



# Aboyne Tennis Club

*Minutes of Annual General Meeting, Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022*

The AGM was held in person at The Boat Inn, Aboyne.

17 Members were present: Tammie Sebire (Chair), Cat Manzi (Secretary), Keren Beveridge (Treasurer), Alan Curran (Facilities Manager), Brian Howell (Membership Secretary), Christine Fyfe, Andrew Fyfe, Sarah Hoare, Joss Marshall, Iain Young, Judith Brown-Kerr, Ann Keenan, Carol Vermeulen, Carol Bisset, Wilma Kaufman, Emma Ferguson, Sue Preece.

## 1. Welcome and apologies

Tammie Sebire welcomed members to the meeting.

Committee member apologies were received from Rachael Esson and Craig Mitchell.

## 2. Minutes of 2021 AGM

Carol Bisset proposed approval of the minutes of the 2021 AGM. This was seconded by Carol Vermeulen and approved by the meeting.

## 3. Chairman's Report

Tammie Sebire referred to the Chairman's report, distributed by hyperlink in the AGM invitation email of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022. Tammie concluded by looking forward to the 2022/23 tennis year and by thanking the committee for their efforts, including club member Anke Addy for her efforts in coordinating ladies social tennis in compliance with covid-19 restrictions.

## 4. Coaching Report

A coaching report was distributed by hyperlink in the AGM invitation email of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

## 5. Competitions Report

A competitions report was distributed by hyperlink in the AGM invitation email of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

## 6. Facilities Report

A facilities report was distributed by hyperlink in the AGM invitation email of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

## 7. Social and Events Report

A social and events report was distributed by hyperlink in the AGM invitation email of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

## 8. Treasurer's Report and Consideration of the Annual Accounts

Keren Beveridge referred to her report, distributed by hyperlink in the AGM invitation email of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 and to the audited accounts for 2021. There is a healthy surplus generated in 2021 of £12,738. The accounts were approved by the meeting. The committee thanked Carol Bisset for auditing the 2021 accounts.

## 9. Long term Finance Plan

Tammie informed members that a new 5 year finance plan is being developed by the committee given that the last plan was designed back in 2015/16 when the courts were upgraded. The intention of the plan is to ensure there are sufficient funds available to maintain and upgrade the courts when required, strengthen membership, develop and implement vibrant social events to engage members, improve team performance, ensure coaching capability is a high standard and available for all membership needs, maintain financial stability to ensure club viability and improve facilities to enhance membership satisfaction. The committee is working to ensure the plan includes things members want. It is intended that a survey will be distributed to

members in summer 2022 to request feedback from members. There was detailed discussion on the assumptions included in the plan, such as inflation rates, electricity costs and membership numbers. The committee will continue to work on developing the finance plan in subsequent committee meetings.

## **10. Membership Report**

A membership report was distributed by hyperlink in the AGM invitation email of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022. Brian Howell summarised that membership for the club remains healthy and that the challenge is to retain current members and attract new members. Brian proposed the following in relation to membership fees:

1. Membership fees for 2022 to be increased by 2% inflation. The rate of inflation was discussed in detail given recent economic environment. It was agreed that 2% was appropriate for 2022 but this would be reviewed again prior to setting the fees for 2023.
2. Second club discounts for Torphins, Tarland and Ballater will be equivalent to fees for that club which will apply to adult and family memberships. This discount will not be available in Clubspark and instead will be available by contacting the membership secretary. Second club discount for juniors will remain unchanged and available in Clubspark.
3. Autumn/Winter fees to be simplified to £70/family, £30/adult, £20/junior and £10/under 11.
4. Guest fees to be reduced to £2.5/hour.
5. To continue to offer 50% reduction for members over 75 years and those in financial hardship or disabled.

All of the above proposals were approval by the meeting.

## **11. Election of Members of the Management Committee**

Tammie thanked outgoing members Christine Fyfe and Rachael Esson for all their hard work supporting the committee over the years.

Tammie proposed Emma Ferguson to take on the role of Social and Events coordinator. The meeting approved.

Tammie proposed Trish Aikenson to take on the role of Junior Coordinator. The meeting approved.

Tammie proposed Pat Smith as a general committee member. The meeting approved.

## **12. AOCB**

1. It was noted that some trees in close proximity to the courts presents a safety hazard. Alan Curran has obtained a competitive quote for these to be felled. To be approved outside of the AGM.

Cat Manzi, Secretary