

Chairmans report AGM of ACLTC 28TH November 2022.

Thank you for being here this evening, another year where we have moved forward as a club and a committee.

I'm afraid as with much of our lives at the moment our non-tennis chat will be about finances this evening and as our treasurer will point out we have an expensive year ahead of us to which we will bring some innovative solutions.

Fabulous tennis progress from our teams, men's Leicestershire in particular and some stellar contributions to UK tennis standards from our juniors one of whom played a household international name.

We have trialed this year a restructuring of your committee into smaller sub groups with their own autonomy on tennis, fundraising, socials, grounds and projects etc, the intention here is to be less bureaucratic and more responsive to our members needs, each of these groups has a directive to improve every element of our club with the overall goal of making us a more inclusive and tennis oriented committee, we will judge the success of the new format in the New Year. The second phase of this is to open up these sub committees to volunteer members and extend the influence of club members all the way through our structure.

Thank you to each and everyone of my committee partners, I laud greatly our growth in social tennis, box leagues and tournaments, our fundraising through tennis and none tennis activities, the open day, golf day, Sheila's meals, sanctioned tournaments, presentation evenings and the members who selflessly put cash over the bar for drinks to aid clubs coffers, all of this substantially increases our finances above members subs.

Outside of the committee we thank Peter B, Julian, Dave and Mari for clubhouse and bar work you have greatly enhanced the club by your efforts thank you.

Our membership income has increased slightly and the usual turnover of membership numbers, I believe we are giving people what they want from their tennis club.

"Their club" read our club is the operative phrase here I reiterate we are a members club and we stands or fall by the commitment and income of our members it serves us well to remember this.

We lose some very valued committee members this year Justin Gray Bob and Chris, who have served this club selflessly over many years, we will continue to draw on their experience to make us better.

We are this year planning improvements to our infrastructure- long overdue you might say, LED lighting replacing surfaces and base to courts 1 and 2 with 5,6,7 to follow, prior to 2015 we were losing money as a club and not contributing to our sinking funds. We have managed to redress this by business like financial modelling and more cash injections, this I must say without any help from our parent organisation the LTA who have been worse than useless in their support to us and many other tennis clubs.

We will require a court surface discussion later this year, while we have continued an open dialogue with education, council facilities and local and midlands funding regarding indoor courts but currently to no avail, the current financial climate is wrecking our access to funding, however we will continue to explore any and every opportunity.

We must be ever diligent to ensure not the thriving thereof but the continued existence of this club which is by no means a given, it is taking continuous effort to make sure we prevail, I make the point gain this is a members club---ask not what your club can do for you but etc etc etc.

Dave Forster

Chair ACLTC