

## **TYKE MEN'S TENNIS LEAGUE AGM 2018 - MINUTES**

**Attendance** - members from Bishopthorpe, Harrogate Racquets, Harrogate Spa, New Earswick, Sherburn, Strensall, Wheldrake, Wigginton, York

**Apologies:** clubs: Appleton Roebuck, Dunnington, Heworth, Knaresborough, Poppleton, Riccall, Rufforth, Wilberfoss; individuals: Graham Wild, Neil Hawkins, Andy Ivel, Brian Graystone,

### **Chairman's report**

Moore apologised for the lack of press reports during the season, caused in large part by the fact that one of the three people elected at last year's AGM to share the secretarial duties had not in the event carried out their tasks. An end of season report had been published and Moore hoped to write a press report about the presentation evening.

Moore appealed for more help for next year, especially organising the AGM. It was agreed to try and share some of the work amongst the committee.

It had been a good year for the league: the ladder structure had gone well, only 6 matches were conceded; many matches were very close; Alan's statistical analyses were very interesting and had been well received.

Moore expressed his thanks to:

His beautiful wife Linda for helping organise the AGM and in particular for her help retrieving trophies from the previous holders. Cameo engraving for completing the order to a very tight deadline. David Lloyd in general and Jason Milner in particular for organising the hosting of the AGM

Ian Hillman for helping with the transfer of the secretary role  
Alan for a great job with the fixtures, web site, results, tables...

Derek for sponsoring. Derek has kindly agreed to sponsor the league again next year; this will be Derek's 40th year, which he sees as a good time to hand on the baton. Thanks to Derek for 39 years of sponsorship.

### **Treasurer's report**

Moore had spent the season as de facto treasurer, his total lack of financial knowledge and experience notwithstanding.

Accounts were circulated.

The handover from Ian to Moore would have been extremely complex and bureaucratic had we stayed with Santander, so a new account with Barclays had been opened.

Current signatories are Moore and his beautiful wife. It was suggested from the floor that a further, non-family, signatory would be advisable.

Moore agreed to action this.

We started year with £1241, brought in £276 and spent £2, giving us £1515

However we need to pay for this evening, the honorarium and some expenses.

Our financial status was seen as non-problematic.

### **League Secretary's Report**

We were back up to 62 teams at the start of the season, up from 59 in 2017 - new teams were Strensall 2, Harrogate Spa 2, Dunnington 2, New Earswick.

The transition arrangement from pyramid structure went well but we need to consider league structure for future as no inter-divisional matches can be arranged

The start of the season is admin-heavy and currently means waiting for all teams to "re-join" before divisions can be finalised and fixtures compiled. This means a lot of chasing and a very tight timescale for releasing fixtures.

Proposing to release fixtures earlier to give more time for re-arrangements etc.

8 divisions, 33 clubs, 61 teams, 775 players (up 12) played 400 matches, 3500 rubbers, 42000 games

6 conceded + loss of Starbeck 3 from division 5

Teams missing a pair on 34 occasions

One ineligible player was fielded. Also one club raised concerns about player membership but chose not to bring the matter to the AGM.

New website with fixtures, results, stats visited 48,000 times

New results processing system to minimise effort - half a dozen errors, one serious (clashing matches)

Printing own scorecards mainly worked well. Lots of examples of full names or other information missing but ultimately worked fine

2 scorecards submitted late

Feedback mainly positive but would welcome further feedback

Thanks to David chair, Derek sponsor, committee for their input and captains for getting teams out, Ian Hillman for help with transition

### **Elections**

Chairman - Moore

Treasurer - Moore

Secretary - Alan Wilkinson

### **Committee**

Derek suggested that the winners of the league should be this year's divisional champions. This was accepted by the meeting.

A consequence is that division 1 has 2 representatives (the division 1 champions and the promoted division 2 champions) and that division 8 gets no representative via this method (since their champions have been promoted). However, David Lloyd (York), the division 1 champions, have a team in division 8 also, thus resolving the issue.

In addition, Strensall and Appleton Roebuck had kindly agreed to join the committee.

Thus the committee is: Appleton Roebuck, David Lloyd (York), Harrogate Spa, Racquets, Sherburn, Strensall, Wigginton, York.

