

BASILDON TENNIS CLUB AGM MINUTES – 12th Jan 2021 – via Zoom

ATTENDEES

Lydia Berks (LB), Teresa Welsby (TW), Tracey Hodson (TH), Ali Cheeseman (AC), Damian Lane (DL), David Norbury (DN), Gerry Westermann (GW), Jerry Sinden (JS), Mike Baker (MB), Lauren Bettaney (La B), David Williams (DW), Charlie Laing (CL), Sue Taylor (ST), Clive Crawford (CC)

APOLOGIES

Naresh Chouhan (NC), Fiona Fountain

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th Feb 2020 were tabled. There were no comments on these minutes and they were accepted. Proposer AC, Seconder TW

1. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the 2020 minutes that were not on the Agenda.

2. Chairman's report (LB)

We started the year with great plans for 2020

- a) Finish hut ready to receive opposition teams for tea, social drinks after club events and finally having somewhere to warm the mulled wine and mince pies at our Xmas knockabout!
- b) Games Night was scheduled for 21st March – all the tables were sold and the catering lined up....
- c) Back on court, our Teams were set for an exciting season ahead, with 2 league titles to defend
- d) DL & TH had coaching planned and booked into the schedule.

But then.....Lock Down 1.0 hit, courts closed, Games night cancelled....time to reset.....In the meantime, we produced a short tennis video to entertain the troops, then we had a very generous donation of a State of the art Ball Machine (huge thanks CL!) which has become a useful tool in encouraging members back on court....and in preparing to open back up again safely, I agreed with the VHC that from now on, the Courts would be locked and hence the Skedda Booking system was born – many thanks La B, and we were back in business....

All coaching sprang back into action, all according to LTA Covid guidance. Junior Camps Coaching was held over 5 weeks of the summer holidays in a different format to adhere to Covid restrictions (LB thanked for her work on this) – huge thanks to MB for helping us with the red tape!

Many thanks also to the “Terrace Chain Gang” laying the new patio headed by Jerry Sinden....a great day with new building skills acquired!

With all league activity cancelled we remain undefeated holders of the NDLTA Mixed & Ladies League Champions!

Then LD2 hit, and down we went again, but this time as least we were able to play singles and 1-2-1 coaching could continue! As a result of this, the last couple of months have been the busiest ever and with this in mind, I will be proposing to the committee at our first meeting a change in our booking priorities as I believe members have had a raw deal over these last few months.

We are about to launch the new website, which is supplied by Club Spark, La B has loaded all 2020 member data for a seamless transition. This will make a huge difference to DN & TW in particular.

Huge thanks to my Committee for getting on with the job this year without any fuss and to Damo & Tracey for keeping the money coming in when we needed it most!

Finally, a big thank you to you our members who've not complained when we've had to cancel things at short notice, you've not asked for money back bearing in mind you will have only had access to courts for 70% of the year....you turn up to club mornings/evenings with enthusiasm and a lack of drama – we've found some wonderful new members and now friends....

3. Treasurers report (DN)

- The P&L accounts were summarised. The significant contribution to the finances from the successful coaching & camps programme was noted. The accounts are appended to these minutes.
- DN proposed no increase in subs as there had been an increase in 2020. It remains as seen below:

	Family	Adult	Joint	Senior	Student	Intermediate	Junior	Mini junior
Age		25-69	2 adults at same address	>=70	in full time study	19-24	11-18	<=10
Amount	£110	£45	£80	£40	£20	£30	£20	£15

- The acceptance of the report was proposed by TH and seconded by LB

4 Wimbledon Ballot Tickets (TW)

No Wimbledon Tickets were received in 2020 and DL suspects there will be no public access to Wimbledon this year either. TW explained that the LTA have completely

changed the Ticket Allocation in the future and we will have no control over this or be told how many tickets have been allocated to the club. We are very unhappy with this. TW will update the Committee when she knows more.

5. Coaches Report

Head Coach DL reported that he has the easy bit as TH organise his sessions for him – he is too modest – it is easy for TH to fill spaces as he is a great coach. We are unable to arrange anything for the coming season for obvious reasons.

