



# Tees Valley Wheelchair Sports Club



**AGM - 21st June 2017 - 5.30pm**  
**Outwood Academy, Hall Drive, Acklam**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Responsible</u>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<b>Chris Thorne</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Chairman's Report</b>  Hi everyone, I'd like to thank all of you for coming today. It has been a big year for the Titans, we've had some big ups and downs. We lost the little man who meant a lot to all of us, Titans 1 winning the league and U15s getting the silver medal in Junior League.  I'd like to thank all the coaches for all their hard work, I would also like to thank the rest of the committee for all that they do, and personally thank Linda, Fleur and Louise for setting up the Titans celebration night and all the fundraising events. Thank you everyone.	<b>Chris Thorne</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Secretary's Report</b>  It's been a busy year for the committee members and I can't quite believe it's been a year since the last AGM!  It's that time of year when you will be completing your new members forms for this next season and you will see that we have updated the forms and also added some new ones. Once we have all your forms completed and returned to us, each member will be receive a pack with copies of each of their forms and contact details of the committee members. It will also include a copy of the members code of conduct and the committees code of conduct. If anyone has any questions about any of the forms, please speak to any of us on the committee.  We haven't pushed fundraising over the past year as much as we probably should have, mainly due to everyone being in shock and losing a lot of motivation after the very sudden and tragic passing of little Stephen. This year we need to renew our enthusiasm and do as much fundraising as possible. We have a great partnership with the Coop and we are discussing a variety of different fundraising ideas with them and also with local shopping centres. In August we are holding a family fun day at Ropner Park which will involve a sponsored push (similar to the one we did at the	<b>Fleur Wilson</b>



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Sports Village), along with a number of stalls and a large raffle. We will release further details of this over the next few weeks.

One of our other incomes is bids from various organisations. Again this is not something that has been pursued greatly over the past year, but it is something I have recently started learning about and I've submitted a few requests recently.

Moving forward, to be able to build our club and expand on the success we have had in all the teams, we will continue to need your valued support. We have a great family atmosphere at this club along with a strong fighting spirit so let's keep working together to become even more successful in the future.

## **4 Financial Report**

**Linda Fawcett**

Financial Accounts also attached

## **5 Safeguarding Report**

**Louise Harland**

What can I say about the first year. It has been a privilege to be part of the committee and it's gone by very quickly and we have experienced highs and lows as a club.

When we first joined this club the atmosphere was very much like being at home with family, the club lost this for a while, for a while a lot of negativity and disharmony were part of the club. Following the loss of a few people, some of which have been harder to take than others, the club has banded together and the family atmosphere is returning. So as a club let's keep this going.

My first job as safeguarding officer was in the first few weeks in post and was one of the hardest challenges I have ever faced. Telephoning parents and informing them of Stephens illness and then later subsequent passing was difficult. Not being able to attend his funeral from a personal point of view was devastating but feeling as though you had all been let down was even harder. For those that needed a little help to cope with his passing a group bereavement session was organised and, from the feedback we had as a club, it helped.

As a committee we have been active in ensuring our policies and procedures are up to date. Registration and medical forms have been updated and we have introduced consent forms and codes of conduct for the entire club.



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Coaches are now up to date with their first aid training and security checks have been completed for all coaches.

My role is to ensure that as members you feel safe, secure and protected, and I hope this something that is well on its way to being achieved.

Moving forward further up dates and polices need to be implemented and as a club we need to ensure your needs are protected.

If anyone has any issues please give me a call, I may not always be at training but I am always available to answer or take on board any suggestions concerns or questions you may have.

## 6 Development Report

**Brian Russell**

Our Satellite club plans have not quite taken off this year as we were hoping but also due to funding bids which is now in process with committee members getting used to the process and looks good for the growth of the club. We hope to have a number of satellites available in near future.

We have organised and liaised with Tennis World in developing wheelchair tennis for our area. There are certain fundamental requirements needed for running wheelchair tennis at a venue that has not had disability sports on offer before. The amendments required take patience and communication with the local council in bringing the venue up to date. It has taken some time although the wheels are in motion.

There has been much development in organising a wheelchair tennis tournament for club and non club members. This will take place in August with a top tennis coach overseeing and giving advice on the day.

## 7 Head Coach's Report

**Lee Fawcett**

Season 16/17 comes to a close with success. The result of our U15's silver medal in Junior League and Titans 1 promotion and National Champions win the highlights. I said at last years AGM for the club to keep it's young talent we need a first team who were challenging in the top league and hopefully they could then fulfil their potential without having to leave. I believe we now have that and as proven with the success of our U15s we certainly have some talent at this club.



