

# **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CAMBERLEY LAWN TENNIS CLUB**

Held in the Clubhouse at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Present: Geraldine Carter, Linda Cantwell, Roger Jeynes, Bob Fletcher, David Gill, Carol Stanton, Quentin Brodie-Cooper, Corin Moore, Sue Moore, Liz Burr, Liz Mithani, Lesley Batt, Honor Connor, Sacha Williams, Richard Watson, Chris Rodwell, Howard Ford, Deborah Miller, Alan Carter, Dennis Cantwell, Suzanne Winship, Fred White, Beryl White, Don Lauder.

Chair, Geraldine Carter, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies received : Janice Alves de Sousa, Colin Goodman, Russell Gibbs, Vivian Garland, Liz Hedges, Hilary Saunders, Wendy Sargent, Christine Allen, David Spibey, Sarah Wright, Doug Lloyd and Colin Cochrane.
2. The minutes of the last AGM were considered and approved.
3. Election of President – Bob Fletcher. Bob addressed the meeting confirming that he was willing to remain as President.
4. Camberley Tennis Club is going in the right direction and it has been a fantastic year. Bob thanked the committee for what they have done, we have great courts and they were a good investment. Bob also thanked David, Corin and Liz for arranging the Club tournament and everyone who helped at the Finals Day even though it was pouring with rain, everyone had a great time.
5. Chairman's address. Geraldine thanked everyone for coming and confirmed that she would be standing down as Chair this year and was hoping that someone would come forward to take over the role. Read her full report at ???

Reports were presented by the following officers and committee members and can be read in full on our website [www.camberleylts.com](http://www.camberleylts.com) or here: [Treasurer's Report](#)

6. Treasurer's report – our finances are in good shape, revenue is slightly up and we have a surplus of some £50,000 in the Bank. The rent on the new Lease is about twice what it was but it had been low for many years anyway. There is to be a review every 5 years. Roger had prepared a draft budget and recommended a slight increase in subs next year. Roger thanked the Accountants Haines Watts for effectively doing the accounts for free in exchange for membership benefits and thanked Linda for collecting the membership fees, Liz Mithani for the social fund and Captains for match fees. Roger proposed that we retain the Accountants. Dennis asked why we ask them to prepare the Accounts and not review them? The reason is there is no formal audit as it is too expensive, the Accounts are fairly simple and we don't have formal audits now.  
Proposal to adopt the Accounts : Dennis Cantwell and Quentin Brodie-Cooper.

7. Membership report by Linda Cantwell – membership income went up by 7% and Linda's full report can be read at:

[Membership Report](#)

8. Captain's reports – their reports can be read at:

[Men's Captain Report](#)

[Ladies' Captain Report](#)

9. Social Secretary's report – the social events this year have been well attended the social pot is healthy. Liz said all the money raised goes back into the Club for everyone to benefit and she had recently purchased a Henry Hoover which is stored in the mens changing room and anyone is welcome to use it. Liz welcomed any suggestions of anything that needs purchasing for the Club and also welcomed any suggestions for social events next year. Liz commented that it was nice to see all the courts being fully utilized at most of our social sessions and she was sure everyone would agree that the Courts are beautiful. Liz collects money from social events and the visitors fee honesty box and always makes sure that it goes back into the Club. Liz thanked everyone who helped at the club tournaments, seniors and juniors. Liz also particularly thanked Geraldine, Linda and Carol for all their help and support and to all fellow committee members.

10. Junior/Club Coach's report – David's full report can be read at ????

[Junior/Club Coach's Report](#)

11. Proposed modification of the Constitution to formalise the roles of Trustees – Roger explained the background to the change; we had taken legal advice about the Lease who pointed out that we did not have formal Trustees previously and this sets out the role and responsibilities for Trustees so that they are not personally liable if the Club makes any mistakes. Carol Stanton and Lesley Batt are our Trustees. The proposal was carried unanimously by show of hands.

