

Huntingdon & Peterborough Tennis Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT HUNTINGDON TENNIS CLUB

MINUTES

Present

Kath Marshall - Chairperson	Geoff Smith - Association & League Secretary
Brian Brown - Treasurer	Jason Tuxworth - Assistant League Secretary (Ramsey)
Dennis Vincent - Committee Member (St. Neots)	Esmond Edwards - Committee Member (Ramsey)
Sally Pell - Committee Member (St Neots)	Wendy Cropp - Wisbech
Brian Marshall - Hemingfords	Vernon Reuter - Hemingfords
Chris Young - Hemingfords	Robert Brown - City of Peterborough
Nicky Keir - City of Peterborough	Laurence Maynard - City of Peterborough
Kevin Tassell - Stamford	Neil Chedd - Stamford
Antoine Zimmerman - Huntingdon	Nancy Riach - Huntingdon
Jean-Pierre Lamy - Longthorpe	Alan Jones - Deeping
Mark Soppitt - Deeping	Mark Balaam - Needingworth
John Fabisz - Needingworth	David Wing - Chatteris
Jeremy Pepper - Buckden	

Apologies for absence

Received from : Jim Wheeler (Ketton), Howard Jones (Ketton), Graham Bedford (Ketton), John Rudd (David Lloyd), Shona Kent (Chatteris), Jim Hunter (RAF Wyton), Tim Perry (Needingworth), David McPartlin (Castor & Ailsworth), and Simon Grainger (Chatteris).

Clubs not represented : Ketton, David Lloyd, Castor & Ailsworth, RAF Wyton, Spalding Town and Oundle .

MEETING COMMENCED AT 8 PM

1. Chairperson - Welcome

Kath Marshall, the retiring Chairperson of the Huntingdon & Peterborough Tennis Association, welcomed everyone to the meeting and then gave her outgoing report as follows :

“ This will not be the usual Chairman`s summary of the season as this is my final year in office and I want to say `thank you` to many people. Thank you to all of those individuals who have served as members on league committees in the past 30 plus years I have been chairman. They came as individual members of your clubs, and together with the present committee members have helped to keep our organisation working efficiently and smoothly, even after last year when Steve Spilka died, and we really found out how much we had come to rely upon him and his expertise.

The league was formed some 40 odd years ago, the intention to enable Huntingdon clubs to play competitive tennis. Cambridgeshire LTA did not want to include Huntingdonshire teams in their league, as this would have meant extra travel. Meeting informally in a pub to try to arrange matches soon proved impossible because of numbers, so local clubs like Buckden, Huntingdon, Hemingfords and others decided to send representatives to Peterborough club to discuss the idea of setting up their own league structure. So your league was formed. Nancy Riach, from Huntingdon was elected Chairman, and I for a time, I was Treasurer. So, from the outset your league has been run by people from your clubs, elected by you, and you, through them have been responsible for all the rules, and rule changes throughout the years.

In the earlier years we ran Ladies, Mens, Mixed and Junior Tournaments. Gradually, over the years players had so many other calls on their time, that these were discontinued, and Juniors now have County and national organisations.

I want to say a personal `thank you` for all the help, advice and recommendations from your club officials and members I have been given over the years. I did appreciate that this meant that the league was alive and well. I`m glad to see and hear familiar faces and voices here tonight. I am also remembering people like Maurice Pepper, always ready to help advise on league business.

Thank you again for your support to me and the committee. Whenever I talked about retiring to Steve he always said ` You can`t retire Kath. You wouldn`t know what to do with your time`. After tonight I`ll find out if he was right.”

2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on **Thursday 29th November 2018** were accepted as a true record of the proceedings. Proposed: Dennis Vincent ; Seconded: Chris Young.

3. Matters Arising - there were none.

4. Association & League Secretary's Report

Before starting his report Geoff asked all of those attending to make sure they had signed-in.

Geoff said that a copy of his pre-AGM circulated annual report has been included in the Appendices to these Minutes. Copies will in due course be made available to all Club Secretaries by way of an emailed slightly amended Pdf version which would probably accompany the circulation of these minutes. He then proceeded with his report as follows :

“ At our Committee Meeting held on 28th October 2019 we said a fond farewell to Kath who was retiring from the Committee and as the Association's Chair so it is an appropriate way for me to open up this my annual report by saying a big “ Thank You “ to her for her dedication and long service to the Association and the support she has given to me, particularly since the sad loss of Steve. Brian, who has known her for many years presented her with a bouquet of flowers and “ The Peterborough Tray “ on behalf of us all.

We have therefore been faced with the difficult, and extremely daunting task, of finding a replacement for her both as our Chairperson and also in her role as the organiser of the Don Brace Cup - which she has done so well over all these years.

