
LEICESTERSHIRE LADIES' SQUASH LEAGUE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

Date Wednesday, 15 May 2019

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Sport in Desford

Present: Sally Hurman, Secretary, Leicestershire Squash and Tennis Club
Jacqui Walters, Treasurer, SID
Sue Beswick, Committee Member, Fusion Squash
Sue Coleman, Committee Member, SID
Theresa Keyes, Hermitage
Dawn Cook, Leicestershire Squash and Tennis Club
Laura Holding, Market Harborough
Cat Brown, SID
Vicki Kemp, SID
Karen Neal-Pears, SID
Jane Young, SID

Apologies: Ida Huggins, Committee Member, Market Harborough
Rachel Hassell, Fusion Squash
Pauline McCoy, Fusion Squash
Kat Elias-Jones, Fusion Squash
Anna Chalkley, Hermitage
Nina Parker, Leicestershire Squash and Tennis Club
Pam Harrison, Leicestershire Squash and Tennis Club
Lesley de Carle, Leicestershire Squash and Tennis Club
Verity Howard, Leicestershire Squash and Tennis Club
Ruth Sleigh, Market Harborough
Lin Leach, Market Harborough
Antonia Baird, SID
Hannah Tomlinson, SID

Welcome

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

1 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18 April 2018 were approved as a correct record. **ACTION:SH**

2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

There were no matters arising.

3 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Treasurer tabled the balance sheet for 2018/19.

- There is current a healthy balance in the sum of £951.99 credit (see attached balance sheet).
- Junior fees in the sum of £92.00 had been paid for juniors who had played league matches during the season.
- It was **AGREED** that team fees be waived for the 2019/20 season with the exception of new club teams which would pay a fee of £30.

4 **REVIEW OF THE SEASON**

- There were 84 fixtures; 334 matches; two matches were conceded and eight matches were played with three players.
- 52 players are listed.
- Bank players had been used during the season, without them, there would have been hardship.

4.1 **Issues**

- Matches being played on consecutive nights was raised as an issue, however, the difficulty with arranging fixtures was acknowledged and it is unavoidable with so many teams playing on the same night and particularly for SID who have three teams.
- Matches scheduled in the first half of the season that were not played and carried over into the second half were raised as an issue. It was **AGREED** that in future all first half matches must be played before the first match of the second half of the season.

4.2 **Team Playing Standards:** Discussed and it was acknowledged that there would always be a wide gap between the no 1 team and the no 7 team as is the gap in standards between the no 1 league player and players in lower teams.

- To make standards more even, the possibility of a handicap system was suggested, however, this would not provide a true league winner result at the end of the season.
- The possibility of a development league was discussed, again to address the difference in playing standards.
- A 'Fun Day' was suggested for all players so as to mix/match and encourage juniors and development players. **ACTION: SH**

5 **PRESENTATION TO LEAGUE WINNERS 2018/19**

League Winner: Leicestershire Lawn Tennis Club

League Runner Up: Sport in Desford 1

Hospitality: Joint: Sport in Desford 2 and Market Harborough

Congratulations to teams on their successes

5.1 **Proposal: Most Improved Player Award**

It was **AGREED** that in future years there would be an award for the Most Improved Player. Team Captains will be asked to nominate their most improved player and a shortlist of all will be circulated to team captains who will be asked to rank.
ACTION: SH

6 LEAGUE STRUCTURE 2019/20

- To remain the same as for the 2018/19 season if there are the same number of teams. If new teams join, then there will be a committee meeting to decide how to move forward, ie, number of leagues, possibility of a development league (as above).
- It was suggested that a tournament take place prior to the start of the season and/or mid/end of the season. It would be advantageous if the tournament took place prior to the AGM. **ACTION: SH**

6.1 Proposal: Match Scoring

It was suggested that matches return to English scoring rather than PAR scoring. This was discussed in detail and it was **AGREED** to continue with PAR scoring.

6.2 It is possible that Hinkley may put in a junior team next year and Leicester Squash Club may put in a team too.

7 RULES

There were no amendments to the rules for the following season. However, rules pertaining to bank players will be reviewed to include:

- A no 1 bank can play only if the club no 1 cannot play
- Points will be capped for a bank player (ie, no turning up point for bank player)

ACTION: SH

8 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Sally Hurman (Leicestershire Squash/Tennis Club) will continue as Secretary.
- Jackie Walters (SID) will continue as Treasurer.
- Sue Colman (SID) and Sue Beswick (Fusion) will continue as Committee Members.
- Laura Holding (Market Harborough) and Alison Clarke (Hermitage) will join the Committee.
- The Secretary will contact Ida Huggins regarding Committee Membership.

ACTION: SH

The Committee is now representative of all clubs in the Leicestershire League.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Leicestershire Committee

The Leicestershire Committee had contacted the Ladies League with a request to amalgamate in order to fully represent squash in Leicestershire, ie, with Men and Juniors. This will enable Leicestershire Squash to approach England Squash for funding should they wish. Leicestershire Ladies League is represented by Rachel Calver in order to bring the ladies elite and league elements together; the Secretary provides a report (inc finance) to the Leicestershire Committee Secretary. There is no intention on the part the main committee to be involved in any way in the Ladies League.

9.2 Summer League

There was interest in the Summer League 2019. SH undertook to liaise with clubs with a view to having some matches in August. **ACTION: SH**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.