

MINUTES OF CHERITON TENNIS CLUB'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 4 APRIL 2019

In Attendance

Caroline Young	Chair
Jo Liptrot	Vice Chair
Rosie Reay	Secretary/Treasurer
Lynette Clarke	Social Secretary
Jane Johnstone	Committee Member
Sally Williams	Committee Member
Pete Reay	Maintenance Co-ordinator
Jon Franklin	Club Member
Ed Wilton	Club Member

1. **Apologies.** Apologies received from: Judy Chatwin (Membership Secretary); Charlotte Evans-Smith (Team Rep); and Russell Edmonds (Coach).
2. **Minutes of the Previous AGM.** The committee approved the minutes. Since the last AGM the pay and play facility has been withdrawn and combination padlocks fitted to all court gates.
3. **Chairman's Report.** Tennis is flourishing in Cheriton with weekly men's and ladies' club nights; mix-in sessions; a well supported weekly veterans' session; a newly introduced mixed doubles social tennis session; and a number of adult and junior coaching sessions led by Russell Edmonds. The new committee (elected a year ago) has worked extremely well together and, under the leadership of Lynette (Clarke), has revitalised the club's social side with three summer BBQs and a wine tasting event in November. There will be 3 further BBQs this summer – provisionally on the last Friday of June, July and August.

In addition, Jo (Liptrot) has successfully introduced an on-line membership payment facility, as well as migrated the club's former website to ClubSpark.

4. **Treasurer's Report.** The club is in a healthy financial position. Total income for 2018/19 was largely unchanged against that of the previous financial year. However, expenditure was significantly lower due to fewer maintenance issues and no further requirement to write off tennis development costs. In line with LTA recommendations, the club continues to set aside funds for major future expenditure such as court resurfacing. A copy of the accounts and Treasurer's report were circulated.
5. **Membership Report.** In September 2018, the committee decided that for the 2019/20 membership year, fees would be maintained at 2018/19 levels but that the previously available early payment discount would be removed. The committee also decided to merge the "Mini" and "Junior" membership categories, as well as to include disabled members within the "Concessionary" category. Amended membership packages were published at the start of the new membership year. At the AGM, it was agreed that children who are over 25 and live at home are not eligible to be included within an "Adult Family" package.
6. **Coaching Report.** The full report is available on the club's website under the "Information" tab (see AGM). In summary, the **adult tennis programme** is flourishing with a number of established sessions taking place and a very successful tennis coaching trip to Portugal having been organised last year. A new coach-led pay and play facility has been established at the club

with the ancillary aim of introducing new blood to the club. Existing club members will shortly be asked whether they would be interested in an evening coaching session being set up.

The **junior tennis programme** has been reinvigorated with the introduction of a weekly mini tennis session for under-sevens; and another for under-nines. An under-elevens' session will be announced shortly.

Russell will attend some of the club's BBQs to encourage people to play more tennis.

Action: Lynette to liaise with Russell reference his availability.

The Chair asked that the committee's appreciation of all Russell's hard work be noted in the minutes, likewise their full commitment to support him in the future.

7. **Match Update.** Both the ladies' A team and the ladies' B team came second in their divisions in the East Hants League. The men's A team came fourth and the Men's B team sixth in their respective divisions. Sally Craddock will continue to captain the ladies' A team and Charlotte Evans-Smith the ladies' B team. The men's A and B teams have combined and will be captained by David Learmonth.

8. **Election of the Committee for Membership Year 2019/20.** On the 31 Jan 2019, Jane Bracey resigned as treasurer and the committee unanimously voted in Rosie Reay as her replacement. Jane contributed an immense amount to the club during the many years she served as treasurer and the committee asked that their appreciation of all her hard work be noted in the minutes. Existing committee members agreed to continue for another 12 months and were duly re-elected.

9. **AOB.** The committee discussed the following:

a. **Wimbledon Draw.**

- There was some uncertainty about certain aspects of the rules.

Action: Peter to review the rules and advise members accordingly.

- Opted in members to be reminded that they must renew their club membership prior to the Wimbledon draw.

Action: Rosie to email all club members.

- The same size piece of paper to be used for writing names on at the draw.

Action: Caroline (as ballot administrator).

b. **Charitable Donation.** It was agreed that £100.00 of the compensation received from NatWest bank for poor service and associated inconvenience be donated to Winchester hospice. Rosie will also donate the £10.80 paid into the club's account for expenses she personally incurred.

10. The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 9:40 pm.