

2024 SLKPA AGM MINUTES

04/07/24 at Bellegrave Social Club

Present: Current Committee members John Skuza (Bellegrave A), Tony Frost (Eltham Terrace Rack Pack), Paul Gafa' (Pickwick), Trevor Biggs (Eltham Terrace Nuthouse), Louis Wilbourne (Pickwick), Angie Hobbs (Bell Ya Later), Chris Parlett (Eltham Terrace Rack), Richard Chapman (Hotshots) Alan Reed, Steve Reed, and team representatives from Academicals, Average Joes, Bears, Bell Ya Later, Bellegrave, Bellegrave Flyers, Bexleyheath Raiders, Blackheath Sports Club, Cue-Ologists, Duke Of Northumberland, Eltham Terrace Nuthouse, Eltham Terrace Tigers, Falconwood Club, Farmhouse, Hurricanes Reborn, New Eltham New Boys, New Eltham New Stars, Nolans, Plough & Harrow, Rugrats, Sharks, Sundridge Park Pocketeers, Sundridge Park WMC, The Con Men, White hart

Apologies: None. General members not accepted.

Absent: None.

Meeting commenced 8.20pm.

Paul Gafa' was appointed as the minute taker.

Chris Parlett & Angie Hobbs were appointed as Counting Officers

The previous minutes from the last AGM were presented, not read, but taken as correct.

Proposed: Angie Hobbs, Seconded: Chris Parlett. Approved unanimously.

Emily from Demelza, the League's chosen charity, was invited to the meeting to receive a donation raised by the members. She outlined how Demelza helps sick children and its role in the community. A cheque for £900 was presented to Emily for Demelza on behalf of the SLKPA.

Officers reports

Chairman's Report:

Tony Frost opened his report by paying respects to our members who sadly passed away this last year. He later went on to thank the members for the support and dedication they provide to keep this League at the pinnacle of London pool. The League Committee were introduced as a matter of good house keeping.

Secretary's Report:

The League continues to grow with currently 30 teams this summer. SLKPA remains the biggest affiliated league in GLCPA and always looking to expand, with more teams intending to join this coming winter season.

Communication is what our League is all about and is the way to grow. Visit our website frequently, join our Facebook group, pass the details emailed to you on the weekly bulletin onto team members. Encourage your team members to do all the above. Basically, if we talk to you as team captains, then your job is to pass information onto your team mates.

Information shared will promote growth in the SLKPA and all the events we run.

The League is getting bigger with more for the Committee to deal with, and bigger workloads. The annual calendar is almost full to bursting with available free dates to host events. We are currently looking at disaster recovery procedures should the worst happen. We are all getting older and cannot go on forever, so we need to plan for the future, and our members are encouraged to come forward, if you have a skill the League can use. On a more upbeat note,

the League are in discussion with an outside influence that could be really beneficial for our members, but more on this once details come to light.

You may recall the statement from the EPA and the tie up with Ultimate Pool and their intention of registering every pool player in England to an app for a nominal fee, some time ago. This idea looks to be almost dissolved due to the complications of putting it into practice and getting the app up and running.

The SLKPA are still a force within London Interleague scene although we could only finish as runners up in 2023 losing out on the final frame of the season to Waterloo. Our hold on the KO Cup has also been removed as we could only finish 3rd this spring, whilst the 2's finished as runners up. The League got both 1's and 2's through to the last 16 at the National Interleague Finals in April. A remarkable achievement for our League to have two teams at this stage of the event, particularly for the 2's who over achieved. The League run 4 teams at present so there's room for anyone of any standard or sex that wants to get involved. The stigma associated with playing SLKPA Interleague first team pool seems to be all but gone now, and the League encourage our members to come to trials in the winter to get involved as we make playing Interleague pool fun once again.

Domestically the major honours in the last year went to:

Summer 23 Elite League Champions – Hotshots.

Winter 23-24 Premier League – Hotshots.

