

Castle Hill Tennis Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting - 7 April 2022 7.30pm via Zoom

In attendance: Pete Smith (Chairman), Ronnie Rip (Treasurer), Frank Palmer (Secretary), Mick Lench (Captain), Valerie Mitchell (Vice Captain), Paul Willmott (Welfare Officer), Dave Lewis (Committee member), Steve Tapping (Committee member); Debbie Thorpe, Alan Gleaves, Dave Hancock, Mark Anderson, Alex Hooper.

1. Apologies: Peter Riding, Nigel Appleby, Mark Starte, Rob Pretious, Michael Buckle.

2. Approval of minutes of 2021 AGM and matters arising: These were taken as read and approved nem con, and were signed by the Chairman.

3. Chairman's report. The Chairman presented his report, a copy of which is available from the Secretary, stressing all the good work done for the Club by Frank, Mick and Ronnie. His report was approved by all present.

4. Treasurer's Report: RR ran through his Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 28 February 2022, which shows a closing balance of £51,431, of which £34,500 is allocated to the sinking fund. RR emphasised that this healthy balance excludes committed costs of some £14,000 currently being incurred on fencing and court cleaning. RR also highlighted the one-off grants of £17,955 received in the year; the one-off costs in the year related to the archaeological dig of £1,126. Other expenditure was routine in nature. The Chairman thanked RR for his work, and the Report was approved by all present.

5. Captain's Report: ML presented his report, a copy of which is available from the Secretary. He set out his plans to run a full set of social tennis plus BBQ events, together with a men's singles tournament this year, as he had done in pre-Covid times; and also to host the Phillippa Francis plate. Unfortunately he will not be able to run our Essex League Men's team, which, in the absence of any volunteer to take on the role, we will not enter this year. The Chairman thanked ML and his Report was approved by all present.

6 Election of Officers and Committee members: DL notified the meeting that he would be standing down from the Committee due to work commitments. The Chairman thanked him for his contribution over the years. The remaining existing committee members expressed their willingness to continue and were re-elected en bloc. In addition Mark Anderson and Alex Hooper had expressed a willingness to join the Committee. Their appointments were proposed by RR, seconded by FP, and approved by all present. FP was thanked by all present for being prepared to continue in the absence of a volunteer to take on the role of

Secretary. FP to ponder how his role could be split up and allocated around other committee members, starting especially with a 'meetings secretary'.

7 Change to Club rules. The proposal to change the club rules, as set out in the Agenda, in order to eliminate 'social' membership as a class, was approved by all present.

8. Subscriptions: the new rates proposed, as set out in the Agenda, were agreed by all present, noting that these showed no increase from the rates for the 2018/2019 season and were good value.

9. AOB:

a) PW reported that the LTA safeguarding audit had been conducted by the LTA, with the club receiving favourable feedback.

b) FP reported that the proposal to fell trees to enable the top fence work to be carried out would probably go to the Planning Committee in May. All present were disappointed to hear of the delays. Meanwhile storage of the fencing off the courts needs to be resolved.

c) Date for the first meeting of the new committee set for 27 April 2022 at 7.30pm at the Clubhouse

VM thanked the Committee for their work

The meeting closed at 8.25