I am delighted to say that Dennis Vincent has offered himself as the Chair and has been duly and gratefully nominated by the Committee - see the item later in these proceedings dealing with the elections of our Officers and Committee Members for next season. However we do urgently need to find someone who can take on board organising and managing the Don Brace Cup - this needs to be done very soon as arrangements have to be made early into the new year. There also remains the very strong need to get new and younger people on the Committee as this will shape the future of our Association. With this in mind, and given that you are minded to re-elect me, I feel that in view of my advancing years someone new should be found to 'shadow' me and then be ready to take over sooner rather than later.

It has been a very busy year and I couldn't have kept things running without Jason's excellent help in keeping the website operational and updated, and also his regular availability to talk through various issues. Given his heavy work and home commitments this made it all the more appreciated. No doubt he will be reporting more fully on how the result recording and table position updating went but from my perspective he did a great job.

As far as the administrative processes are concerned i.e. the issue of various pre-season letters and documents, I am happy that things have generally gone according to plan. Website access and content improvements as agreed at last year's AGM have been implemented and the removal of mail-outs in favour of emailed communications to only the Club Chairs and Secretaries seems to have generally worked well. To prove it I have an overflowing file of paperwork for the year and there is still quite a bit of filing to do !! Once again my very sincere and grateful thanks to my fellow Committee Members, Kath, Jason, Brian, Dennis and Esmond for their valued input, help and support throughout the year ; I feel that we have been an effective and friendly team that the Clubs have fully benefitted from.

Late withdrawal of teams caused some difficulties but these were overcome in a fair and reasonable way. Some fine-tuning on the due processes may need to be made for next year but this should not be a problem. Overall this year's competitions seem to have gone fairly well with most teams eventually fulfilling their fixtures in a reasonable time, but early season rainfall did cause problems for some clubs. Some related issues are highlighted under agenda 8 and disappointingly another particular complaint I received was that regarding the strengthening of teams with what were seen to be 'imported' players i.e. those who hadn't featured as regular locally playing members of that club, who were recruited to play in specific matches. This was considered at our October Committee meeting and the outcome being an inclusion item 8 on this agenda for this meeting.

What was also a burden was the various niggles that arose throughout the season which mostly could have been avoided if some people had shown a bit more consideration and understanding, and most importantly had kept to the rules and complied with the spirit of the competition as referred to in my pre-season letter.

Bearing this in mind, and given that we are still in post next year (apart from Kath that is), we will perhaps need to have an earlier Committee meeting rather than our customary April date in order to review the adequacy of some of the Rules , and of course there may be decisions arising from tonight that will have a bearing on this.

Congratulations to City of Peterborough who have broken Stamford's dominance of the leagues over recent times by winning both the Mixed and Ladies Championships, and also to David Lloyd who won the Mens Championship and the Don Brace Cup (thanks once again to Kath for all her hard work on this). City pipped Stamford to the Top Club Trophy by one point - full details were circulated with the meeting papers.

Once again early in the new year clubs will be invited to submit their team entries. My feeling is that some changes will need to be made whereby clubs will need to confirm that they do have sufficient court capacity in order to accommodate the number of teams they have entered, particularly where they have commitments to other leagues and events.

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Association & League Secretary's Report [*continued*]

I will make further reference to this under agenda item 8. It will be essential that they keep to the deadlines which, apart from a few exceptions they did do this year, but those that didn't made for a lot of additional work needing to be done in a short period of time.

At last year's AGM the decision was made to refer the matter of the disposal of the old redundant competition shields etc back to the next meeting of the Committee for them to make the necessary arrangements using the schedule I prepared for last year's AGM as the basis. This was duly dealt with at this year's April meeting where it was agreed that I should deal with the practicalities as best that I can and in accordance with the AGM decision. I had hoped to have contacted the relevant clubs before now but a very challenging year in dealing with the League's administration has delayed this process. Some preparatory work has however been done and I hope to complete this in the new season subject of course to my being re-elected !

In closing my report may I take this opportunity of wishing you and your families a very **Happy Christmas** and **all the very best for 2020**, with good weather and many hours of enjoyable tennis. "

5. Assistant League Secretary's Report

Jason reported as follows :

" Eighteen clubs participated this year and based on the number of teams being entered it was decided to run with only four men's leagues rather than five.

Clubs on the whole were very good at returning the registration documents meaning the fixtures could be worked on and published early. I pointed out at last year's AGM that I wouldn't have time to go through individual fixtures to ensure that if a match was played at the home of one team last year that the reverse would be guaranteed to happen this. Without a computer programme creating the fixtures or a lot of time this isn't feasible but hopefully players appreciate the situation.

One major difficulty that occurs when creating the fixtures is trying to give all teams the same number of home fixtures. Some clubs have a number of men's and ladies teams but due to coaching and being entered in other leagues they don't have too many nights allocated for their home games. In an ideal world a club would have a home night for each of their teams or be able to host more than one fixture but it's appreciated that this isn't usually possible.

One slight change which may help with the scheduling of games would be to include a section on the registration form giving clubs the ability to say when local issues/events may be occurring which might make finding enough players to fulfil a fixture difficult. An example of this is the Hunstanton week where I know some of the Peterborough ladies are unable to play so their team(s) could possibly be scheduled to play two matches in the week beforehand although this would have implications for opposing clubs.

