

MINUTES OF THE 39th CADSTL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE GROVES ON 13th NOVEMBER 2019

Apologies:

Hollies, Thornton Hough, Kelsall, Hoylake, Overton, Pam Kloezeman

Present:

John Simpson, Sue Long, Karen Munro, Andrew Cree, Alan Hewitt, Joan Lythgoe
Brymbo, Cheshire Oaks, Chester, Glan Aber, Heswall, Helsby, Hoole, Hooton, Port Sunlight, Tarvin,
Upton, Wrexham,
Malcolm Willars, Alan Lucas

Absent:

Mold

MINUTES OF THE 2018 AGM:

These were accepted as read.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

John thanked everyone for attending this years meeting and welcomed back Alan Lucas. He noted that the Committee had met earlier this year in response to a number of issues that had arisen. Some of the League Rules had been modified as a result, and copies had been circulated to the Captains. Thanks once again to Malcolm for keeping the Website updated through the year. The Committee were introduced to the meeting for the benefit of new attendees.

FIXTURE SECRETARIES REPORTS:

Mixed Divisions- Karen reported that the Leagues for the most part ran themselves, and that Division 3 had been exemplary, with no concessions and all matches played in good time. However, there had unfortunately been a number of concessions in Divisions 1 and 2, and Mold B had been unable to fulfill their fixtures. Occasionally Clubs tend to over extend themselves in terms of their player resources. Brymbo A won Division 1, Chester B Division 2, and Hoole B Division 3.

Ladies Divisions – Sue reported that this year had been one of the best ever, with only one match not being played (and it had no effect on the League positions). She congratulated all the league winners, - Brymbo A won Division 1, Chester B, Division 2, and Cheshire Oaks C, Division 3.

Mens Divisions – Alan thanked the team Captains for good communication and feedback . Division 1 had been excellent this year with an extremely close finish which was only decided by the final matches. Only 2 points separated the top 3 teams. Unfortunately, there were too many conceded games in Divisions 2 & 3 (involving 6 teams) which has distorted the leagues somewhat. Glan Aber A won Division 1 for the 2nd year, Chester B Division 2, and Hoole C Division 3.

Treasurers Report – Joan reported that the accounts were pretty straightforward, with a similar number of teams to the previous year. A small profit (£69) had been made this year. The balance sheet continues to be healthy so there will be no change in affiliation fees next year.

Joan requested that **where clubs pay their fees by BACS transfer, could they please reference the club name with the transfer.**

SECRETARY REPORT - Andy informed the meeting that there had been some updates to the League Rules as a result of issues that had arisen before and during this years' season. A revised version of the League Rules had been circulated to all Team Captains. An amendment had been made to the requirement for after match refreshments, where both Captains are in agreement.

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS- Apart from Karen Munro, who is standing down as Mixed Secretary after 26 years, the remaining members of the Committee agreed to serve for a further year and were re-elected. Offers to look after the Mixed Leagues had been received, and we are hoping that Pam Kloezman from Hoylake will take over from next year.

AOB

The meeting discussed the feasibility of introducing a new online results system based on a simplified version of that used by the Wirral Tennis League. Many Captains are already familiar with the Wirral League results system, and hopefully we can have a suitable version in place for our League next year.

Use of the LTA results system was also discussed, but as not all Chester & District League clubs are affiliated to the LTA, this system may not be suitable.

Presentation of Trophies

The trophies were presented and the winners were as follows:-

Ladies

Division 3 Cheshire Oaks C
Division 2 Chester B
Division 1 Brymbo A

Mixed

Division 3 Hoole B
Division 2 Chester B
Division 1 Brymbo A

Mens

Division 3 Hoole C
Division 2 Chester B
Division 1 Glan Aber A

Photos were taken by Malcolm for entering onto the website.

The meeting concluded with a presentation to Karen Munro by the former Chairman of the CADSTL, Alan Lucas, of flowers and a garden centre voucher, as a thanks for the many years of commitment to the organisation and smooth running of the Mixed Leagues.