12. Election of Club Officers and Committee Members

**Chairman** – Dennis Cantwell (Proposed by Howard Ford/seconded by Linda Cantwell)

**Treasurer** – Lesley Batt (Proposed by Geraldine Carter/seconded by Roger Jeynes)

**Secretary** – Carol Stanton (Proposed by Sacha Williams/seconded by Liz Mithani)

**Membership Sec** – Linda Cantwell was stepping down and Richard Watson agreed to shadow Linda with a view to taking over (proposed by Lesley Batt/seconded by Bob Fletcher)

**Fixtures Sec** – Honor Connor was stepping down but no-one had come forward for this role. There was discussion about what it involved and whether it could be rotated but not ideal. Sacha asked if we could keep looking and for someone to take it over before March when the next tournament bookings needed to be done. Dennis asked if the committee could appoint someone after the AGM and Geraldine confirmed that it was already in the Constitution that we could do so when a committee member steps down so yes. Bob asked how much time was involved and Honor confirmed twice a year in April and September the calendar needs updating and courts booked. Sometimes in between that re-arranging

cancelled matches. Bob volunteered to help out and Honor will go through everything with Bob.

**Social secretary** – Liz Mithani (proposed by Carol Stanton/seconded by Geraldine Carter)

**Ladies Captain** – Suzanne Winship (proposed by Liz Mithani/seconded by Liz Burr)

**Mens Captain** – Sacha Williams (proposed by Corin Moore/seconded by Sue Moore)

**Property Manager** – Quentin Brodie-Cooper (proposed by Geraldine Carter/seconded by Liz Mithani)

**General members** – Fred White helps out a lot and will stay on.

**Junior members rep** – Nathan du Pisani stood down earlier in the year and we do not have anyone to take over. David Gill will speak to parents to see if anyone will take that role.

Geraldine asked if anyone else wanted to join the committee as a general member they could come along at any time.

**Safeguarding Officer** – Sarah Wright (proposed by Geraldine Carter/seconded by Linda Cantwell) Geraldine thanked Sarah for all she had done in bringing the club up to speed with all the new changes involving the safeguarding and she had put in a lot of work to do ensure the Club complies with all the new regulations.

**Head Coach** – David Gill reported on the success of the junior teams and thanked his team of coaches for their hard work and also parents for their help and support. David will remain as head coach and was thanked for all his work with the juniors and coaching in general.

13. Any other business or proposals:-

- (a) Dennis Cantwell proposed a vote of thanks to Geraldine who has been a member of the committee for 20 years plus and being Chairman at a very difficult time with the new courts vote and has continued to maintain the Club in a very good order. Geraldine thanked everyone and although she was stepping down as Chairman is not leaving or going anywhere and so looks forward to being at the Club and joining in.
- (b) Quentin mentioned the court care, we need to be careful not to drag when the courts are wet and to hang the brushes up after sweeping the lines. He tried to keep the courts free of leaves which is a fairly constant nuisance. He mentioned the court booking system and had been disappointed to come down to the Club when courts have been booked but people don't turn up, especially during peak periods when someone would have liked to play but couldn't because they were booked only to find the Court was empty. He encouraged people to report this to a committee member if they do see an empty court which had been booked on the system so that we can deal with that member who has not cancelled the court or used it.
- (c) Sacha has approached the ADLTA to change the format for this league to two pairs as opposed to the current three which causes problems not only in finding enough players but also having only two courts for the evening meaning sometimes the match can't be finished due to the lights going out and also players sitting out for long periods. There is an AGM early in the new year which he will attend to put his views. All captains of our teams had agreed that this was a good proposal going forward. Corin mentioned that this format was agreed years ago to try to encourage more players to play tennis.
- (d) Lesley Batt had done research and negotiated a good deal with local store, Decathlon in Farnborough, to buy our next lot of tennis balls. The balls were collected last week which should last us 6 months and Lesley would be interested to receive any feedback now that we have changed from Dunlop Fort and we can reconsider if necessary.
- (e) Deborah Miller asked about the clubs plans for possible expenditure in LED floodlights and the committee confirmed that we were already looking into getting quotes for that.

Lesley said that Farnborough Tennis Club had received a grant from a local waste management company, Sita. Roger confirmed that we could certainly get an LTA loan interest free and should probably look at grants etc. Howard Ford mentioned the lottery funding previously obtained which was subject to us having a sinking fund which we do and he said it was worth talking to Councillors about what money might be available and confirmed he'll have a chat to them. Roger said we might get a rent reduction as well.

- (f) Geraldine pointed out that she was the Wimbledon Ballot Administrator and asked if anyone would wish to volunteer to take that over? If not, Lesley Batt agreed to help out and we need to get members to opt in annually by the end of February which can sometimes be a little time consuming but the more members who opt in, the more allocation we get as a club so its important. If Geraldine did continue to be Administrator, she would need to retain her access to Club Spark and she could continue to do the draw with Alan but will talk to other members to see if someone else wants to do it.

14. Date of next AGM – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 @ 7.30pm