Winter 23-24 Founders Cup – Hotshots.

Our Winter 23-24 champions and runners up will represent the League in the National Champion of Champions events in November at Lowestoft Pontins.

We now have 3 players who have or are participating on Ultimate Pool events and tours.

Some of you may have seen Rahat Munim appearing on the live stream in the Last Man Standing event whilst Ryan Francis and Danny Kelliher are on the Challenger Tour.

Tony Halpin was the O60's World Champion runner up at Blackball. Just goes to show the strength of our League.

The League encourages anyone with a small business that would like some cheap advertising to contact the League. Adverts appear on the website and on the live streams and have been proven to work. With our own YouTube channel, SLKPATV, and over 50 videos currently available to view, advertising with the League is a great way to reach potential customers, for the very small fee starting at £30.

Easyfundraising has raised a good sum of money and paid for a lot of the League's streaming equipment and lots more besides. Every time you make a purchase online the SLKPA get a small reward. Due mainly to the money we have raised on this venture, the League have dropped the percentage we take from tournaments to help run the League from 33% down to 25%, meaning more prize money for our members. This has been achieved with only a very small number of supporters. If the League could add many more supporters, then this League could go through the stratosphere. The rewards could be passed onto the members even to the point where entry fees could be greatly reduced, possibly eradicated all together, with prize money paid further down the divisions and competitions. I implore all of you to at least click on the links on the home page of our website and take a look. Please spread the word to your team mate's, friends and families.

Questions on anything from this report were invited.

Treasurers report:

Steve Reed took the members through the accounts with explanations. The League is in a healthy financial state and invited questions from the floor. The statement of accounts can be found as an appendix at the foot of these minutes.

Falconwood Club asked what the League intend to do with the increased amount in the account from previous seasons. As stated previously more prize money will be paid out, and further investment to improve the League is ongoing.

New Eltham New Stars asked if the League could round up the donation to Demelza from £900 to £1000. After discussion with all in agreement, Tony Frost announced that £100 would be donated by the League to Demelza to start the next contribution.

Election of officers

No proposals for the Secretary's post were received.

Committee member Paul Baker re-signing. One proposal received for Steve Unwin (Eltham Terrace Tigers) to join the League Committee.

Chairman – Tony Frost (Eltham Terrace Rack Pack) Not up for election this year.

Secretary – Paul Gafa' (Pickwick) Re-elected unopposed.

Joint Treasurer – Steve Reed, Alan Reed Not up for election this year.

Existing Committee Members – John Skuza (Bellegrove A), Chris Parlett (Eltham Terrace Rack Pack), Trevor Biggs (Eltham Terrace Nuthouse), Louis Wilbourne (Pickwick), Angie Hobbs (Bell Ya Later), Richard Chapman (Hotshots), Re-elected unopposed.

Steve Unwin (Eltham Terrace Tigers): Proposed: Eltham Terrace Rack Pack. Seconder Bellegrove A. Elected unopposed.

Rule changes

The running order for players on result sheets remain in place throughout the match. Players remain at their number and if any changes are made the incoming players fit into the outgoing players number slot. The League would need to slightly modify the current result sheet.

Rationale: Stops any player inadvertently breaking 3 times. Stops the same two players from playing each other 3 times. Makes it easier for team captains to decide their playing order.

Proposed: Eltham Terrace Nuthouse Seconder: Bellegrove A

Discussion took place with Ian Chapman of Eltham Terrace Nuthouse presenting the proposal and fielding questions with help from the League Committee.

FOR: 3 AGAINST: 26 ABSTAIN 1 Proposal defeated, current method for selecting the playing order remains.

Hall of Fame

The Chairman ran through the list nominations received. The inductee was commended for his longevity of playing in the League and friendliness with opponents. Steve Unwin (Eltham Terrace Tigers) was announced as the 2024 inductee, and presented with the award.

