

BIDDESTONE TENNIS CLUB **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Date	Tuesday 12th February 2019	
Location	Biddestone Village Hall, Biddestone	
	Becky Park (Chair)	John Marrinan
	Claire Pugh (minutes)	Mary Webster
	Ashley Clark (treasurer)	Paul Williams
	Harry Hedley	Dan Tonkin
	Louise du Toit	Sam Hull
	APOLOGIES	
	Helen Benton	Colin Thomas
	Derek Walters	Adam Walton
	Jane Walters	

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<p><u>Review of actions arising from minutes of AGM held on February 27th 2018</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes agreed as a correct account of the meeting and all actions have been addressed 	
<p><u>Chairs Report</u></p> <p>A very warm welcome to everyone who has turned out for our 2019 AGM. Looking back, 2018 has been another hugely successful, exciting & very productive year for our club with some of the highlights being;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *We now have 161 members, including 33 juniors. * We have a full coaching programme running for all ages and abilities. * Social tennis is now available twice weekly on Saturday mornings and Tuesday evenings. * Club box leagues are in progress with the eventual winners competing in the Wiltshire Club Championship. * Every week over the summer months 7 Biddestone teams competed in league competitions. We currently have 2 teams competing in the Winter league. * We have had a series of well attended social events including annual club dinner, family fun day, end of league season bash at Rivo Lounge and our Christmas bash. <p>In September last year we joined forces with Chippenham Tennis Club & Chippenham Park Tennis Club to co-host an Open Charity Tournament using courts from all three clubs for the day. This was a hugely successful event and £1800 was raised for Wiltshire Search & Rescue. In fact it was such a success that we are looking to run it again with Wiltshire Search & Rescue being this year's charity but as our courts are likely to be in the throws of re-surfacing, Chippenham Tennis Club are asking Marshfield Club if their courts could be used this year. If this comes to fruition, then going forward we could be looking at a 4-way club annual tournament. Watch this space!</p> <p>Key activities already diarised for the year ahead include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Champions finals day for men's, women's and mixed box leagues. - Friday 17th May: Club dinner at The White Hart, Ford - Sunday 7th July: Social day and fundraiser with the cricket club. - September – Charity Tennis Tournament (courts to be confirmed) <p>Additionally, this year, based on a sound financial plan, we will be undertaking major improvements to our playing facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Resurfacing 3 courts so they remain in good stead for many years to come. This is likely to happen at the end of August and we will communicate details ahead of works starting. * Floodlighting a 3rd court to enable more social tennis and coaching throughout the winter (dependent on grant funding that we are currently seeking from the LTA) and planning permission. 	

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<p>Therefore this year your committee have taken the decision to increase the membership fees for 2019 with a single adult increasing to £90 (from £85), Junior/Student remaining @ £30 & Family membership increasing to £165 (from £150) which we feel still represents extremely good value. Our junior coaching programme has really grown over the last 18 months under the leadership of Sam, who is here this evening to update us with the progress made and future plans to develop our junior programme. We said goodbye to our very popular coach Joe at the end of last term where he has gone onto a very exciting role as head coach at a club in Gloucestershire (this is testament to Sam's leadership) and we are very pleased to have welcomed our new coach, Dan, who will be continuing a full coaching programme for the club. Lynne Gill continues to provide valuable coaching on a Saturday afternoon to her regular juniors as well.</p> <p>On the Village Hall front your committee continue to build stronger relationships with Andy Short & BVHRT for our mutual benefit and we have joint quarterly meetings now between BVHRT, Cricket Club & Tennis Club to discuss any upcoming events, any issues that may have arisen from previous events & plan forthcoming fundraising events that benefit the whole community. I think we would all agree the amount of "voluntary" time, effort & commitment that goes into planning, running, & maintaining our tennis club is colossal and I'd personally like to thank all our dedicated committee members & those club members who help out (especially when we all lead such busy lives) to 'Make it Happen'.</p> <p>So in summary, this has been another fabulous year of progress for our club and the committee members you vote for have a responsibility to be mindful that the decisions being made about the future of our club are in the best interests of all our members' (league, non-league & non players) and the community in which we live in are at the heart of our decision making.</p> <p>Let's cheer on our progress & continue to enjoy playing our tennis, encouraging new members to join, and supporting the efforts of the Committee. I feel sure we will have another successful and enjoyable year in 2019.</p> <p>It is at this point that I will be handing over the reins of chair having had a most enjoyable and fulfilling 2 years of 'chair-chick-ship' which couldn't have been possible without the support and dedication of a truly inspirational committee. Thank you to each and every one. Au Revoir</p>	
<p><u>Treasurer's Report</u> (audited accounts attached)</p> <p><u>2018 Review</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We began the year with a reasonable bank balance of £28,749.• To this we added new membership subscriptions of £8,615. (A big thank you to John Marriman)• Total expenditure in the year amounted to £8,726. The main items in this were tennis court cleaning and new nets totalling £1980, electricity £1,357.• During the year we were hit with a backdated electricity bill for 2.5 years. We have requested quarterly bills going forward.• After all income and expenditure taken into account we were left with a bank account surplus of £33,370.	

