

**AGM of the Slazenger Cambridge and District Tennis Leagues
held at Histon Recreation Centre on Wednesday 8th November 2017**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>
Tim Arthur	Cambs LTA Exec, CLTC
Mark Sanders	Cambs LTA Exec, Gt Shelford
Vernon Dudley	League Sec, Histon
Sylvia Morton	League Committee, Gt Shelford
Janice Mills	League Committee, David Lloyd
Alison McNaught	League Committee, CLTC
Colin Tait	League Committee
Clare Fraser	Buckden
Marie McIntyre	Buckden
Arif Kibria	Cambourne
David Cansick	Cambourne
James Mills	Cambridge LTC
Jen Sage	Cambridge LTC
Dave Wing	Chatteris
Simon Grainger	Chatteris
Alan Dignam	Cocks & Hens
Darren Matthews	Culford
Jim Fordham	Exning
Ken Fish	Exning
James Gemmels	Exning
Alison Smith	Foxton
Chris McMullen	Fulbourn
Andrew Luff	Girton
David Prest	Gransdens
John Beech	Gransdens
Jacqui Lloyd	Gt Shelford
James Diver	Gt Shelford
William Freeman	Grove Saffron Walden
Louise Luck	Haslingfield
Robert Judge	Haslingfield
Jane Graves	Histon
Nick Clifford	Huntingdon
Caroline Clifford	Huntingdon
Christine Knight	Meldreth
Barrie Crick	Milton
Jessica Hunt	Milton
Mark Balaam	Needingworth
John Fabisz	Needingworth
Peter Hunt	Newmarket
Josh Healy	Orwell
Scarlet Healy	Orwell
Lisa Seeley	Papworth
Hannah Curtis	Papworth
Matt Miller	Phennards
Debbie Whitfield	Phennards
Kelvin Morton	Risbygate
Debbie Dunford	Royston
James Fewkes	St Neots
Geoff Hobbs	Soham
Paul Ensinger	Victory BSE
John Cope	Victory BSE

51 in attendance, clubs represented 29

No rep from: Ely, RAF Wyton, DL Peterborough, Steeple Morden, Cottenham, Ramsey

Minutes of the AGM of the Slazenger Cambridge and District Tennis League held at Histon Recreation Centre on Wednesday 8th November 2017

1. Apologies for Absence

Brenda Pierce, Ely; Ollie Daniels, David Lloyd; Clive Wood, RAF Wyton

2. Minutes of the 2016 AGM were passed and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

3. Matters arising Tim Arthur confirmed that Gt Shelford were fined for the non-return of their trophies. An administrator who could assist with the management of the leagues had not been appointed yet but the Exec were hopeful that someone would be shortly. He suggested that some of the surplus from the increase in fees be spent on trophy replacement.
Proposed divisions for the 2018 Summer League had been sent out in advance of the AGM.

4. League Secretary's Report

Vernon expressed his delight at the very well attended meeting and asked those present to thank, as always, the continued commitment of Alison, Janice and Sylvia in managing the League Competitions which run throughout the year.

We maintain six Leagues which provide match play in virtually every month and Mark Sanders confirmed we are one of the most active counties.

Vernon presented his written report, summarised below:

League Rules. After the major restructuring last year, there had been very few comments which he took as a good sign!

Website. This now contains all League information, contacts, results sheets and access to results. Please make all Team Captains aware of this – no excuse for results scribbled on paper napkins.

Club Communications He thanked the club email contacts who receive and disseminate communications from him. This process is crucial to the smooth running of the leagues.

Trophy Presentation This year we are changing the format of the presentation and also introducing a Cambs League Award for a noteworthy achievement.

Looking Forward Vernon made his annual plea for new committee members as the present ones have been in service for far too long. The records showed that there had only been 10 different League Secretaries since the War, with Colin Tait the longest serving and Vernon himself fast catching up.

When an administrator is appointed, the committee's job will be less arduous but a small committee will still be required to oversee leagues, settle disputes, consider rule changes and organise AGMs.

Alison McNaught announced that 2018 would be her last year on the committee.

Thank you's Having the support and friendship of Alison, Sylvia and Janice in jointly running the leagues for over 10 years had been a pleasure. Tim added his thanks to the team and encouraged anyone to come and have a chat if they felt they could help.