### **Presentations**

Derek presented the trophies to the league winners, as follows:

Division 8 - Harrogate Spa II

Division 7 - York IV

Division 6 - David Lloyd III

Division 5 - Harrogate Spa

Division 4 - Racquets II

Division 3 - Wigginton II

Division 2 - Sherburn

Division 1 - David Lloyd York

### **Proposals**

Wigginton to introduce a 5th team - agreed unanimously  
Knaresborough to introduce a second team - agreed unanimously  
Dunnington to withdraw their first team - agreed unanimously  
New cup competition - Ryan. The meeting decided that we would allow communication through the league but that the organisation and court space would have to be found by teams entering the cup competition.  
Rule changes proposed by Alan were agreed unanimously following discussion. Please see separate document "AGM supporting information" for specifics of the rule changes.  
The privacy policy proposed by Alan was agreed unanimously following discussion. Please see separate document "AGM supporting information" for specifics of the privacy policy.

**League formation** - Alan had prepared 4 options in the event that teams join and leave the league. Alan proposed option 2 as the best option, on the grounds that it provides the best balance between keeping all the divisions a reasonable size but spreading the smaller divisions around the whole of the bottom half of the league rather than just on the very bottom divisions. Specifically, option 2 is "have 8 teams in division 1-4, remove one team from each division starting from the bottom and re-starting from the bottom after division 5. This ensures that the top half of the league always has full-size divisions but if there are further withdrawals the bottom divisions might have to shrink right down to six teams each".  
Option 2 was accepted unanimously.

## AGM supporting information

### Rule change proposals

Four rule changes are proposed. They are purely administrative changes and/or clarifications to existing rules, as follows:

Rule	Proposed change	Reason
C1.1	Change as shown: The League Season <del>typically runs between the last Sunday in April</del> <u>begins on the Sunday falling between 23 and 29 April</u> with all matches having to be completed by September 30th.	To provide certainty as to when the season actually begins and provide 23 Sundays for matches
C1.1	Add: No fixtures will be arranged on Sundays immediately preceding bank holidays or on the first three Sundays of the York school summer holidays, except at clubs that have more than two teams but can only accommodate one home match at once.	To provide certainty as to when fixtures will be arranged (see also below)
C1.3	Change as shown: The fixtures for the new Season will be made available at least <del>three</del> <u>six</u> weeks prior to the Season starting.	To give more time for clubs to plan and/or re-arrange matches before the start of the season
C1.7	Delete as shown: A team failing to fulfil a fixture will not be credited with winning any games or winning or drawing any rubbers in that fixture. They will however concede the number of <del>rubbers and</del> games awarded to their opponents by C1.7 ii) & iii) above. In addition, six League points will be deducted from the conceding team.	To remove potential ambiguity in the rule. No change is proposed to the treatment of conceded matches but the present wording could be read as meaning that the conceding team loses rubber points in addition to the 6-point penalty.

### Privacy policy

The league is subject to the GDPR so requires to have a privacy policy. A draft policy is attached.

### Publication of fixtures

According to current league rules, fixtures are made available at least three weeks before the season starts. This doesn't give much time for clubs to re-arrange matches and plan their teams for the first matches of the season. I propose to change this so that fixtures are published at least six weeks in advance (i.e. mid-March). This does mean that any last-minute dropouts might cause a division to be short of teams. However, league rules state that withdrawals should be made by the AGM in November so in principle this should not happen.

End of February: deadline for any late-notice withdrawals

Second week of March: fixtures published

End of March: deadline for subs payments

### Season dates

In order to provide certainty about the season timings, it is proposed to run the season to a fixed timetable, as per the calendar below. The 'regular' weeks of the season (green) begin on the Sunday falling between 23 and 29 April and then every Sunday except:

- Sundays immediately preceding a bank holiday
- the first three Sundays of the York school summer holidays

Every team will usually have matches scheduled on regular weeks. Clubs with 1 or 2 teams (or more teams but able to host two home matches at once) will only be expected to host home matches on regular weeks – this is intended to give certainty about which Sunday mornings will require courts to be 'booked out' for league matches without having to wait for the fixtures to be published.

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'Spare' weeks (blue) are the Sundays described in the bullet points above plus one extra week after the regular season. Clubs with three teams will also have to host home matches on the spare weeks, split approximately evenly between the three teams. In the first spare week of the season, attempts will be made to ensure that a club's highest team is the one playing – this is intended to prevent the situation where a club could use several first team players in a third team match (for example), as they would otherwise be entitled to do as the first team players would not be tied yet.

Attempts will be made to ensure that each away team doesn't have to play in spare weeks more than once, although this cannot be guaranteed.

The 'extra' weeks are those where no fixtures will normally be scheduled for any team, but which can legitimately be used for matches rearranged before the season or for bad-weather rearrangements.

