

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BETHERSDEN TENNIS CLUB HELD ON THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2022 AT THE CLUB HOUSE AT 8PM

Present: Liz Robinson (Chair)  
Nick Smelt (Treasurer)  
Rob Fullagar (Head Coach)

Apologies: Cat Hanys  
Carol Crawley

In attendance: Jan Stewart  
Amanda Ellis  
Jon Redshaw  
Howard Riddle CBE  
Annabel Rogerson  
Steven Turner  
Sally Shaw

Chair's Report

- 1) Liz opened the meeting stating that she was stepping down as Chair after 10 years' service.
- 2) The minutes of the previous meeting had been agreed and signed off
- 3) The main outstanding issue is the resurfacing of Court One which has been held up due to the excessive sloping and bad water drainage. There had been a recent decision from Trevor May that the court tarmac was too dense and they would address this.
- 4) **It was agreed that an explanation of the ongoing situation on Court One should be put on the Club web-site.**
- 5) Club numbers remain sold despite contraction in junior members due to programme reshuffling. Membership rates now include cost of floodlights whose costs are now very high as is the annual rent and, as a result, a decrease in net income is forecast over the next 12 months
- 6) Liz congratulated Nick, the Treasurer, on a fantastic job over the last 12 months and confirmed that the accounts are open for inspection by any member of the Club.
- 7) Liz thanked the coaching team for their patience over the period of the re-surfacing which had resulted in a curtailment of the full coaching program
- 8) Liz thanked the organisers of the weekly mix-in session whose numbers have somewhat fluctuated over the past year.
- 9) The social side of the Club has suffered with no get-together since the party last Christmas. It was hoped that this would improve when the courts are in full operation
- 10) Liz then expressed her thanks to the Committee members she has worked with, especially Cat Hanys and Carol Crawley, and said she was delighted that the Chairship

was now being passed to Jan and that Nick Smelt would remain as Treasurer. She also expressed thanks to the coaching team for their dedication

### Treasurer's Report

- 1) Club finances continue to be in a strong position achieving a net surplus of almost 2.5K although net income is markedly lower than last year, ie at pre-pandemic levels.
- 2) Subscription income totalled £10.7K for the year – slightly down on last year
- 3) The rent of the tennis courts increased to £4,093.50 – an increase of 9% in line with RPI with a further increase expected next year.
- 4) Floodlight income is the second largest source of expenditure with the cost of tokens almost doubling, although the expenditure is well supported by subscription income but could prove a challenge going forward.
- 5) Another excellent year with the Club being in a strong position for any upcoming financial challenges.
- 6) Nick thanked Paul Robinson for his support in hand-over and the rest of the Committee for their efforts during the year.

### Coaching Report

- 1) Rob reported that there had been a slow start to the year due to adverse weather conditions.
- 2) Numbers have remained steady despite the ongoing court re-surfacing problems.
- 3) The Junior Coaching program is now run on 6 days and adult session have 4 opportunities for coaching.
- 4) From January Rich is going to do less tennis coaching and more Padel Tennis due to an increased demand.
- 5) The recruitment of more coaches is proving difficult due to a shortage in the area but Rob hopes to recruit at least one more coach by the end of the year
- 6) We now have 4 tennis leaders who completed the course in July
- 7) Rob thanked the Coaches and the Committee for their continuous hard work.

### Election of New Committee Members

The following Committee roles were nominated and seconded

- 1) Club Secretary – unfilled
- 2) Chair – Jan Stewart
- 3) Vice Chair – Amanda Ellis
- 4) Welfare Officer – Annabel Rogerson
- 5) Membership Secretary – Sally Shaw to think about it and revert
- 6) Junior Reps – Rob to ask Evelyn and Ella to stay
- 7) Social Secretary – Julia Furnival-Brown
- 8) Treasurer – Nick Smelt

### Any Other Business

Howard Riddle expressed thanks to Liz for 10 years of service as Chair this was seconded by all present.

AJE  
12 September, 2022