

Bungay Tennis Club

The annual meeting of the club was held at the Maltings Pavilion on Wednesday, March 20th, 2024, at 7.30pm.

Present were Juliet Whyte (chairwoman), Terry Reeve (president), Paul Cunningham (treasurer), Christine Howe (secretary), Gary Howe (coach), Jo MacIntyre, Beth Rogers, Mark Hougham, Julian Davis, Barry Fortune, Keith Miller, Jordan Brown, Ollie Daines, Bill Logan, Jo Loveday, Robert Wattam, Jamie Tyson.

Apologies were received from Ed Land, Nicola and David Edwards, Jan Beamish, Victoria Bacon, Pam and Gary McConnell.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

Treasurer's report. Paul emphasised that the accounts presented were not a complete year's accounts as the club's financial year ended in May 31st. The year so far showed a small deficit of £841. There was a current balance in the current account of £2415.90, and £5985.63 in the savings account. Paul informed members that the club paid £183 a month to the Bungay and district Sports Association for the sinking fund to cover the replacement of the court surface when it next needed replacing. It was laid three years ago.

Chairman's report. Juliet's report is attached.

Report on leagues: summer 2023, winter 2023-24. Christine's report is attached.

Coach's report. Gary said youth coaching took place through the winter with a group of eight. Ed Land had been helping with the coaching. There had also been a Youth Start six-week course, and LTA red ball sessions. Gary said he didn't do any adults groups – it was mainly cardio tennis on Wednesdays, with quite a few joining in right through the summer. That will start again after Easter, when there will also be another Youth Start programme. There had also been sessions to improve skills, and one-to-one coaching.

Election of officers:

Chairwoman- Juliet Whyte, proposed Terry, seconded Gary

President – Terry Reeve

Treasurer- Paul Cunningham, proposed Terry seconded Gary.

Secretary-and administrator - Christine Howe, Julian Davis offered to help with this role.

Committee – Barry Fortune, Jo MacIntyre and Keith Miller volunteered to join the committee and were welcomed.

BDSA directors - Juliet Whyte, Terry Reeve Jo MacIntyre

It was agreed to form a captains sub-committee made up of the team captains.

Discussion took place on the idea of having an outside switch system for the floodlights. Mark and Jamie agreed to investigate the possibilities. It was emphasised tht any plan would have to have the support of the BDSA.

Membership and subscriptions. It was reported thst there had been a steady increase in membership during the year. It was agreed subscriptions should be £120 for a full year, with pro-rata increases for students and juniors, proposed by Paul and second by Jo M.

Any other business. It was agreed to ensure tht there was an up-to-date first aid kit in the club hut.

Fundraising. Beth suggested a bingo night would be popular and it was agreed to see if one could be organised.

There being no other business the next committee meeting was fixed for Saturday, April 13th, 2024 at 12 noon. The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

CHAIR'S REPORT

AGM ON WEDNESDAY 20 March 2024

It has been another good year for Bungay Tennis Club with new adult members joining throughout 2023/24. Gary will report on coaching in the agenda item. However I would like to thank him for all the work put into coaching the children, adults and cardio tennis. His support of club tournaments has once again been very welcome by the rest of the Committee.

Christine has once again carried out and organised the MUGA hirings, Gary for supporting Christine and Paul for organising the financial side, all very important in achieving success with regard to funding new surface in 15 years' time. Thanks to Terry for covering floodlights during Winter months. I feel we should acknowledge the support of Mick and Jon from the football club who have stepped up to switch off lights/lock up thus myself and Terry are saved from turning out 4 nights in the week. Jack who works tirelessly in maintaining court surface and being active in removing and putting up nets when necessary

We are now enjoying the facilities of our new Club Hut which is not only a refuge in inclement weather but has enhanced the surroundings of our tennis courts and with our new sign to be installed on the club hut we are showing the sporting area that Bungay Tennis Club is here so "Come and Play Tennis at Bungay Tennis Club".

We have had 2 successful Quiz nights in the past year and you will see what was raised in the Treasurers report.

We were also contacted last year by the Safeguarding Officer for Eastern England. As Welfare Officer I was aware that we would be receiving a Safeguarding Venue Inspection at some point in the coming year. We were surprised to be chosen as the second club in East Anglia to be inspected. This involved a lot of administration work by the committee in updated Policies and Procedures and adhering to information to be relayed to all club members regarding Safeguarding. I am pleased to say after 2 months of several meetings by the Committee we were able to submit all information required and were certified in July 2023 as a fully inspected (BTC) LTA venue.

I would like to mention but I am sure you are all aware that Bungay TC took on the running and organisation of the South Norfolk League for 2 years. This involved organising all fixtures for all leagues, 2 South Norfolk League tournaments and annual general meeting. Christine and Gary took on this task on behalf of Bungay TC and have excelled in all they have achieved for the South Norfolk League. I was very proud of them at the Annual General Meeting which myself as Chair and Terry as President attended. A big thank you from the club to Christine and Gary.

I have mentioned our small committee of 5 but am ever hopeful that tonight we may add to this number.

Good luck to all the members of the Bungay Tennis Club for the 24 to 25 seasons. May you enjoy playing for and showing the best of Bungay Tennis Club.

**Juliet Whyte
Chairwoman
20 March 2024**

LEAGUE REPORT FOR BUNGAY TENNIS CLUB AGM 2024

The Tennis Club has continued to grow the number of teams in leagues to offer league play as widely as possible within the club. The number of teams entered, however, is still sometimes constrained by having fewer lady members.

To try & cover this, last year we entered a 2nd mens team in the SN League for the first time. This together with one SN Ladies Team, one SN Mixed Team & one Lowestoft League Mixed Team meant we were fielding 5 different teams over the Summer period. Some of the men did indicate that they found the standard of some of the top men's teams challenging but hopefully good experience and enjoyment was gained overall .

Overall results in all the leagues have improved over the last few years and the club hope that most matches have also been enjoyable. There is still the challenge of meeting different expectations from league play but the club hopes to provide the opportunity of a mix of play suitable for as many players as possible.

In the Summer Leagues, finishing positions were:-

South Norfolk Mixed – 2nd

South Norfolk Ladies – 3rd

South Norfolk Mens A Team – 4th

South Norfolk Mens B – 8th

Lowestoft League Mixed – 1st

The South Norfolk Mixed team were just pipped for promotion by Harleston. The Lowestoft League Team achieved promotion after previous disappointments, particularly one season where the club lost in a very close end of season play off! The teams in the Mens & Ladies Doubles Leagues also did well with some closely fought matches.

In the Norwich Winter League, the club were able to enter 2 mixed teams in Division 5 and Division 6. The opportunities for men's Winter League tennis were still constrained by less ladies and this meant that the men may not always have played as regularly as they may have liked.

Looking ahead, we may need to look for some Winter League Competition specifically for Mens Doubles play, unless our lady numbers increase.

Each Winter League team still has one match to play. The A team have managed to win Division 5 and should be promoted next Winter.

There is still the potential to organise friendly matches if the interest is there and time permits.

Thank you to all the captains who ran teams last Summer (Ollie, Barry, & Thong) -& to Barry for running the Winter B Team.

Well done, and thank you to everyone who played in the leagues and contributed to the match results!

As well as giving members the opportunity to play matches, the club name is out there more which helps the club to grow and thrive!

Christine Howe