in the league in 2007, they've since bolstered the numbers, with another 7 teams joining, and they've kept the whole show on the road.

Thank you to the many league captains who're total stars and have (largely) made the job of League Secretary a pleasure. The captains have the harder job, getting teams motivated and to turn out every week, which makes our competition, and all the enjoyment it engenders, possible.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ian presented a balance sheet showing **£1,229** in the Santander deposit account. With £241 in the current account, the overall balance is £1,470, but with liabilities of £229: items bought, but as yet unpaid. eg. the AGM food bill. Bank interest was £3.33, giving us an overall deficit of £7 of income over expenditure this year. Subs were down on last year with only £295 received from 59 teams.

We've spent £150 this year on AGM catering (up £50 after last year's poor show), but saved potentially £60 by using some old scorecards bought in 2012 but never used (because of the scoring change).

*There were no questions and the accounts were accepted unanimously.*

#### **FUTURE BUDGET:**

1) **Proposed** is to increase the League Secretary's honorarium from £100 to £150. The LSH was introduced sometime before 2004 – no mention of the introduction in past minutes.

2) **Proposed** to increase the amount available for AGM catering to £150. (Catering expense is necessary to allay 'room hire')

Printed scorecards now cost £60 to print and a further £30 in postage, envelopes and address labels, as well as a lot of effort to send out. Only 20% of scorecards are posted back now. Of those half at least are 'belt and braces' where a digital image has already been e-mailed by one side or the other.

3) **Proposed** that we go entirely digital to save £90 a year. Scorecard blanks should be e-mailed to team captains, who can then print them out (2 sheets of A4 = 8 scorecards) Captains (both) would fill out a single blank at the match, sign it, photograph and e-mail it in. It means that teams will have to elect 'digital captains' or failing that, a separate 'team secretary' to handle the administration of submitting match scores.

4) **Proposed** therefore to moderate the increase in the league team subscription from £5 to £6 per team. (The previous increase to £5 happened between 1999 & 2004 – but hadn't been minuted)

The above FOUR proposals were accepted unanimously.

### **Election of Officers:**

Chairman: **David Moore (Bishopthorpe)**. *Re-elected unanimously.*

Secretary/Treasurer: Duties to be jointly carried out by:

**Alan Wilkinson and John Petler (both of Bishopthorpe TC)** *Elected unanimously.*

Alan Wilkinson gave apologies for the absence of colleague, John Petler, who is currently on holiday abroad. Alan reported that John and he had agreed that John would be mainly doing the administrative work, and be Treasurer.

Alan himself said he'd be working mainly on the technical side to reduce the administrative load. He envisaged (eventually) that captains would enter match results directly into a database which would feed the tables on a league website. This would also afford the Men's League the type of statistical information about individuals' performance, currently available to the participants in the Mixed League. It would also necessitate the league having a 'paid for' website, because those that are provided free of charge, have limited functionality and don't allow multiple updates in real-time. Alan reported that such paid-for sites only costed between £10 and £25 per year. Alan also envisaged that fixtures would be compiled randomly in future.

Committee: Representatives for each of the eight Divisions were nominated and unanimously elected as shown below:

Division One	POPPLETON
Division Two	SHERBURN
Division Three	APPLETON ROEBUCK
Division Four	WIGGINTON
Division Five	STRENSALL
Division Six	WILBERFOSS
Division Seven	(vacant)
Division Eight	BISHOPTHORPE

**Resignations:** Knaresborough (King James) e-mailed to say that they'd like to withdraw their 2<sup>nd</sup> team who'd been due to play in Division 8 in 2018.

### **Applications:**

**HARROGATE SPA:** – would like a 2<sup>nd</sup> team                      Seconded:

Burgeoning membership and the success of their first team have necessitated provision of a second competition entry.

**STRENSALL:** - would like a 2<sup>nd</sup> team.                      Seconded:

'Strensall's a big place' and their membership has grown to the extent that they need a second team in the men's league. Ian pointed out that with 2 teams AND sharing their ground with Wigginton 4<sup>th</sup> team, they'd have to accommodate an anticipated 19 home matches in a window of 23 Sundays. Ryan Gale stated that Strensall intended to continue the arrangement with Wigginton 4<sup>th</sup> team, and that booking their courts for 19 out of 23 Sundays next season wouldn't be problematic.