Despite some issues with inclement weather which is only to be expected with a British summer, clubs did very well in getting the majority of their fixtures played and there were fewer matches still outstanding in September than the previous year. Throughout the season there were some issues with clubs not being able to fulfil fixtures but in almost all cases this was due to them being unable to raise a team.

There have been few reported problems with the website but one that has cropped up is teams occasionally finding that a result hasn't been entered or that a table is not up to date even though the result of a match is showing. Although I try to get the website updated daily during the season this isn't always possible so there may be a delay on occasions but if a result is showing, the table would normally have been updated too because they're done together. I have found that although the files get uploaded to the server, there can be a delay before the updates are displaying. When we've had queries about this, usually we've found that the browser being used just needs refreshing and then the latest pages display correctly.

My view is the long-term aim for the league should be to have a website which includes an integrated database. This will allow the league tables to be updated automatically once a result is submitted. "

With no questions arising Kath and those present thanked both Geoff and Jason for their efforts and comprehensive reports.

6. Treasurer's Report

Brian presented the following ' examined accounts ' and copies were circulated and reviewed by those present :

He referred to some of the items of expenditure and said that whilst it looked like there had been less outgoings this year that was not in fact the case as some items had come in too late to be accounted for, in particular the costs incurred in providing the special evening for Kath's final committee meeting. These costs will now be accommodated in next year's accounts. He thanked Esmond for once again undertaking another thorough examination of our books .

HUNTINGDON & PETERBOROUGH TENNIS COMMITTEE
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR TO 31ST OCTOBER 2019

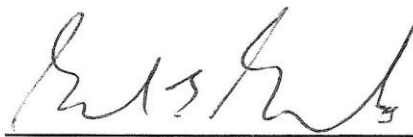
	2019	2018		
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
League and Cup Fees		1,250		1,420
 EXPENDITURE				
Don Brace Expenses - Courts, Refreshments & Balls	150		-	
Trophies & Engraving	12		406	
League Secretary - Expenses	96		160	
- Honorarium	-		400	
Travelling	-		239	
A.G.M and Committee Expenses	127		45	
Accounts Examiner	-		60	
Printing, Postages & Telephone	-		67	
	385		1,377	
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	865		43	

ACCUMULATED FUND
YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2019

	2019	2018		
	£	£		
Balance as at 1.11.2 2018	4,266		4,223	
Add Surplus for the year	865		43	
	5,131		4,266	
Represented by:-				
Cash at Bank	5,036		4,243	
Cash in Hand	95		23	
	5,131		4,266	

I CERTIFY that the attached Income and Expenditure Account has been prepared from the books, records, information and explanations supplied, and it is in agreement therewith.

25.11.2019



E.J. Edwards - Examiner

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Kath referred to the healthy balances and noted that there were no further questions arising. She thanked Brian for his work and his report, and asked for a proposal that these accounts be accepted as being a true and fair view of our current financial situation and also that of the re-appointment of Esmond Edwards for the next financial year. The proposal was duly made by Jeremy Pepper, seconded by Antionne Zimmerman and **approved by those present**.

Brian continued by saying that at the last Committee meeting he made a recommendation that there is no requirement to increase the league entry fees for the 2020 season and that this had been the case for about ten years now. **This recommendation was put to those present and was accepted.**

He also indicated that the ensuing year may be his last one in post as he felt it was time for someone new to take on these duties - he would be confirming his position at the next Committee Meeting.

7. Don Brace Cup

Kath referred to her report as previously circulated by the Secretary to all the clubs, the basis of which was as follows :
“ The final of the Don Brace Cup was held at the City of Peterborough Tennis Club’s Indoor Centre on Sunday 13th October, and my thanks to the club and particularly Bill Skead, who was called on to give extra help because of Geoff Smith’s absence due to illness. Both teams had to make changes as two players were called on to take part in County Girls’ events but this did not affect the enthusiasm and keenness of the match. It was a hard-fought match, with both teams producing skilful work at the net, and blasting shots from the back of the courts. After the two mixed matches the results were equal both in set and games. David Lloyds` had the edge in the Men’s match. So it came to the Ladies, where David Lloyds came from a set down to halve their match, so eventually the final result was **David Lloyds 5 sets and Huntingdon 3 sets**. So we have a new name on the trophy this year. As a spectator it was good to see such a level of skill and sportsmanship from all the players, and to sense the determination of the teams to give of their very best to support their clubs. The players representing their Clubs were for David Lloyd, Will Hayton, Ethan Lee, Jo Gee, Eve Robinson, and for Huntingdon, Michael King, Tristram Bacon, Natasha Scott, Laurie Cruikshank. My congratulations to all of them. “

Geoff referred to the original report including a colour photograph of the participants, full details of the draw and results, and the following statement he had made on behalf of the Committee : “ Once again Kath Marshall superbly organised this competition from beginning to end. Our grateful thanks to her for all her hard work, and for preparing the above report on the Final. Regrettably this will be the last time she will manage this event as she will be stepping down from this role and that of the League’s Chairperson at this year’s Annual General Meeting. **MANY THANKS KATH FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE IN MAKING THIS SUCH A SUCCESSFUL EVENT OVER MANY YEARS** “. The members present fully endorsed the Committee’s view, thanking Kath for all her hard work in making this competition such a big success over many years.