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<p><u>Future Plans</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have a financial plan which focusses on improving the facilities at the tennis club for all members.• The next and most important item on our plan is the refurbishment of the tennis courts. We have accepted a quote from Chiltern for £30,914. To refurbish our 3 main courts. This will effectively clear out our financial reserves.• We are also looking to get floodlighting for our 3rd main court. We are in the process of applying for a grant from Sport England to assist us with this. In order to take us forward with this we need to have a lease on the tennis courts (which we currently don't have). We are in negotiation with Biddestone Village Hall & Trust regarding obtaining a lease. <p>Ashely confirmed that we have received the first electricity bill for Nov 18– Jan 19 which was for £250 which equates to the right amount coming in as revenue for floodlights, however, it does not leave any contingency for bulb failures.</p> <p>Going forward we have accepted a quote from Chiltern as above to resurface 3 courts and paint the single court. We expect approximately £8500 to come in over next few months from subscriptions. Floodlights likely to be funded by grants from LTA. All agreed that it is very positive that a club of our size can self-fund things like the resurfacing of the courts.</p>	
<p><u>Membership Report</u> John Marrinan reported the following:</p> <p><u>2018 Member Numbers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Adult x 45- Junior x 28- Student x 2- Family x 79- Honary x 3 <p>John will be chasing for 2019 members based on last years' members to avoid losing them – 100 have already paid. Membership fees have increased slightly but we have abolished the joining fee which may have been an obstacle for some people particularly juniors. Lots of new events such as Saturday morning club sessions, ladies Friday morning sessions, coaching are going on for members. We need to ensure that members are aware of these sessions.</p> <p>Sam suggested pointing new members to Dan who will hit with them for 10 minutes and introduce them to various groups.</p> <p>We are cheaper than Marshfield and significantly better value than Chippenham Tennis Club.</p> <p>It was suggested that maybe the committee should look to do some more marketing and utilise Facebook etc. It was pointed out that it might be good to target Corsham as there is no obvious place for them to gravitate to. There was a suggestion that we have a large sign at the entrance and even at A420 and A4. Committee to ask Helen to advise on a marketing campaign</p>	<p>HB</p>