**NEW EARSWICK:** three-time League winners (1984, 85 and 93) have made a late application to rejoin now that their new courts are completed. It's early days still, but they anticipate having a large enough squad to include already keen junior players including Latimer junior.

*All three were seconded and elected unanimously by show of hands.*

## PRESENTATION:

**Derek Boorman**, then presented trophies to the eight winners.

### Winners:

Division One..... POPPLETON – Nick Turnbull  
Division Two..... RACQUETS – (trophy & replicas in the safe-keeping of new League Sec)  
Division Three ... SHERBURN – Stephen Duree  
Division Four.....ACADEMY 2 – Nick Boid  
Division Five..... WILBERFOSS – Alex Gurnell  
Division Six..... HARROGATE SPA – Paul Toulman  
Division Seven.... FULFORD 2 – Paul Ruff  
Division Eight..... STRENSALL – Ryan Gale

## 13) Rule Amendments

**A) Change the 'Team ties' or playing up rule (B3.1) - proposed by WIGGINTON**  
(two alternatives to the current rule)

- i) Before a given date, each club must nominate 6 players for each team they have in the Men's League. Those 6 players may not then play for any team lower than the one to which they been nominated. Nominations to be checked against the previous season's returns and regular players to be excluded as nominees for lower teams.
- ii) Players logged in the first match cannot then play for a lower team at that club, for the rest of the season.

NB Only players named in i) or ii) would *ever* become tied. Any unnamed players would be eligible to play for *any* of the club's teams in the men's league, on any number of occasions without becoming tied at all.

An ad-hoc proposal to '**Change the current rules for players becoming tied to teams within their own club**'. Proposed by: WIGGINTON Seconded by: ---

*The above proposal didn't attract a seconder, falling without a vote taken. As a consequence so did the Agenda'd proposals (above).*

## PROPOSALS TO CHANGE THE CURRENT LEAGUE

**Format:** 8 divisions arranged consecutively

59 teams from this year  
minus Knaresborough 2  
plus HSTC 2  
plus Strensall 2  
plus NEW EARSWICK  
= 61 teams.

Ian noted that last year's AGM had made a rule that the AGM cannot change the format of the next year's league. However, ad-hoc and late changes are sometimes necessary when teams drop out in the new year. Ian has particular concerns about a division seven team, who might not make the starting gate.

David suggested (*and it was agreed*) that any changes that become necessary could be accomplished by the committee next year as they may arise.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ian noted that with some previous concern about League Secretary duties including the taking of photographs at matches, only ONE was taken this year (of the League champions). All the other (new) photographs on the website have been supplied by Harrogate Spa Tennis Club, for which they were thanked.

Processing and publication of photographs for the website and 'The Press', had proved particularly burdensome, taking up as much as 75% of the weekly time spent by the Secretary on league duties. The Press particularly are crying out for sports photographs, and they've benefited the website. The only feasible way to proceed, though, is for clubs to provide match-day photographs of their own, preferably action shots, outstanding individuals, or team line-ups.

No further business.

Neil Burke thanked everyone for coming. Wilberfoss are keen to spread the word about their outstanding facilities and would welcome hosting league AGMs in the future.

Meeting closed 9:17PM.

	The York Men's League	
<b>AGM</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Secretary / Treasurer</b>
1981 – 1984 (4)	Derek Boorman	Keith Johnson
1985	Derek Boorman	Neville King
1986 – 1987 (2)	Alf Bewick	Neville King
1988 – 1992 (5)	Alf Bewick	John Waterhouse
1993	Derek Boorman	Mark Allitt
1994 – 1998 (5)	John Linfoot	Mark Allitt
1999	John Linfoot	Neville King
2000 – 2003 (4)	Mark Allitt	Neville King
2004 – 2007 (4)	John Cattenach	Neville King
2008 – 2010 (3)	John Cattenach	Ian Hillman
2011 – 2012 (2)	Jason Levesley	Ian Hillman
2013 – 2017 (5)	David Moore	Ian Hillman