

# Banbury Tennis Leagues

On the 7th of August the Match Secretaries of the participating clubs of the Banbury Tennis Leagues were invited to participate in a survey with the following purpose:

*According to League Rules, a meeting should be held in September*

*The purpose of this meeting is:*

- a. to read out Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports*
- b. to discuss the formation of Leagues*
- c. to discuss proposals and amendments to rules*
- d. to present certificates*

*Please let me know your views on whether this meeting necessary, bearing in mind that:*

- a. the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports are posted on the website*
- b. leagues have already been agreed and fixtures arranged*
- c. web surveys can be setup for proposals and amendments to rules*
- d. certificates have already been posted by Jackie Robinson*

**The results are as follows:**

**Q1. what is your name and club?**

**The survey was sent to 17 people, of which 15 responded**

**Q2. do we need to hold a meeting in September?**

**no 11**  
**yes 4**

**Additional comments:**

*"There is some merit in having a discussion at a meeting before making a decision about things rather than just giving the club view online however on balance I don't think we need the meetings if most people would rather not have them"*

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"I think if the rules require it we should have it and change it at the next AGM. However, I don't think there is much to discuss usually and it's confusing to talk about things twice in the year. I would be happy to move to a once-year meeting with emails and surveys between them. We can always have an extra-ordinary meeting and perhaps we need to define what the conditions should be for that to happen (majority of club's requesting one for example)."

"Important to maintain good relationships between clubs."

"Doing a great job Nick. Let's not have meetings for meetings sake :-)"

"I can see the logic, is every club on board with email communications and regular checks of incoming email? ."

"I would think we HAVE to as one usually does even if it is not very convenient."

### **Q3. are you happy to consider and vote on League Rule amendments via a web survey such as this?**

**yes 12**  
**no 3**

#### **Additional comments:**

"see comment above"

"After proper discussion at the AGM I'd be happy with it. My experience is that some people are reluctant to comment until a debate gets going. This different approach would require us all to be more forthcoming but there's nothing wrong with that as long as we realise it."

"Great idea"

"As above - might need to leave the option for a meeting in the event (unlikely!) that anyone proposes anything contentious."

"Not really Often discussion is needed to find the best way of doing things. Nick this was quite challenging to find the survey for computer idiots like me!"

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Whilst not unanimous, the majority of members have voted not to hold a meeting in September so the next meeting will be the AGM in February (date to be advised).

Regarding the second question (change of rules by internet survey), whilst a majority of members favour this option, clause 2 of the League Constitution [www.banburytennisleagues.com/docs/consitution.pdf](http://www.banburytennisleagues.com/docs/consitution.pdf) does not allow this change, as it states:

“An Annual General Meeting will be called by the Chairman at which changes to the Constitution and Rules may be made.”

As League Secretary, I am bound by this clause, so whilst I may insitute some web surveys during the year they will only be to gauge opinion and seek views rather than change rules.

Your emailed comments are very welcome, if you wish them to be public then please “reply all”, if they are private then just email me.

Thanks to those who participated.



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