Coach Tracey (TH) continues to teach our ladies on a Wednesday morning throughout the year, when the pandemic allows!

6. Team Match Reports – cancelled this year!

Ladies Doubles (Captain – AC)

AC is standing down after decades in the job. We cannot thank her enough for her devotion to the role. She leaves her post with her team still NDFTA League winners for 10 years on the bounce , plus remaining in Div 1 in Berks Summer and Winter also.

Men's A Doubles (Captain – JS)

JS expects to be in Berks Winter Div 5 when they go back

Men's B Doubles (Captain – NC)

NC expects to be in Berks Winter Div 7 when they go back

Mixed Doubles A (Captain – LB)

LB hopes to remain at the top of Div 1 in NDFTA and be promoted from Div 3 to 2 in Berks Winter league.

7. Welfare Officer Report

MB has been liaising with the LTA over Safeguarding which has been enormously time consuming. He met during October with Alan Hodges from the LTA and the club received a report. A number of actions were required to make the club compliant with the LTA's evolving safeguarding standards.

MB distributed the updated safeguarding policy prior to the meeting and this was approved by the committee.

(Thanks in advance for help Lauren everything up on the new website – do let me know if you wish to discuss this further).

Actions required:-

- update the club safeguarding policy (using the latest LTA template) – completed
- publish the new safeguarding policy on the club's new website
- display MB's contact details on the external noticeboard (as well as in clubhouse)
- ensure code of conduct and safeguarding policy are displayed in clubhouse

- state via through website and in clubhouse that U13s cannot book courts independently and/or play without adult supervision.
- state through website and in clubhouse U18s should not use the clubhouse without adult supervision.

8. Plans for 2020

To play some tennis.....

9. Election of committee

All committee members have agreed to continue with their roles (with massive gratitude from Chair)

10. Club maintenance

LB acting as Maintenance Mgr. CL suggested that if we decided to outsource cleaning/demossing, that LB get in contact and we look for a group discount with his and other private courts in the village.

11. AOB

DW suggested we look at organising some social tennis matches against other clubs if our Summer league match play is cancelled – ST thought Goring would be interested. LB to action in the Spring.

Lydia Berks

25 January 2021

BASILDON LAWN TENNIS CLUB
2020 ACCOUNTS
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Cash Balance brought forward		£ 24,613.55		£ 28,534.6
	to 31 Dec 2020		to 31 Dec 2019	
INCOME	2020		2019	
Subscriptions	£ 4,410.00		£ 3,138.50	
Match Fees	£ -		£ 328.00	
Coaching	£ 8,910.50		£ 14,884.00	
Court Hire/ Guest fees	£ 60.00		£ -	
Ball machine hire	£ 275.00			
Balls	£ 83.40		£ -	
Keys	£ -		£ 20.00	
Wimbledon	£ -		£ -	
Bradfield indoor courts	£ -		£ -	
Village hall	£ -		£ -	
Clothing	£ -		£ -	
Social	£ 222.00		£ -	
Kids in Blue claim	£ -		£ -	
Bank Interest	£ 2,034.14		£ 113.32	
TOTAL		£ 15,995.04		£ 18,483.8
EXPENDITURE				
League Registration	£ 240.00		£ 294.00	
Court Hire	£ 380.00		£ 2,280.00	
Balls	£ 603.15		£ 544.40	
Equipment	£ 2,552.10		£ 153.64	
Keys	£ 24.17		£ 34.00	
Wimbledon	£ -		£ -	
Coaching	£ 6,180.00		£ 11,247.00	
Social	£ 278.39		£ 37.80	
Insurance	£ 204.80		£ 211.50	
Clothing	£ 20.30		£ 223.00	
Web domain	£ 14.40		£ -	
Maintenance	£ 2,877.12		£ 5,921.75	
Expenses	£ 840.44		£ 4,718.00	
TOTAL		£ 14,214.87		£ 22,404.8
CASH SURPLUS		£ 1,780.17		£ (3,921.0
Cash Balance taken forward		£ 26,393.72		£ 24,613.5
NOTES				

1 Bank interest includes £2000 donation to the club to purchase the ball machine