Kath responded by saying that she had enjoyed playing her part and that most of the players seemed to have fully appreciated the experience. This year had however seemed to be a bit more of a chore getting the matches played, and the rain didn’t help ! There was general discussion on time limits to complete matches by, with a proposal to have a fixed week-end for each stage, with possible changes to next year’s format. It was however decided to leave the matter in abeyance until such time as a new organiser had been appointed - clubs to be approached for a new organiser.

8. Issues Arising over 2019 Season - Possible Rule Changes

Geoff referred to his annual report made earlier in the proceedings and made specific reference to a number of issues that had arisen throughout the year and which had also been considered at the last Committee Meeting, these were included in the meeting papers as referrals from the Committee and considered as follows :

Re-arranged Matches - There had been complaints received from one or two clubs regarding opponents either not agreeing to suggested dates to replay rain affected matches on or not even returning calls. These mostly affected matches played in the Mixed League and meant a delay in finalising the final tables. Decisions on these were made at our last Committee Meeting and no reference was made to the AGM.

Queries had been received regarding the delay in playing “A” v “B” team matches. This is a difficult one to deal with if they have been genuinely affected by adverse weather conditions and then difficulty experienced in finding a mutually acceptable date to play the match on. A long delay in getting these matches played can cause unrest especially if the result has an impact on promotion or relegation. Geoff felt that generally there wasn’t any abuse of the system on this but clubs hadn’t always been good in keeping him informed which gave rise to him having to chase people and send out reminder messages about the rules. A member pointed out that there could be a particular problem next season where three teams from the same club could be in the same division. No further action at this time but the **Committee would review this situation at its next meeting** and all clubs were reminded to fully comply with the rules.

Conceded matches - there had been several of these and, together with Jason, these had been the subject of ongoing review. A schedule of these matches was drawn up and points deductions made in accordance with the Rules. It was felt that in all cases the points deduction was sufficient punishment so no fine recommendations were made to the Committee and they agreed to no further action being taken. This did however highlight that quite a bit of Geoff and Jason’s time was required to administer this and is therefore a **subject for review at the next Committee meeting**.

Eligibility of Players - as had been the case over recent years this matter had once again been a cause of concern and annoyance to one or two clubs. Several queries had arisen throughout the season regarding player eligibility - Rule 20 - and that lack of appropriate rules in cases where players were perceived to have been ‘imported’ from further afield to play in certain matches. We did consider this at last year’s AGM and it was agreed that it is a difficult matter to manage and is very much reliant on clubs ‘doing the right thing’. It was previously agreed that I should cover this in my pre-season letter which I did, but several clubs have contacted me over this season to complain about this still happening. The Committee considered this and agreed to refer it to this AGM for further open discussion and hopefully some resolution. This matter was duly considered and proved to be the most contentious and time-consuming item of the evening.

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Issues Arising over 2019 Season - Possible Rule Changes

Eligibility of Players [*continued*] - A lengthy and sometimes passionate debate in which a number of the clubs represented expressed their frustration and annoyance over David Lloyd's team utilising non-local players to strengthen their teams and in some cases with their expenses apparently being paid. It was remarked that this appeared to be a problem in both the League and Cup competitions. Comments were also made about a non-member also being included in their team as one of the player's friends.

Kath referred to a telephone call she had received from DL in which no defence was offered to these charges. It was noted that there was no representative present to respond to the allegations made or to receive their trophies.

There was a call from one club for them to be disqualified from future events but Geoff said there was nothing in the rules to cover this and maybe this should be looked at before next year's competition.

There was unanimous disquiet over this situation and those present called for action to be taken against DL as their actions were seen to be very much against the spirit of the competition. There was a call to 'beef up' the rules for next season.

The following two proposals were then put to the meeting :

1. David Lloyd to be disqualified from the 2020 competitions ;
2. Leave it to the Committee to contact DL expressing the view of the member clubs - the Secretary to initially write to them after the AGM and then the Committee to consider appropriate rule changes in both league and cup competitions.

Proposal (2) was taken first and carried by a large majority of those present.

Floodlighting of Matches - there were one or two cases where matches weren't finished due to the floodlights having to be turned-off at a fixed time. This was a source of some frustration and annoyance to the away team who could have had a different result had they completed the match. It was particularly irritating if no advance warning had been given about the match having to be time-limited for this reason. For next season I recommend that clubs be asked to make it clear on their team entries form that there is this constraint at their club. **This was agreed and provision to be made on the League Entry form accordingly.**

Other match commitments - another matter arose a couple or so times regarding situations where the bigger clubs had teams playing in other Leagues e.g. Peterborough Hard Court League etc and found it difficult to meet their H&P obligations on the re-arrangement of matches due to lack of court time being available. My feeling is that they need to consider in future if they are running too many teams. This is something for the clubs involved to carefully review their position on as the lack of court availability of this nature isn't an acceptable reason for not agreeing or delaying matches.