Any other business

Eltham Terrace Nuthouse praised the League for the very well run Christmas Classic, introduced in 2023.

Rugrats asked the possibility of running an annual U25 competition. Discussion then took place. An appetite from members for the event would be needed to pursue this further.

Bell Ya Later reminded the floor that female players should be shown the same level of respect as males. The League endorse this opinion.

Eltham Terrace Tigers asked about venue inspections when new teams enter the League.

Generally the venues are visited by League Officials prior to any new venue registering.

The League Secretary reminded the members that the Pairs KO registration closes tonight; the deadlines on the registration forms should be adhered to; and anyone from any team that would like to get involved in the online streaming commentary to make themselves known.

Meeting closed 9.30pm.

Appendix
Statement of accounts

	Summer 23	Winter 23/24	Totals for Year
Income			
Team Registrations	£1,540.00	£1,885.00	£3,425.00
Competition Registrations	£962.00	£1,084.00	£2,046.00
Sponsorship	£271.66	£591.09	£862.75
Interleague	£3,080.00	£4,535.00	£7,615.00
Fines	£20.00	£20.00	£40.00
Christmas	£0.00	£320.00	£320.00
Charity	£192.50	£476.20	£668.70
Miscellaneous	£65.00	£1,896.00	£1,961.00
Totals	£6,131.16	£10,807.29	£16,938.45
Expenditure			
Affiliations	£140.00	£75.00	£215.00
Trophies and Awards	£1,972.49	£2,633.50	£4,605.99
Venue/Table Hire / Food Costs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Bank Charges	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Interleague	£3,162.00	£4,349.98	£7,511.98
Fines	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Stationary & Communication	£129.73	£370.54	£500.27
Christmas	£0.00	£320.00	£320.00
Charity	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous	£0.00	£1,585.00	£1,585.00
Totals	£5,404.22	£9,334.02	£14,738.24
Profit/Loss	£726.94	£1,473.27	£2,200.21

Miscellaneous includes: Tournament Refunds, Player Transfers, Sale of Stopwatches, Men's Singles League Entries & Prize Money, Fantasy League Entries & EPA Registrations (credit & debit).

	S21	W21/22	S22	W22/23	Summer 23	Winter 23/24
Income						
Team Registrations	£125.00	£870.00	£1,320.00	£1,560.00	£1,540.00	£1,885.00
Competition Registrations	£210.00	£659.00	£576.00	£851.00	£962.00	£1,084.00
Sponsorship	£233.74	£423.33	£119.23	£646.55	£271.66	£591.09
Interleague	£258.50	£5,175.00	£3,135.00	£3,265.00	£3,080.00	£4,535.00
Fines	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£30.00	£20.00	£20.00
Christmas	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00	£0.00	£320.00
Charity	£15.00	£75.00	£45.00	£65.00	£192.50	£476.20
Miscellaneous	£5.00	£635.00	£149.00	£1,751.50	£65.00	£1,896.00
Totals	£867.24	£7,837.33	£5,344.23	£8,369.05	£6,131.16	£10,807.29
Expenditure						
Affiliations	£104.00	£0.00	£104.00	£75.00	£140.00	£75.00
Trophies and Awards	£1,203.99	£1,748.99	£1,568.98	£2,049.00	£1,972.49	£2,633.50
Venue/Table Hire / Food Costs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Bank Charges	£0.00	£2.89	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Interleague	£175.00	£5,468.39	£3,213.00	£3,392.99	£3,162.00	£4,349.98
Fines	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Stationary	£124.98	£134.23	£130.84	£147.95	£129.73	£370.54
Christmas	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£320.00
Charity	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous	£230.00	£46.99	£22.48	£1,255.38	£0.00	£1,585.00
Totals	£1,837.97	£7,401.49	£5,039.30	£6,920.32	£5,404.22	£9,334.02
Profit/Loss	-£970.73	£435.84	£304.93	£1,448.73	£726.94	£1,473.27