

Stock Winter Floodlit League

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on
30th July 2025 at
Great Baddow Tennis Club

Present: **Peter Cook**, Chair of meeting on behalf of Victoria Olley.

and representatives from the following clubs:-

Billericay, Blackmore, Brentwood Lawn, Chelmsfordians, Danbury, Gt Baddow, Grove, Hamptons SL, Hutton and Shenfield, Ingatestone, Mounthnessing, Old Brentwoods, Ongar, Southminster, Stock and Thurrock.

Apologies for absence

Victoria Olley	League Secretary & Writtle TC
Mervyn Bodley	Treasurer
Bentley TC	
Brentwood Hard TC	
Old Brentwoods TC	
Stockbrook TC	
Wickford TC	

Peter (Match Sec - Brentwood Lawn) welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Gt Baddow for hosting.

Peter reported that Victoria Olley (New League Sec) had notified all clubs of her absence and asked Peter to be in the Chair instead. Peter requested all those present to sign the attendance sheet.

Acceptance of minutes from last meeting and matters arising

There was no formal meeting in 2024. Notes taken of discussions held that night by Peter were passed onto VO for future consideration. In her absence tonight. Carried over to 2026.

League Secretary's Report

2024-5 Summary

The season ran smoothly with all clubs submitting results in good time. No major disruptions, however the League was extended, to April 13th 2025, to allow end of season matches to take place.

Presentation of winners certificates

Will be sent by post to the clubs

Final results and tables are on the website
<http://stockleaguesec.wix.com/tennis>

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer was not present. PC explained that Victoria had messaged the Treasurer, adding he was unaware of any further news at this time. VO to update at new years AGM.

Election of Officers for 2019/20

Mervyn Bodley is the current Treasurer, VO will contact regarding the post and discuss replacement if needed.

Victoria Olley is willing to stand as League Secretary for another year.

Composition of the league for 2019/20

Final revision of teams for 2025/26 was circulated to members before the meeting

Rule Changes

None had been circulated before the meeting.

Any Other Business

PC informed the meeting that any discussions tonight, even if passed, would not apply to the season ahead (2025-6). As clubs would need to be notified in advance of potential rule changes which hadn't happened. Instead, noted made tonight would be passed to VO for clubs consideration at next years AGM, ahead of the 2026-7 season.

The Following was raised for discussion;

a) Start times

A request to start all matched at 7pm rather than 7.30pm. As later start times result in a later finish. Which, together with travelling home, is getting too late. Several clubs spoke in response -

- Courts not available until 7.30pm, often due to coaching.
- Difficulty for players getting to matches after work, causing late arrivals.

PC suggested that during the year VO circulate all clubs for consideration and report back.

b) League Structure

A request for consideration to be given to re-distribute the number of teams in some divisions. Pointing out that some divisions had become uneven with teams withdrawing.

PC explained it was too late to change the “proposed League structure” for the 2025/6 season as any changes need careful consideration. So would pass this on to VO for next year.

c) Renaming of Teams

Stock announced that their teams would be numbered (1&2) instead of (A&B).

d) Proposed League Structure

PC read carefully through this, division by division, as there had been a number of changes since circulation by VO before her holiday. All changes he was aware of were highlighted. A couple of further changes were pointed out and announced.

There was no further business so the meeting was closed for clubs to arrange fixtures.

Meeting closed 19:35