5. League Finances

Colin Tait presented a written report detailing a comparison of the finances for the last 5 years. The main difference in 2016/17 was a large increase in the surplus to the Cambs LTA amounting to £1756. This was due to the increase in league fees to build up a reserve fund to help pay for an administrator.

6. Election of Officers.

The members of the Committee - Chairman Vernon Dudley, Sylvia Morton, Alison McNaught, Janice Mills and Colin Tait – were all willing to stand for yet another year and were voted back unanimously.

7. Review of all Competitions 2017

League tennis within the county continues to be vibrant and active. A total 376 teams entered in the 3 main Leagues and 23 different clubs will be collecting trophies tonight.

Summer league This continues to attract just over 200 teams and County Champions this year were Cambridge (Men's and Ladies) and David Lloyd (Mixed)

The Grays Cup This knock-out event was started in 1978 by Mr Gray of Grays Sports, Cambridge for teams in the 3rd division and below. New cups may be purchased as there is little space for names now. A request was made that the existing names be retained if possible.
Risbygate overcame Royston in an excellent final of high standard.

The ladies is yet to be decided between David Lloyd and Cambridge as the final set had not been completed by 9pm when the Hills Rd Centre closed with David Lloyd 4 sets to 3 up! The match will be completed on 19 Nov at 4pm and should Cambridge win the set, a deciding tie break will be played.

For 2018, entries stand at 18 men's teams and 12 ladies, but clubs have until the end of December if they would like to enter.

Vets This Spring League for players over 45 continues to be well supported with 37 entered for 2018. A vote was passed to have fewer matches with 5 divisions of 6 teams and 1 of 7.

Super Seniors This league for over 60's is in its 5th year and is popular with the participating clubs but struggles to attract new teams. Histon won both the Ladies and the Mixed, with Risbygate successful in the Men's.

Winter This successful League has grown over 40% in 10 years and separating the Men's/ Ladies and Mixed into alternate weeks has increased participation. This growth has had the effect of extending the season from mid September to early January. The meeting was asked to consider: should the divisions remain as a present or be reduced in size to 6 men's/ladies and 5 mixed to shorten the season. The meeting voted to keep the present set-up, bearing in mind clubs may request rearrangements if matches clash with club events such as finals days.

8. Formation of Divisions for Summer Leagues 2018

The proposed formation for the summer league divisions had been sent to the clubs in advance of the meeting. There were no major issues and the formations would be:

Ladies league	65 teams in 7 divs of 8, 1 div of 9
Men's League.	85 teams in 8 divs of 8, 3 divs of 7
Mixed league	63 teams in 7 divs of 6, 3 divs of 7

9. League Rules

There had been no proposed rule changes submitted and last year's major revision had been accepted without comment.

One issue had arisen during the year concerning injury time-outs. After discussion it was agreed that a rule was not necessary at our level and common sense should prevail.

There was some discussion about the setting of the fixtures. Vernon explained that he used the LTA system and then manually added the dates. With over 500 matches this was a time-consuming and complicated process and it was virtually impossible to accommodate individual requests. Matches may be altered on Bank holidays and half term weeks if requests are made by 1st April. The Committee are likely to turn a blind eye if both teams wish to change a match date provided they are kept informed.

10 Cambs LTA

Mark reminded the meeting of the next Club Forum to take place at David Lloyd on Tues 21st Nov at 7pm and hoped many would attend.

He encouraged clubs to make nominations for the British Tennis Awards for the different categories; club/ coach/volunteer. Last year we had 27 county awards, 4 regional awards and one national award, namely Sue Rich.

The Exec is always happy to advise clubs on projects and fund raising so do get in touch.

He also publicised the County Seniors Leagues in which Cambridgeshire has teams in most of the age groups running from 35, 40, 45, 50to 70+. New players always welcome.

11. AOB

The Exec were considering holding a County Social Event such as a dinner at which the presentation of trophies would take place. A vote showed that those present were not in favour.

The business of the AGM finished at 9pm and was followed by the Presentation of Trophies. The new Cambs League Award was presented to Cambourne for success in winning 7 trophies.