

MINUTES OF CHEDDINGTON TENNIS CLUB AGM – HELD ON THURSDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2021

VIA GOOGLEMEET

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Jenny Winfield, Tom Booth, Sam Clapham and Dave Hewitt.

MINUTES OF LAST YEAR'S AGM

These were approved by Jenny Baxter, seconded by Gerry Duggan, no matters arising.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – SEPT 2019/SEPT 2020 - Andy Thompson

Andy Thompson thanked the attendees for joining and reflected on the year's achievements which included:

- the completion of the third court
- running a very popular summer special membership
- the adoption of 'Clubspark' for our website and court bookings system

He thanked the Committee for their hard work in organizing these and also for keeping the club operative (whenever possible), while dealing with the various changes due to COVID.

Membership had remained healthy with an influx of full members following the summer special deal, many of whom had attended club nights and the successful 'ladies' and 'men's' nights which had been held.

Andy took time to remember one of our club night regulars, Kevin Warren, who had died in a tragic accident in April.

Thanks were given to the other club volunteers:

- Mike Buckle - for running the Monday and Friday morning sessions
- Alexis Jones - for team fixtures
- Jenna Lake - for acting as Club Welfare Officer
- Pete Marshall - for his maintenance skills

It was hoped that as we move out of lockdown we will be able to continue with our priorities:

- increasing participation amongst teenagers/young girls
- reducing social isolation for the older members of our community
- increasing family participation in tennis

Other short-term efforts will be to:

- resume our normal tennis and event calendar
- secure a new Treasurer
- establish a workable arrangement with the Parish Council for use of the renovated pavilion

He ended by thanking the members for their continuing support during a difficult year.

TREASURER'S REPORT – [y/e 30/09/20] - Jenny Baxter

The accounts had been circulated to the membership prior to the meeting via Email.

Jenny Baxter gave a brief report where she focused on the Committee's achievements in obtaining £17,500 in grants from four different organizations including one for £10,000 from Luton & Beds Community Fund, and also their efforts in obtaining building quotes and making arrangements for a new lease with the Parish Council - all within a deadline, at which point the main grant funding would have expired.

The full cost of the third court build was £62,700.

Other notable items in that accounting year were:

- increase in membership fees of £1,747
- surplus on junior coaching of £415 (from a loss of £538 the previous year)

Jenny concluded that the club was in a strong financial position with £17,216 in the bank.

JUNIOR COACHING REPORT- Rebecca Stanley

Having entered lockdown, the possibility of an Easter holiday camp had ended. Bex had turned to posting some online training classes and in August some taster sessions (with a maximum of 10 children) had taken place, which were well attended. The autumn term of coaching had resumed in September and was just completed before the December restrictions came into place. It was hoped that tennis would resume on 29 March 2021 and therefore that some Easter coaching could be done this year.

A number of adults had also participated in coaching and then transferred to become members.

PRESENTATION OF THE LIBBY BOWLES TROPHY TO THE MOST PROMISING JUNIOR

This year Bex had nominated Byron Hadaway.

TEAM REPORTS - Rebecca Stanley

We continue to run seven teams in the ADTL. There had been no summer league due to lockdown and the winter 2020/21 season had started but stopped - the current positions were as follows:

Mixed 1	Winter 2019/20 – 5 th out of 7	Division 1	relegated to Division 2
Mixed 2	Winter 2019/20 – 8 th out of 8	Division 7	no change
Mens 1	Winter 2019/20 - 4 th out of 7	Division 3	no change
Mens 2	Winter 2019/20 - 6 th out of 8	Division 7	no change
Ladies 1	Winter 2019/20 - 2 nd out of 7	Division 2	promoted to Division 1
Ladies 2	Winter 2019/20 – 2 nd out of 6	Division 7	no change
Ladies 3	Winter 2019/20 – 5 th out of 7	Division 6	relegated to Division 8

Andy Thompson reported that ADTL were currently undecided as to whether they would continue the 2020/21 winter season in September, or start a new season. They hope to run a summer league this year, but if this is not possible the club may run some friendly matches.

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULEBOOK

On behalf of the Committee, Andy Thompson proposed some amendments to the rulebook to clarify the different categories of membership that we currently run.

It was proposed to revise the categories to “senior, junior, student, veteran, visitor, honorary”, which allows for better clarification of the ‘concession’ membership (currently covering student and veteran) and removes the ‘day member’ category - which it is not possible to support now that we have key code access.

Members were reminded that paying visitors accompanying a member are still permitted and Tiffany Richards confirmed that new joiners are offered free club night sessions or a free child taster session with Bex Stanley.

Proposed by Phil Archer, seconded by Alexis Jones. There were no objections.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

To reflect the fact that the club had only been open during part of the last membership year, members would be offered a reduced early bird fee (for payment before 1 June) and fees paid after that time would be kept at the 2019/20 rate as follows:

	Early Bird (before 1 June)	Full Rate (after 1 June)
Adult	£55	£68
Junior	£16	£20
Concession	£35	£43
Family	£116	£145

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

The following existing Committee members and Officers were voted in for another term (proposed: Alexis Jones, seconded Jane Grimmette):

Chairman / Membership Secretary - Andy Thompson

Vice Chair / Acting Secretary - Tiffany Richards

Committee - Vanessa Chadwick, Jenny Baxter, Andrew Wood, Rebecca Stanley

Coach - Rebecca Stanley

President - Norma Hagon

Vice President - Mary Glendinning

The following new Committee members were voted in:

Chris Ingram (proposed: Tiff Richards, seconded Gerry Duggan)

Dave Hewitt (proposed: Julie Stanley, seconded Tom Curtis)

Andy Thompson thanked Matthew, Jenny and Vanessa, who were standing down from their previous roles.

He asked if the members could ask around for a replacement Treasurer.

AOB

Phil Archer asked for an update of the pavilion renovation. Tiffany Richards confirmed that work is on-going. The footprint will be slightly increased to make it a “more useable space”. There has been no indication so far as to how bookings will be made or what fees will be charged, but we may request to pay a ‘retainer’, rather than paying per booking.

Tom Curtis asked if anything was being done regarding the lights on court 3, which were blinding. Andy confirmed that some adjustments had been trialed - the power levels changed, adding louvres and tilting of the lights and currently it was too dark near the net. This was work in progress.

Prize Draw

Matthew Soundy confirmed that there would be no more Wimbledon draws done by the Club as this would be organized by the LTA from now on.

Instead, we were able to raffle some sample clothing from ‘Ellesse’, who had hired court 3 for a photoshoot the previous summer. Names were drawn:

1st prize - Phil Archer

2nd prize - Chris Ingram.

The meeting concluded with Tiffany Richards giving thanks to Andy Thompson and Julie Stanley and Alexis Jones thanking the Committee as a whole and the various volunteers of the club.