	2018	2019		2020	2021	2022	2023
1	22 Apr	21 Apr	20 Apr	19 Apr	18 Apr	17 Apr	16 Apr
2	29 Apr	28 Apr	27 Apr	26 Apr	25 Apr	24 Apr	23 Apr
3	06 May	05 May	04 May	03 May	02 May	01 May	30 Apr
4	13 May	12 May	11 May	10 May	09 May	08 May	07 May
5	20 May	19 May	18 May	17 May	16 May	15 May	14 May
6	27 May	26 May	25 May	24 May	23 May	22 May	21 May
7	03 Jun	02 Jun	01 Jun	31 May	30 May	29 May	28 May
8	10 Jun	09 Jun	08 Jun	07 Jun	06 Jun	05 Jun	04 Jun
9	17 Jun	16 Jun	15 Jun	14 Jun	13 Jun	12 Jun	11 Jun
10	24 Jun	23 Jun	22 Jun	21 Jun	20 Jun	19 Jun	18 Jun
11	01 Jul	30 Jun	29 Jun	28 Jun	27 Jun	26 Jun	25 Jun
12	08 Jul	07 Jul	06 Jul	05 Jul	04 Jul	03 Jul	02 Jul
13	15 Jul	14 Jul	13 Jul	12 Jul	11 Jul	10 Jul	09 Jul
14	22 Jul	21 Jul	20 Jul	19 Jul	18 Jul	17 Jul	16 Jul
15	29 Jul	28 Jul	27 Jul	26 Jul	25 Jul	24 Jul	23 Jul
16	05 Aug	04 Aug	03 Aug	02 Aug	01 Aug	31 Jul	30 Jul
17	12 Aug	11 Aug	10 Aug	09 Aug	08 Aug	07 Aug	06 Aug
18	19 Aug	18 Aug	17 Aug	16 Aug	15 Aug	14 Aug	13 Aug
19	26 Aug	25 Aug	24 Aug	23 Aug	22 Aug	21 Aug	20 Aug
20	02 Sep	01 Sep	31 Aug	30 Aug	29 Aug	28 Aug	27 Aug
21	09 Sep	08 Sep	07 Sep	06 Sep	05 Sep	04 Sep	03 Sep
22	16 Sep	15 Sep	14 Sep	13 Sep	12 Sep	11 Sep	10 Sep
23	23 Sep	22 Sep	21 Sep	20 Sep	19 Sep	18 Sep	17 Sep
24	30 Sep	29 Sep	28 Sep	27 Sep	26 Sep	25 Sep	24 Sep

## League formation

The ideal number of teams per division is eight. Obviously this can't always be achieved in every division so we need to plan how the league will be formed if teams join and leave. I have prepared four options, all of which have as the basic principle that 8 teams is the ideal for a division and that 6 is the absolute minimum.

Option 2 is recommended as it provides the best balance between keeping all the divisions a reasonable size but spreading the smaller divisions around the whole of the bottom half of the league rather than just on the very bottom divisions.

## AGM supporting information

**Option 1:** have 7-8 teams in all divisions, removing one team from each division starting from the bottom. This keeps an even spread of teams across divisions but means that if there are further withdrawals, the need to have smaller divisions spreads to the top half of the league, potentially as far as division 2.

	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8
64	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
63	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7
62	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7
61	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	7
60	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7
59	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7
58	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	7
57	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7

**Option 2:** have 8 teams in division 1-4, remove one team from each division starting from the bottom and re-starting from the bottom after division 5. This ensures that the top half of the league always has full-size divisions but if there are further withdrawals the bottom divisions might have to shrink right down to six teams each.

	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8
64	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
63	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7
62	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7
61	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	7
60	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7
59	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	6
58	8	8	8	8	7	7	6	6
57	8	8	8	8	7	6	6	6

**Option 3:** have 8 teams in division 1-4, remove up to two teams from each division, starting from the bottom. This is the same as option 2 but the smaller divisions focused on the lowest divisions instead of being spread across the whole bottom half.

	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8
64	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
63	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7
62	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	6
61	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	6
60	8	8	8	8	8	8	6	6
59	8	8	8	8	8	7	6	6
58	8	8	8	8	8	6	6	6
57	8	8	8	8	7	6	6	6

**Option 4:** have 8 teams in division 1-4, remove one team from each division starting from the bottom but abolishing division 8 and enlarging other divisions after division 5. This avoids divisions with fewer than 7 teams but divisions with 9 teams might cause scheduling difficulties for bigger clubs.

	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8
64	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
63	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7
62	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7
61	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	7
60	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7
59	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	-
58	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	-
57	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	-