Contact by Clubs to the Secretary - I would reiterate that on all matters the official approach made by clubs to the League **must** be to me by way of the Club's designated Officer i.e. Chairman, Secretary and in some cases the Club Team Captain but **NOT** by individual team captains or individuals, as this is not acceptable under the present system and can be an unwelcome addition to my workload. It can also lead to issues arising due to club officials not communicating with each other.

Don Brace Cup - Kath had already touched on this but there were procedural issues arising out of the early round matches which Kath and myself had to sort out and which made the management of this year's competition more onerous than usual. **Clubs to were invited to keep to the rules and the spirit of the competition.**

Teams - it had been noted that some clubs had been using the word "Select" against their team instead of the usual "A" etc this is not in our rules and therefore not acceptable. However Jason had since confirmed this to be an agreed method for his results recording process so **no further action required.**

Committee referrals - The established process over many years has been that all matters concerning the management and the administration of the League are referred to the League Secretary who then seeks to resolve them in accordance with the rules. He then brings these matters to the attention of the Committee at their October meeting. However, and under these arrangements, there may be some issues and enquiries that could be considered to have mitigating circumstances but which are subjective, and therefore they need to be referred to the Committee thereby delaying the decision making process. This situation has been noted by **the Committee who had agreed to keep this process under review.**

Top Club Trophy Assessment - this has been historically done by the Association & League Secretary and he reported on a new scoring system having been used this year to determine the Top Club. In each of these leagues points are allocated against all of the divisional places on a rising points basis i.e. starting at the team in last place in the bottom division they are awarded 1 point and then points are increased by one until the team winning the top division gets the highest points. This means that the higher the team finishes the better points score they get. The points scored in each league by the club's top team i.e. in most cases its their "A" team, are added together to arrive at a total points score. The club with the most points wins the competition. This is a much simpler and fairer system as it recognises the clubs whose teams are the most successful by finishing highest in their respective leagues. At its last Committee Meeting, and after much discussion, it was agreed that this new method be adopted for this year's competition and for the 2020 season the AGM considerations and rulings be taken into account regarding further changes. [*continued overleaf*]

Issues Arising over 2019 Season - Possible Rule Changes [continued]

Top Club Trophy Assessment [continued] - There was discussion by the members present in which there was some concern expressed that the smaller clubs had no chance in winning this award. Geoff reminded members that this competition is only open to clubs with teams in each of the Mixed, Ladies and Mens Leagues and therefore this was a key factor in the determination processes. Some members queried whether in fact we should even continue with this award and I replied that it had been going for awhile and that there may be some pre-agreed condition applied when the Cup was given to us by Sid Bonnett - research would have to be done if this option was to be pursued. There was no decision made to do this so Jason suggested three alternative options and **it was agreed that views of the clubs be sought and then referred to the next Committee Meeting for a decision on how best to proceed in the new year.**

9. Presentation of Divisional Awards and Trophies

Kath presented certificates and shields to this season's divisional winners on the following basis.:

DIVISION	LADIES WINNERS
1	CITY OF PETERBOROUGH "A"
2	DEEPING
3	HEMINGFORDS "A"
4	LONGTHORPE "C"

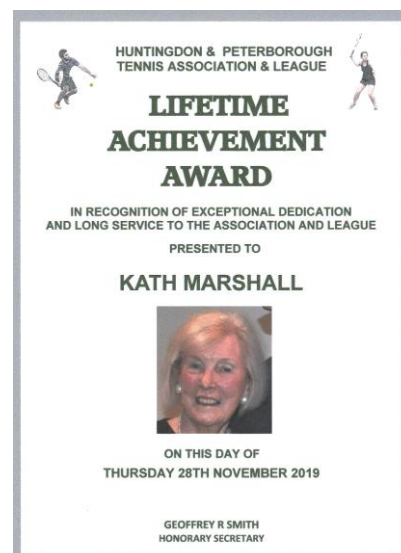
DIVISION	MENS WINNERS
1	DAVID LLOYD "A" *
2	ST NEOTS "A"
3	BUCKDEN "B"
4	HEMINGFORDS "B"

DIVISION	MIXED WINNERS
1	CITY OF PETERBOROUGH "A"
2	HEMINGFORDS "A"
3	WISBECH "A"
4	HEMINGFORDS "B"
5	BUCKDEN "B"

Photographs were taken of all trophy recipients who were present on the night - these are available to view separately. See Final Placings listings in the appendices to these minutes. Trophies were then presented to the following clubs (* NOTE - club not represented on the night so no presentation made) :

