

Rowntree Park Tennis Club AGM Minutes

Thursday March 16th 2017

- 1. Apologies** –Angela Smith, James Denmark, Karen Jarvis, Catherine & Damian Pease
Simon Anderson, Robert Anderson, Martin Pinfold, Paul Adams, Sandra Pauw, Ed
Martin, Russ Waring, Richard Grey, Peter Burgess
- 2. Attending** - Pete Richardson, Kevin & Ronnie Davison, Martin O’Connell, John Neary,
Breeda Gallagher, Sandra Robinson, Heather & Keith Clarke, Louise Newson, Jennifer
Simpson, James Chantry, Andy Crockett and Paul Browning.
- 3. Minutes of 2016 AGM** – Agreed
- 4. Matters Arising** – None
- 5. Chair Report** – A good year for the club, with mixed success for the teams.
Unfortunately the First mixed team was relegated and will play in Division 3 next year.
On a better note the Second mixed team were promoted and will play in Division 4. The
men’s 1st Team were 2nd in Division 1 and the 2nd Team were 4th in Division 3. The Men’s
third team completed all fixtures with many players having the opportunity to play. The
Ladies team finished mid table in Division 3.

The new booking system has been a success and the LTA are continuing to support us to grow, we will shortly be changing the lock for non-members, it will allow the entry code to be changed remotely and more frequently.

We are in conversation with the Canoe Club and the Council regarding the future use of and possible improvements to the Hut (we are investigating the possibility of expansion into the roof space) which if the plans are agreed would mean grant applications to raise funds. We are not in charge of the timescales, but we continue to push and move it forward.

- 6. Treasurer Report** – (see separate account sheet)

Membership has held strong and we have seen a small increase again this season. Match fees were all collected and there was no need for last year’s subsidy of teas for the mixed teams to be continued.

The on line booking system has worked well generating £3,996 in income (£822 in 2015).

The increase in league & LTA costs £678 is a consequence of us having to cover our LTA registration fee which was previously paid for by the council.

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7. Match Fees – Subscriptions - Public Fees

Match Fees - will remain at £2 per person per match.

Subscriptions will remain at last year's level.

Full member - £70

Couple - £120 (2 Adults at the same address)

Social - £35 (up to 6pm Mon –Fri)

Full Family - £140 (2x Adults any children under 16)

Family - £100 (1x Adult any children under 16)

Student – £35 (Anyone in full time education)

Public Fees – Will increase to £6 per court

8. Teams for 2016

- 3 Men's Teams (York & District 1st & 2nd Division, Barkston Ash)
- 2 Mixed Teams (York & District 3rd & 4th Division)
- 1 Ladies Team (Fulford ladies Invitation 3rd Division)

9. Election of officers

- Chair – Peter Richardson
- Secretary – Peter Richardson
- Treasurer – Kevin Davison
- Safe Guarding officer – Andy Crockett
- Team Captains
 - 1st Men's - James Denmark
 - 2nd Men's – Ed Martin
 - 3rd Men's – James Chantry
 - Mixed 1 – Ronnie Davison/Ed Martin
 - Mixed 2 – Martin Pinfold
 - Ladies – Breeda Gallagher/Sandra Robertson

10. Season start

- Club sessions
 - April 1st Official season start
 - First Thursday 30/03/2016 – 6pm onwards
 - First Saturday 01/04/2016 – 2pm onwards
- Match days
 - Mixed Monday & Tuesday - 6:30pm
 - Men's 1st and 2nd Sunday Morning - 10am
 - Men's 3rd Sunday afternoon 2:00pm.
 - Ladies Friday 6:30pm and Sunday 2:00pm
- Coaching sessions – Andy will be running pre- season sessions in April

11. Club WEB site – Paul Browning has agreed to review and manage the club website, he will also be setting up and running a new club ladder.

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12. Social events -

Saturday April 1st - 2:00 - wrap up warm and come down for Hotdogs and Tennis

July – BBQ - Date to be confirmed as soon as Fixtures sorted.

September 16th – End of season get together. Venue to be advised

13. Any other business –

Change of courts for club members and matches –

Public booking – The public booking system has been a great success. However, as the club uses the courts that we use for the public bookings, for matches and club sessions this is limiting the availability of courts for public use; reducing our club income. This is even when there are courts empty. It was proposed that the club sessions and matches move to the courts previously allocated for club use. That is courts 4, 5, and 6. After discussion it was decided:

Club Play – It was agreed that club play will be on courts 5, 6 & 4 – moving us back to the top two courts where we hope we can recapture our “club” feel

Match Days – A discussion was held about which courts to use for matches. By using courts 4, 5, & 6 we would be able to extend the courts available for public bookings. However, it was agreed that having all matches together was a better option. Matches will therefore continue to be played on the group of 4 courts where possible. The remaining courts would still be available for general play by members.

Wimbledon Tickets

This is the first year (for many years) that we have been a part of the Wimbledon ballot. We have been allocated tickets based on the number of people who opted in with the LTA. Eligible members will be contacted shortly to see if they wish to be part of the club draw and have the opportunity to purchase tickets.

Team captains have been asked to be aware of how unsettling it is to not have regular partnerships - one member having played with seven different people. Although it was recognised the captains do their best to get settled teams out.

Access to the courts

Access to the courts is controlled by use of the member's access code (C14328). Public access is via the gate behind court 1 using a different number. Members are asked to ensure that all gates are closed and locked at all times to prevent unauthorised access to the courts.

Meeting closed 9:05