

Banbury and District Tennis Leagues

Minutes of AGM

27th February 2026

Venue: Banbury West End Tennis & Squash Club

Present

Colin Mercer (Harbury) – Chairman of the meeting, Carol Spencer (League Treasurer), Art Kharlamov (League Secretary), Nigel Eaton (Harbury), Llewella Pretorious (Deddington), June Ward (Deddington), Hilary Baxter (Brackley), Lana Hurst (Brackley), Judy Kirk (Charlbury), Deirdre Lunney (Charlbury), Julian Gardner (Tysoe), Rod Haddrell (Banbury), Callum Fairbrother (Kings Sutton), Andi Padbury (Banbury West End)

Colin Mercer opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m., welcomed attendees and thanked everyone for attending.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:
Sue Giles and Sylvia Wilcox

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (18th February 2025)

The minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated and published on the league website. The Chairman asked if there were any comments or corrections. No comments were raised. The minutes were proposed as accurate and approved by all present.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes and the Chairman proposed to move onto Secretary's report

4. Secretary's Report

The League Secretary presented a summary of the past year. A total of 173 matches were played in the Summer League, with relatively few postponements due to favourable weather. The season concluded earlier than usual, by early September. The Secretary congratulated the league winners. Banbury West End secured the title following a strong finish to the season. Byfield A and Brackley A both finished on 64 points, with Byfield A taking second place on games difference. The overall standard of competition across all divisions was noted to be high, with many closely contested matches played in good spirit and minimal disputes. Participation in midweek evening leagues remains strong. The league currently has over 1,000 registered players on Playwaze, excluding duplicate entries. However, weekend leagues continue to struggle due to low participation. Only two teams entered the weekend mixed league, and two teams expressed interest in the seniors league, which is insufficient to form viable competitions. Playwaze continues to be used for league administration, with the annual fee remaining unchanged at £180.

The Secretary also confirmed that printed certificates will again be available. The report was accepted by the meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the financial summary for the year.

Income was received from 13 clubs entering the winter league and 12 clubs entering the summer leagues.

Expenditure remained consistent, resulting in a surplus of £150.

The year-end bank balance stood at £1,445.85, representing approximately one year's operating reserve.

Online access to the bank account has now been established to improve efficiency.

No concerns were raised, and the report was accepted.

6. Election of Officers

Chairman: No nominations were received. It was confirmed that the Chairman role will continue to rotate between clubs, with Hook Norton expected to nominate the Chairman for the next AGM. Treasurer: Carol Spencer confirmed she is happy to continue in the role. Secretary: Art Kharlamov confirmed he is willing to continue in the role. Both positions were accepted without objection.

7. Proposals

The Secretary presented three options for the structure of the Summer League due to an increase in the number of teams from 26 to 29.

Option A: Maintain four divisions, resulting in one division of eight teams

Option B: Five divisions with uneven distribution (7, 6, 6, 5, 5)

Option C: Five divisions with more even distribution (6, 6, 6, 6, 5)

Discussion highlighted concerns regarding fixture congestion, particularly in larger divisions.

A vote was taken: Option B received two votes

Option C received the majority of votes

Option C was therefore adopted for the 2026 Summer League structure.

No other proposals were submitted.

9. Any Other Business

No items had been submitted in advance.

It was noted that the past season ran smoothly with very few issues or disputes.

The meeting was noted to be one of the shortest in recent years.

The meeting closed at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Attendees were invited to remain for refreshments.