DON BRACE CUP - DAVID LLOYD * TOP CLUB TROPHY - CITY OF PETERBOROUGH

A **SPECIAL AWARD** was then made to Kath by Brian Brown on behalf of the Association in recognition of her long service and outstanding contribution over many years. In making the presentation Brian referred to the many enjoyable times he had shared with her over these years and she thanked him and everyone else connected with the Committee for their hard work and friendship over this long time - the photograph and award were as follows :



10. Election of Officers and Committee

Geoff reported that new members are desperately needed - once again this had been stated on the nomination form issued to club Secretaries but no further nominations had been forthcoming. Sally Pell from St Neots TC had been nominated and accepted at the last Committee Meeting but no further nominations had been received from the clubs for any of the posts. It was noted that, with the exception of the Chairperson, all of the the existing Committee Members were willing to serve for another year. In the absence of any further nominations it was agreed that these members be re-elected en-bloc. Thereafter Dennis Vincent's appointment as the new Chairperson and the re-appointment of the existing Officers were ratified as per the following Committee recommendations :

Chairperson	Dennis Vincent	Proposer:	Jason Tuxworth
		Seconder:	Geoff Smith
Association & League Secretary	Geoff Smith	Proposer:	Jason Tuxworth
		Seconder:	Dennis Vincent
Treasurer	Brian Brown	Proposer:	Kath Marshall
		Seconder:	Esmond Edwards
Assistant League Secretary	Jason Tuxworth	Proposer:	Geoff Smith
		Seconder:	Brian Brown
General Members	Esmond Edwards	Proposer:	Brian Brown
		Seconder:	Jason Tuxworth
	Sally Pell	Proposer:	Dennis Vincent
		Seconder:	Jason Tuxworth

There are still vacancies remaining to be filled and the clubs were requested to give further thought to this.

11. Any other Business

Honorarium - Kath Marshall referred to the current payments made to the Secretary and Assistant Secretary and said that as there was a lot of hard work and effort involved then the amount should be raised to £500 per annum with immediate effect - to be appropriately apportioned between them. She formally made this proposal which was supported by Brian Brown and agreed by those present.

12. Close of Meeting

There being no further business to discuss the Chairperson thanked everyone for coming **and declared the meeting closed at 10:10 pm.**

APPENDICES - FOLLOW OVERLEAF

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Agenda Item 4

LEAGUE SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At our Committee Meeting held on 28th October 2019 we said a fond farewell to Kath who was retiring from the Committee and as the Association's Chair so it is an appropriate way for me to open up this my annual report by saying a big " Thank You " to her for her dedication and long service to the Association and the support she has given to me particularly since the sad loss of Steve



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- see the item later in these proceedings dealing with the elections of our Officers and Committee Members for next season. However we do urgently need to find someone who can take on board organising and managing the Don Brace Cup - this needs to be done very soon as arrangements have to be made early into the new year. There also remains the very strong need to get new and younger people on the Committee as this will shape the future of our Association. With this in mind, and given that you are minded to re-elect me, I feel that in view of my advancing years someone new should be found to 'shadow' me and then be ready to take over sooner rather than later.

It has been a very busy year and I couldn't have kept things running without Jason's excellent help in keeping the website operationa and updated, and also his regular availability to talk through various issues. Given his heavy work and home commitments this made it all the more appreciated. No doubt he will be reporting more fully on how the result recording and table position updating went but from my perspective he did a great job.

As far as the administrative processes are concerned i.e. the issue of various pre-season letters and documents, I am happy that things have generally gone according to plan. Website access and content improvements as agreed at last year's AGM have been implemented and the removal of mail-outs in favour of emailed communications to only the Club Chairs and Secretaries seems to have generally worked well. To prove it I have an overflowing file of paperwork for the year and there is still quite a bit of filing to do !! Once again my very sincere and grateful thanks to my fellow Committee Members, Kath, Jason, Brian, Dennis and Esmond for their valued input, help and support throughout the year ; I feel that we have been an effective and friendly team that the Clubs have fully benefitted from.

Late withdrawal of teams caused some difficulties but these were overcome in a fair and reasonable way. Some fine-tuning on the due processes may need to be made for next year but this should not be a problem. Overall this year's competitions seem to have gone fairly well with most teams eventually fulfilling their fixtures in a reasonable time, but early season rainfall did cause problems for some clubs. Some related issues are highlighted under agenda 8 and disappointingly another particular complaint I received was that regarding the strengthening of teams with what were seen to be ' imported ' players i.e. those who hadn't featured as regular locally playing members of that club, who were recruited to play in specific matches. This was considered at our October Committee meeting and the outcome being an inclusion item 8 on this agenda for this meeting.

What was also a burden was the various niggles that arose throughout the season which mostly could have been avoided if some people had shown a bit more consideration and understanding, and most importantly had kept to the rules and complied with the spirit of the competition as referred to in my pre-season letter. Bearing this in mind, and given that we are still in post next year (apart from Kath that is), we will perhaps need to have an earlier Committee meeting rather than our customary April date in order to review the adequacy of some of the Rules , and of course there may be decisions arising from tonight that will have a bearing on this.