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We have had players been called up to GB training camps and future competition and also selection with the England North team for this years School games.

It has been a tough year with losing one of our shining lights and it was a tough time for everyone and I cannot be prouder of our U19s and U15s the way they competed in his name this year. The whole club has that special family feel again and we now have the right people at the club.

Another big success this year was the start of the STEP league, which gave our development players valuable court time. Although it was treated as friendly games and was a test pilot, I am work hard behind the scenes to make it more completion like next year with the introduction of two further teams in Scotland so that will be 6 teams and more competition for everyone in the Step league.

Where we have fallen short in the middle, although I believe Titans 3 had a good season this year with it being Brians first season and many of the player first introduction into National League, Titans 2 struggled in a tough league but we believe they just feel short of some victories. We believe the mixer of youth and experience worked very well in Titans 1 but in T2 it didn't work until close to the end.

Also one struggle was the numbers in the training sessions and especially Friday nights where oversubscribed. We think that quite a few players played across different teams and this is something we want to avoid next year.

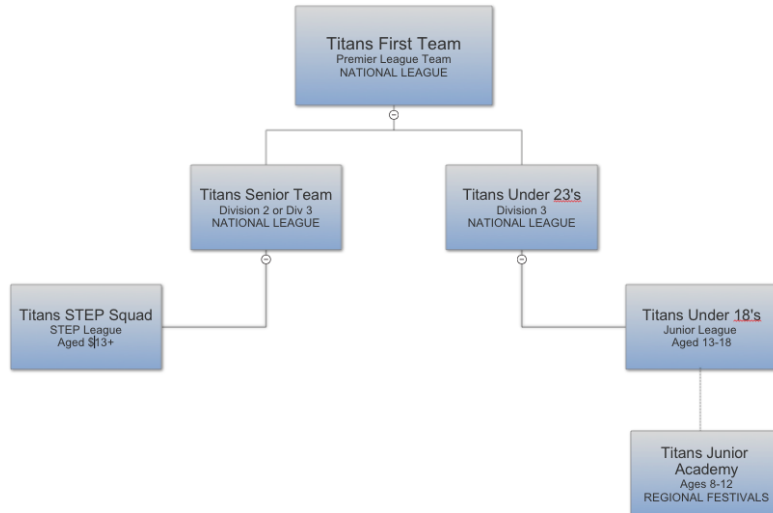
Moving forward to improve ourselves again we have signed a couple of extra players to help the First try and stay in the premier league this season.. Also we have decided to restructure the basketball side of the club to achieve and improve on last season.



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## New Structure



## Our Teams will now be as follows

- Tees Valley Titans First Team (Elite Standard players)
- Tees Valley Titans Senior Team (National League Standard seniors)
- Tees Valley Titans U23's (National League Standard U23's)
- Tees Valley Titans STEP Squad (Development Standard Seniors & U23's)
- Tees Valley Titans U18s (Junior League Standard U18's players)
- Tees Valley Titans Junior Academy (All abilities aged 8-12 years)

Senior team and U23's players may be asked to play up into the First team squad if selected by head coach.

Players in the U23's will not be allowed to also play for Senior team and vice versa, players from the U23's and senior team will also not be allowed to play in the STEP League

U18s players will play Junior league and either compete in National League for U23's or be included in the STEP Squad and play in the STEP League depending on coaches decision.

Players will be monitored and reviewed and may be promoted into different squad within season if they improve their standard.

This includes all the teams



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I believe that we need to improve individually and we will run a weekly fundamental session to work on our individual game, including, chairs skills, defence, passing, picking, shooting, pushes, dribbling and I will lead this session. This session will be available

to every member of the club but it will be a tough individual session.

## Suggested Training Sessions

### Tuesdays

4:45pm – 6:15pm      Fundamental session      Open To All

### Wednesdays

4:45pm – 6:20pm      STEP Squad Session      Coach Chris Thorne,  
Assist Taylor Blanchard

6:20pm – 8pm      Senior Squad Session      Coach Brian Russell

### Fridays

5-7pm      First Team Session      Coach Lee Fawcett

### Saturdays

10am – 11:30am      Titans Junior Academy      Coach Chris Williams  
11:30 – 1pm      U23's and U18s      Mixed Session

On the week of a game the Selected players for U23's will train on the Friday 5-7pm with the First Team

## **8 Election of Committee**

All existing committee members voted in again. No submissions made for any changes.

## **9 AOB**

Anouska Franssen asked about the Level 1 Coaching courses. Lee Fawcett advised he is looking into dates. Info will be sent once known.

People interested in course:

Anouska Franssen  
Josh Holdforth  
Connor Suttill  
Paul Mottram