

BRENTWOOD & DISTRICT LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 21st January 2015 in the pavilion of the Billericay Lawn Tennis Club.

Present	John Tucker	Chairman
	John Pullin	Hon. League Secretary
	Bill Low	Hon. Secretary
and representatives from the following Clubs		
Bentley	Mountnessing	
Billericay	Old Brentwoods	
Blackmore	Ongar	
Brentwood H. C.	Raphael Park	
Brentwood LTC	South Hanningfield	
Clearview	Stock	
Cranston Park	Stockbrook	
Grosvenor	Thurrock	
Hutton&Shenfield	West Horndon	
Kelveden Hatch	Writtle	

There was an apology for absence from Andrea Goodman (Hon. Treasurer).

The minutes of the previous AGM were approved and duly signed.

Copies of the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts were circulated and were adopted unanimously. As the finances were in a healthy state it was proposed that, Clubs would not have to pay any fees for this year only. The proposal was carried.

League Secretary's Report:-

2014 Summary

In summary, we had a successful summer season of tennis mainly due to the weather not being too bad and as a result not too many matches were cancelled.

It was a quiet summer regarding disputes. There was one minor issue with a disputed call during a match that escalated into a complaint about a player. The complaint was referred to the club concerned.

There were some close finishes in the various divisions

In mens division 2 the top three teams finished within 3 points of each other and second and third had the same points. In fact Writtle who came third would have been champions if they hadn't conceded 2 matches.

In mens division 3 Old Brentwoods beat Mountnessing by 1 point

In ladies division 1 Brentwood Lawn beat Cranston Park by 1.5 points

In ladies division 2 Clearview beat Hutton & Shenfield by 1/2 point

In mixed division 1 Hutton & Shenfield beat Grosvenor by 1 point

Congratulations to the winners of each division. I hope you all had an enjoyable season and I hope you have a successful season in the summer.

Please remind your captains that both teams should send in results regardless whether you are the home or away team. The purpose of it is to highlight issues with the result and to highlight the times when I make a mistake.

Formation of the league 2015

An application to join the league has been received from Marconi Tennis Club. They are situated in Chelmsford, just off Beehive Lane. They have 6 astroturf courts all floodlit. Floodlights are turned off at 10pm.

They would like to enter two mens teams. As they are a new club to the league the members must vote to accept or reject the application.

A vote was taken and Marconi were accepted into the league.

The following teams have been withdrawn from the league.

David Lloyd Basildon	Ladies Division 3
Ingatestone	2 Mens teams, one from division 3 and one from division 6
Billericay	Mens team from division 1

The following teams have been added to the league

Old Brentwoods	Mens team will go in division 6
Raphael Park	Mens team will go in division 2
Marconi	Two mens teams will both go in division 6

The mens and the ladies sections had become a little unbalanced so I have had to adjust some of the divisions. I have based my decisions on the teams' relative performances within their own division.

In the mens section I have promoted 3 teams from mens division 2, and 3 teams from mens division 6. I have not relegated any teams from mens division 3. Three new teams have gone into mens division 6.

In the ladies section again to balance the divisions I have relegated 2 teams from ladies division 1 one of them being Clearview. However, Clearview ladies won division 2 so I have left both teams where they were.

In the ladies and the mixed sections I debated whether to make it three divisions of eight teams or four divisions of six teams as we currently have. I decided to leave it as it is.

The updated version of the league composition was circulated to the match secretaries and is on the website www.billericayltc.co.uk

Post meeting change: The updated version of the league composition is now on the website www.stockleaguesec.wix.com/tennis

Proposed Rule Changes

There were no rule changes proposed by the member clubs.

- League secretary proposed a change to the wording of rule 11 Promotion/Relegation.

Replace the text “at the AGM” with “by the league secretary” so that it reads “Promotion and regulation between divisions shall be on the basis of two up, two down (except between division 1 and 2 where only one team will move up or down), or as may be decided by the league secretary”.

A vote was taken and the rule change was accepted.

- League secretary proposed a change to the wording of rule 7 Eligibility of Players.

Delete the text “nominate and” so that it reads “Each player shall be a bona fide playing member of an affiliated club”.

A vote was taken and the rule change was accepted.

Election of Officers

The following officers were re-elected to their current posts

John Tucker	Chairman
Andrea Goodman	Hon.Treasurer
John Pullin	Hon. League Secretary

Bill Low announced his retirement from the post of Hon. Secretary after over 35 years of service to the league. John Tucker thanked Bill for all his excellent work in the past and presented him with a bottle of champagne to mark the occasion.

Diane Morgan volunteered to accept the position for one year while a replacement was found.

Date of the next AGM & Fixture meeting was fixed for Wednesday 20th January 2015 commencing at 7.30pm at Billericay Lawn Tennis Club.

The Chairman, John Tucker presented the Trophies for the 2014 season to the winning Clubs.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.