Congratulations to City of Peterborough who have broken Stamford's dominance of the leagues over recent times by winning both the Mixed and Ladies Championships, and also to David Lloyd who won the Mens Championship and the Don Brace Cup (thanks once again to Kath for all her hard work on this). City pipped Stamford to the Top Club Trophy by one point - full details were circulated with the meeting papers and see overleaf.

Once again early in the new year clubs will be invited to submit their team entries. My feeling is that some changes will need to be made whereby clubs will need to confirm that they do have sufficient court capacity in order to accommodate the number of teams they have entered, particularly where they have commitments to other leagues and events.

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HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT [CONTINUED]

Once again early in the new year clubs will be invited to submit their team entries. My feeling is that some changes will need to be made whereby clubs will need to confirm that they do have sufficient court capacity in order to accommodate the number of teams they have entered, particularly where they have commitments to other leagues and events. I will make further reference to this under agenda item 8. It will be essential that they keep to the deadlines which, apart from a few exceptions they did do this year, but those that didn't made for a lot of additional work needing to be done in a short period of time.

At last year's AGM the decision was made to refer the matter of the disposal of the old redundant competition shields etc back to the next meeting of the Committee for them to make the necessary arrangements using the schedule I prepared for last year's AGM as the basis. This was duly dealt with at this year's April meeting where it was agreed that I should deal with the practicalities as best that I can and in accordance with the AGM decision. I had hoped to have contacted the relevant clubs before now but a very challenging year in dealing with the League's administration has delayed this process. Some preparatory work has however been done and I hope to complete this in the new season subject of course to my being re-elected !

In closing my report may I take this opportunity of wishing you and your families a very **Happy Christmas** and **all the very best for 2020**, with good weather and many hours of enjoyable tennis.

Best wishes, **Geoff**

**ADDENDUM
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018
A SELECTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS**

**** NOT INCLUDED HERE SEE SEPARATE CIRCULAR ****

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TOP CLUB TROPHY - BONNETT CUP 2019

TABLE [abbreviated version]

<u>CLUB</u> *	<u>MIXED</u>	<u>LADIES</u>	<u>MENS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>FINAL PLACING</u>
BUCKDEN	32	25	30	87	4
CHATTERIS	19	10	22	51	12
CITY OF PETERBOROUGH	39	30	29	98	1
DEEPING	37	22	24	83	6=
HEMINGFORDS	31	14	21	66	10
HUNTINGDON	35	16	31	82	7
KETTON	28	29	18	75	8
LONGTHORPE	36	26	28	90	3
NEEDINGWORTH	25	17	27	69	9
RAMSEY	27	24	14	65	11
ST NEOTS	33	28	25	86	5
STAMFORD	38	27	32	97	2
DAVID LLOYD	29	21	33	83	6=
WISBECH	23	12	13	48	13

[* in alphabetical order]

WINNERS

The winners will have their club's name engraved on the Sid Bonnett Cup which they will retain for one year. A total of 14 Clubs participated.

THIS YEAR'S WINNING CLUB IS : CITY OF PETERBOROUGH 98 POINTS

THE NEXT THREE PLACES :

2 - STAMFORD 97 POINTS
3 - LONGTHORPE 90 POINTS
4 - BUCKDEN 87 POINTS

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FINAL PLACINGS 2019 SEASON

Mixed League

<u>Division 1</u>	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-Pts
City of P'boro A	7	4	2	1	33	23	10 10
Stamford A	7	5	1	1	32	24	8 9
Deeping A	7	3	1	3	33	23	10 7
Longthorpe A	7	3	1	3	31	25	6 7
Huntingdon A	7	3	1	3	29	27	2 7
Stamford B	7	2	0	5	27	29	-2 4
St. Neots A	7	3	0	4	23	33	-10 4
Buckden A	7	2	0	5	16	40	-24 4

<u>Division 2</u>	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-Pts
Hemingfords A	7	6	1	0	41	15	26 13
Stamford C	7	4	1	2	37	19	18 9
David Lloyd A	7	4	1	2	35	21	14 9
Ketton A	7	3	2	2	28	28	0 8
Ramsey A	7	2	2	3	26	30	-4 6
Longthorpe B	7	1	1	5	23	33	-10 3
Needingworth A	7	1	1	5	17	39	-22 3
Stamford D	7	2	1	4	17	39	-22 3

<u>Division 3</u>	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-Pts
Wisbech A	7	6	1	0	41	15	26 13
City of P'boro B	7	5	1	1	39	17	22 11
Needingworth B	7	5	0	2	34	22	12 10
Deeping B	7	3	1	3	30	26	4 7
Chatteris	7	3	0	4	31	25	6 6
David Lloyd B	7	2	0	5	16	40	-24 4
Longthorpe C	7	1	1	5	19	37	-18 3
Huntingdon B	7	1	0	6	14	42	-28 2