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<p><u>Club & League Tennis Review</u></p> <p>Team positions for the Summer 2018 season were as follows:</p> <p>Mens A (captained by Colin Thomas) were 3rd in Division 3 - Win, Draw, Loss totals same as top 2 but missed out on promotion on points difference Mens B (captained by John Marriman) were 4th in Division 4.</p> <p>Ladies A (captained by Louise du Toit) came 2nd in Division 1 - great effort. Ladies B (captained by Jane Walters) came 7th in Division 2 - challenging season Ladies C (captained by Claire Pugh) came 6th in Division 4 - challenging season</p> <p>Mixed A – (captained by Paul Williams) came 1st in Division 2 - promotion and silverware for the club - congratulations to all involved. Mixed B – (captained by Elaine Sexton) came 7th in Division 3 - challenging season</p> <p>Winter Mixed League 2018/19 – Paul Williams reported that two teams have been entered this year and are currently doing reasonably well. Both teams have 2 matches left plus 2 carried over due to bad weather however it is going to be very difficult to get them all played by the end of March deadline.</p> <p>Teams to be entered into 2019 summer league will be decided at next committee meeting. Colin to submit teams to league by 26th March.</p>	
<p><u>Coaching</u> Report from Sam Hull</p> <p>We are nearly 2 years in to my 5 year plan and the coaching programme continues to develop well. This year has been quite the challenge for me with 2 young children at home but there has been plenty to be positive about. Our reputation continues to grow across the county as we enter in to more events, implement new initiatives and link with more clubs and schools. The change in the coaching team from Joe to Dan has been as smooth as I could have hoped and although Joe will be missed I am very confident Dan will continue his good work going forward.</p> <p><u>COACHING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior age range continues to look good for the long term sustainability of the coaching programme, we averaged around 60 juniors in term time coaching over 2018. • Tennis for Kids was again successful in engaging new juniors – 50 new players with over half still engaged in the programme either in holiday camps or term time sessions. • STGB funding allowed us to run a Tennis Xpress course in the summer for beginner/returner adults, this was popular and will be repeated this year. • Adult coaching session numbers remained consistent throughout the year. Dan is very keen to develop the adult programme in 2019. • On the back of TFK and STGB initiatives we ran some successful Family sessions which we will look to develop further going forward. I was also asked to present about the STGB funding at the Wiltshire coaches forum raising the profile of BTC. • We have linked with Wiltshire Council to offer holiday camps advertised as part of the whole county school holiday activity provision. • I know Joe enjoyed working with all the players which gave him a tough decision when he decided to move on and Dan has said the same so far too. <p><u>COMPETITION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Cup involved lots of families last April – will repeat. • Team Tennis – junior teams in 8&U, 9&U and 10&U age groups – summer 8&U won their division. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I ran several Grade 5 tournaments through the year – open to any junior player.• James Weeden is part of the county training programme for his age group.	
<u>COACH EDUCATION</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joe, now Dan, and I continue to be Accredited+ coaches completing all the requirements and more.• Dan has completed Tennis For Kids training so is able to continue delivery these sessions.• Joe supported juniors through physical and volunteering parts of their Duke of Edinburgh award and mentored 2 Tennis Leaders.	
<u>SCHOOLS</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CHS – Joe, now Dan, completed weekly sessions which will be ongoing.• Several taster sessions throughout the year – Corsham Primary, Colerne, Box, By Brook with plans for St Patricks.• HPS – taster sessions and preseason training, same this year plus school competition.• I ran Corsham Primary Schools tennis competition at The Corsham School - we will host at the club this year.• Fed Cup Schools Tennis Roadshow – Trinity and Corsham Primary last week.	
<u>CHALLENGES</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retention through the winter remains a slight issue.• Juniors signing up for membership/British Tennis Membership• Tots tennis timing. Dan and I will revisit this in the summer.• Joe leaving was disappointing but the challenge of finding a new coach turned out to be successful.	
<u>FUTURE PLANS</u>	
Dan	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• get to know the members• increase numbers in the current groups• add further daytime sessions• improve links with more schools• run formal and informal competitions.	
Sam	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• improve awareness of BTC across the county and beyond• provide more opportunities for play for juniors and adults of all standards through a local club network• improve the internal competition programme for juniors• help grow the membership (although several juniors chose to pay the non-member fee!).• keep providing services that meet the demands of the members.	
<u>THANKS</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Well done and thanks to Joe for a good year building the programme in the initial stages achieving our aim of getting the programme to a level where a new coach could step in easily. Joe worked very hard, was great with the kids and received lots of kind words as he left. Good luck to him in his new role.• Thanks to Dan for stepping into his new role so well, it has been really good from my side so it is onwards and upwards from now on.• Thanks to the committee for all their support and continued efforts to push the club forward and maintain/develop our facility. We are very lucky to have lots of volunteers who work hard to keep the club functioning at a high level. Particular thanks to Becky and Claire for the work they have done in the last 2 years.	

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<p><u>Safeguarding</u></p> <p>Harry reported that there have been no incidents reported during this year and he is looking to renew his level 2 Safeguarding training.</p> <p>Becky expressed her thanks in particular to Harry for taking on this new role and dealing with it very well.</p>																																																																									
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<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>John stated that we have been improving the facilities such as the hedge, gate, path, improvements to toilet etc.and it is hoped that these small changes make a big difference to members. John also asked that if any members have any suggestions for small improvements, please mention them to any committee members.</p>																																																																									
<p><u>Next committee meeting 26th Feb. @ 7.30pm at 1 West View, Yatton Keynall</u></p>																																																																									