

Cheddington Tennis Club AGM

Held at Cheddington Pavilion on 29th March '23

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Gerry Duggan, Jane Grimmette, Alexis Jones, Jamie Lee, Matt Jameson, Mike Payne, Key Pentecost, Julie Stanley, Bex Stanley, Sue Worrall.

MINUTES OF LAST YEAR'S AGM

Approved by Liz McMillan and seconded by Andrew Wood. No matters arising.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – for year 1st Oct '21 – 30th Sept '22 – Andy Thompson

Andy noted that this was the first full year post pandemic.

During the year:

- There was an American tournament held in June
- Club dinner at Haldi in November & mulled/wine mince pie evening in Dec which turned into an indoor ping pong evening due to inclement weather
- Various club tournaments launched in Sept to be complete by May '23. May need a concerted effort to get through the games.

Thanks were given to:

- Bex Stanley for her ongoing support
- Mike for organising the Mon/Fri club sessions & Tiff for leading on club night.
- Alexis as fixtures' secretary & all team captains.
- Committee members Tiff, Andrew Packard, Andrew Wood, Chris Ingram, Bex Stanley, Jenny Baxter and Matt Jameson who joined the committee during the year.

Membership continues to be healthy with a total of 157 members comprising 85 individual & 19 family members. Of the 157, 113 are adults & 43 play in the various league matches.

The pavilion has been available for club use since March '22. We have tried a couple of arrangements for booking and following a recent meeting with PC, a new agreement will start from 1st April. Bookings will be limited to couple social sessions/week and home league matches, and these bookings will be guaranteed to avoid co-habitation. The committee continues to work with the PC to be involved in any future development of the rec.

Storm damaged fences have been repaired & lights replaced.

The lease was signed during the year.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Y/E 30th September '22 - Andrew Packard

The financial accounts have been finalised and distributed to all members. The club's financial position remains strong with the cash balance increasing by £2,200 to almost £27k, with £20k on deposit.

A sinking fund was introduced for the future funding of longer-term commitments such as resurfacing courts, maintenance of floodlights etc. The surplus this year was £3,873 but the aim is to increase the fund by £5,400 pa to £60-65k over 10-12 years.

Sum received from Sport England of £2,750 to cover storm damage to fences.

There were a number of one-off costs incl court maintenance, fence repair and legal fees for the completion of the lease. PC fees increased by £2k for pavilion use and electricity.

Mary proposed to accept the accounts & Liz seconded.

Questions from attendees:

- Liz McM- split of electricity cost? – Cost increased from £566 to £1,000. £1,648 includes control box.
- Mary G – Split pavilion use & lighting? – pavilion £1,600 & electricity at £1,000 on top
- Mary G – Cost of stripe fees? – £416 being 5% + transaction fees. However, it is offset by cost of time which would be involved in manual accounts
- Sue Gordon – future court resurfacing hard court or tiger turf? Hasn't been considered.

Andrew thanked Julia Robinson for her support as the independent examiner of the accounts.

JUNIOR COACHING REPORT – Bex Stanley

Juniors going well although could do with bigger numbers this term. A few teenagers are attending adult club night, and a couple have played with M3 & L3.

There will not be any summer coaching camps as Bex is getting married but adult coaching will resume in autumn.

Most improved junior player was Leo Smith.

Questions:

- Caroline – does coach pay for courts for private coaching? – Historically no, but the hope is that non-member attendees may sign up as members. It was commented that other clubs don't charge the coach, but the coach commits to give club coaching FOC as a quid pro quo.

CAPTAINS' REPORTS

We are running a total of 8 teams in the ADTL. The winter '22/23 league is ongoing and results are as follows:

Team	Summer 2022 Division	Position at end	Winter 2022/23 Division	Position at end
Cheddington Mens 1	3	(8 of 8)	4	(2 of 7)
Cheddington Mens 2	5	(8 of 8)	5	(6 of 7)
Cheddington Mens 3	7	(7 of 7)		
Cheddington Ladies 1	2	(7 of 8)	2	(3 of 7)
Cheddington Ladies 2	5	(7 of 7)	6	(4 of 7)
Cheddington Ladies 3	7	(7 of 7)	8	(6 of 7)
Cheddington Mixed 1	2	(3 of 8)	1	(7 of 7)
Cheddington Mixed 2	6	(5 of 8)	5	(6 of 7)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE

Any interested parties were invited to put themselves forward.

Chairman – Andy Thompson

Vice Chair/Acting secretary – Tiffany Richards

Treasurer – Andrew Packard

Committee – Andrew Wood, Chris Ingram, Rebecca Stanley, Jenny Baxter, Matt Jameson

Coach – Rebecca Stanley

President – Norma Hagan

Vice President – Mary Glendinning

Jenna is happy to continue as welfare officer.

MEMBERSHIP FEES for 23/24 SEASON

Fees are very competitive compared to local clubs and represent good value for money.

	Full	Full	Full	Renewal	Full	Renewal	Full
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 (R)	2022/23	2023/24	2023/24
Junior	£25.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£24.00	£20.00	£25.00
Concession	£50.00	£43.00	£43.00	£42.00	£52.00	£44.00	£55.00
Adult	£79.00	£68.00	£68.00	£66.00	£82.00	£69.00	£86.00
Family	£165.00	£145.00	£145.00	£140.00	£174.00	£146.00	£183.00

The increases to membership fees for the 2023/4 year are shown in yellow. We'll continue with the 20% reduction shown for renewal before 1/6/23.

Match fees will stay at £3/match. There was some thought around increasing to £4 to help offset pavilion costs, but it was decided to stay with £3 which covers cost of match balls.

AOB/QUESTIONS

Phil Archer asked -

- Sinking fund split between provision for courts & lights – Phil has been involved in lights at Aylesbury LTC where paid £15k to replace with LED lights which involved supply & fit only. Excludes maintenance which Phil does.
- LTA promoting different surfaces. Discussion around Tiger turf for future. Would need to be considered before court surface starts to deteriorate.
- Pavilion – portaloos not ideal. Much discussion around access for toilets when pavilion is already in use, but PC not prepared to change rules of hire for safeguarding reasons. It was advised that captains need to check availability of pavilion as well as courts when rearranging matches. It was generally accepted that the pavilion in reality is a community resource as opposed to sports facility as there is insufficient sporting activity to provide expected income. With agreement for reduced annual hours of hire from 1/4/23, costs expected to reduce from £2,100 to £1,800 on full annual basis.

Mary Glendinning continued Pavilion discussion & commented that she is upset about the building, which works for pétanque but not tennis-

- Furniture too heavy – old plastic furniture has been kept.
- PC are in early stages of discussion around a further stage of development for a multiple sports facility, but don't want a repeat of bowls club having their own facility.

Caroline Craddock commented that the majority of members don't play in teams & asked if there were any plans to encourage new team players-

- Andy or Tiff generally contact them & encourage them to attend club night. The missing link is understanding which new members might want match play. Was suggested to advise captains of potential interest in match play.

-Currently there is no movement between teams despite L1 sometimes having to field one pair. There is a new Bucks rule that if a Team turns up with one pair they will be automatically demoted to a lower division for the following season. Tiff suggested that captains could discuss teams at the beginning of the season.

Sue Gordon requested that courts should be cancelled if no longer required, including courts booked for coaching.

It was confirmed that Club no longer gets an allocation of Wimbledon tickets.

JE Baxter

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