<u>Division 4</u>	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-Pts
Hemingfords B	7	6	1	0	42	14	28 13
Stamford E	7	5	1	1	35	21	14 11
St. Neots B	7	5	0	2	38	18	20 10
City of P'boro C	7	2	1	4	28	28	0 5
Needingworth C	7	2	1	4	24	32	-8 5
Spalding Town	7	2	0	5	19	37	-18 4
Ketton B	7	2	2	3	21	35	-14 2
Ramsey B	7	1	0	6	17	39	-22 2

<u>Division 5</u>	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-Pts
Buckden B	6	5	1	0	42	6	36 11
Hemingfords C	6	5	0	1	27	21	6 10
Longthorpe D	6	4	0	2	31	17	14 8
Huntingdon C	6	3	1	2	29	19	10 7
Castor & Ailsworth	6	1	1	4	19	29	-10 3
Wisbech B	6	1	1	4	16	32	-16 3
Ketton C	6	0	0	6	4	44	-40 0

Ladies' League

<u>Division 1</u>	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-Pts
City of P'boro A	7	4	3	0	42	14	28 11
Ketton A	7	5	1	1	36	20	16 11
St. Neots A	7	3	4	0	38	18	20 10
Stamford A	7	3	2	2	32	24	8 8
Longthorpe A	7	2	3	2	26	30	-4 7
Buckden A	7	2	2	3	26	30	-4 6
Ramsey	7	1	1	5	20	36	-16 1
St. Neots B	7	0	0	7	4	52	-48 0

<u>Division 2</u>	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-Pts
Deeping	7	6	1	0	46	9	37 13
David Lloyd A	7	5	2	0	46	10	36 12
Stamford B	7	4	2	1	34	22	12 10
City of P'boro B	7	4	0	3	30	26	4 8
Longthorpe B	7	2	1	4	24	31	-7 5
Needingworth	7	1	2	4	15	41	-26 4
Huntingdon	7	1	1	5	16	40	-24 3
Buckden B	7	0	1	6	12	44	-32 1

<u>Division 3</u>	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-Pts
Hemingfords A	6	5	1	0	38	10	28 11
Ketton B	6	5	0	1	41	7	34 10
Wisbech	6	3	2	1	26	22	4 8
David Lloyd B	6	3	1	2	27	19	8 7
Chatteris A	6	2	0	4	15	31	-16 4
City of P'boro C	6	1	0	5	14	34	-20 0
St. Neots C	6	0	0	6	5	43	-38 0

<u>Division 4</u>	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-Pts
Longthorpe C	6	5	0	1	34	14	20 10
Oundle	6	5	0	1	32	16	16 8
Stamford C	6	4	0	2	32	16	16 8
Hemingfords B	6	3	0	3	26	22	4 6
Longthorpe D	6	3	0	3	21	27	-6 6
Spalding Town	6	1	0	5	13	35	-22 0
Chatteris B	6	0	0	6	10	38	-28 0

Men's League

<u>Division 1</u>	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-Pts
David Lloyd A	7	5	2	0	42	14	28 12
Stamford A	7	5	1	1	42	14	28 11
Huntingdon A	7	4	2	1	36	20	16 10
Buckden A	7	4	1	2	37	19	18 9
City of P'boro A	7	2	2	3	28	28	0 6
Longthorpe A	7	2	1	4	24	32	-8 5
Needingworth A	7	0	2	5	10	46	-36 2
David Lloyd B	7	0	1	6	5	51	-46 -1

<u>Division 2</u>	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-Pts
St. Neots A	7	6	1	0	44	12	32 13
Deeping	7	6	0	1	44	12	32 12
Hemingfords A	7	4	1	2	29	27	2 9
St. Neots B	7	4	0	3	31	25	6 8
Chatteris A	7	3	1	3	31	25	6 7
Stamford B	7	2	1	4	24	32	-8 5
RAF Wyton	7	1	0	6	12	44	-32 2
Ketton	7	0	0	7	9	47	-38 -2

<u>Division 3</u>	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-Pts
Buckden B	8	6	1	1	47	17	30 13
City of P'boro B	8	6	0	2	43	21	22 12
Longthorpe B	8	5	0	3	34	29	5 10
Ramsey A	8	4	1	3	36	28	8 9
Wisbech	8	4	0	4	31	33	-2 8
Needingworth B	8	3	0	5	24	39	-15 6
Longthorpe C	8	1	2	5	25	39	-14 4
Castor & ..	8	1	2	5	24	40	-16 4

<u>Division 4</u>	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-Pts
Hemingfords B	8	8	0	0	57	7	50 16
Stamford C	8	6	0	2	42	22	20 12
Hemingfords C	8	6	0	2	37	25	12 12
City of P'boro C	8	5	1	2	43	21	22 11
Needingworth C	8	3	2	3	35	29	6 8
Chatteris B	8	3	0	5	30	32	-2 6
St. Neots C	8	1	1	6	17	47	-30 3
Chatteris C	8	1	0	7	10	54	-44 2
Ramsey B	8	0	2	6	15	49	-34 0