

## **Elmwood Lawn Tennis Club AGM held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 8.00pm**

### **1. Apologies**

Richard Ormerod, Rosette Wilkinson, Mindy Burzdzius, Flavia Fabrini, Daniele Piccoli, Dirk Lindner, Matt Michaud.

**2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020** circulated and approved

**3. Matters arising from the previous years' minutes** – none

### **4: Committee reports**

#### **Secretary**

- **SAFEGUARDING**

The LTA will be surveying the effectiveness of safeguarding measures in place at Elmwood. The LTA will be administering the survey and collating the results. An anonymised summary of the results of the survey will be shared with the club.

The new requirement to provide LTA safeguarding training to committee members needs to be completed by the end of the year and the full committee have watched the video supplied by the LTA as part of this directive.

Welfare officer

Acting as the clubs Welfare Officer I completed a training refresher and renewed my DBS.

- **COVID**

There was a confirmed case of Covid 19 at the club In January 2021

The local Health Protection team were contacted and the club was assigned a case number:

HPZ Ref 941848

Guidelines were followed, committee were kept fully informed relevant contacts were contacted on a warn and inform basis by the secretary as advised by consultant from the local Health Protection team.

Thank-you to everyone for support in providing names on the court booking website.

I would like to extend a personal thank-you to Guy, Richard and Rocky for helping members old and new with new system and collecting the details.

All of this contributed to the club staying open during the periods we were allowed to.

We had no additional shutdowns at the club.

- **MAST**

We wrote to the membership on 24-April-21 to inform that we had been approached by a company called Waldon Telecom Ltd on behalf of Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited (a joint venture company between the telecoms operators O2 and Vodafone) with regards to a proposed mobile base station at Elmwood Tennis Club.

In November we sent further update with latest communications. Nothing formal has happened yet. We confirmed that our position remains the same, they have no right to access Elmwood's land and that there is unanimous opposition against the mast from the membership community, the trustees, and the elected committee. We suggested it would be in their interest to consider other locations for a mast given that Elmwood has no intentions of allowing Cornerstone to install telecoms on our land and that we would not wish to lead them on and in doing so unduly waste their time.

Waldon have informed us that a new planner is yet to be allocated and that they are still waiting for some additional feedback from Brent Council, so will continue to take further comments.

- **Memorial Plaque**

The club funded a Plaque in memory of Henry Oluwarotimi Williams (long term ex-member). His family provided an inscription and it is on the corner of all Souls Avenue by the fence.

- **New for 2021**

Beehives -we now have two thriving beehives

Bike Rack –researched by Dirk and a 5-space bike rack is now in place

Baby changing unit – ordered for the ladies changing room- many new family members

Defibrillator – ready to be installed near the first aid box

Scoreboards purchased for courts 1 -3 and are ready to be put up

Drone -a drone company, called The Drone Company, were commissioned on behalf of the OPDC to carry out some aerial photography around the tennis club and the drone took off from the grassed area outside of the courts. In return they gave us some fantastic aerial photography.

Thank-you to Dirk for supervising and arranging access.

- **Coaching Summary**

New Coach

Daniele Piccoli had been a temporary coach for nearly 2-years he became officially appointed as part-time coach in April this year

The junior programme is up and running with approximately 70 children aged between 5 and 14.

The Club Tournament was held on 18<sup>th</sup> September with the bar open a BBQ and live music from Whalls band and Laura Matthews. Thank-you to Rocky for getting the permission for this from Brent Council. It was great weather, well attended and a fantastic atmosphere.

Winners were:

Men's Singles: Winner – Oliver Silva: Runner Up - Leo Sassoon

Womens' Singles: Winner – Flavia Fabrini: Runner Up - Magda Berankova

Men's Doubles: Winners – James Canning & Leo Sassoon : Runners Up – Jack Lott & Andy Margetson

Womens' Doubles: Winners – Flavia Fabrini + Carolyn Gabriel: Runner Up - Nobuko Dias & Magda Berankova

Mixed Doubles: Winners – William Grey & Magda Berankova : Runners Up – Ed Dale-Jones & Nicky Wimble

8 & Under Winner: Oskar Bangard: Runner Up - Valentino Desilva-Brown

9 & Under Boys Winner: Oskar Bangard: Runner Up - Blake Cameron

10 & Under Boys Winner: Oscar Abdy-Collins: Runner Up Noah Benjamin-Aronson

Road to Wimbledon Finals

Elmwood hosted this junior event with South Hampstead in July and it was a big success.

Thank-you to Flavia who was the driver in putting this together and showcasing Elmwood.

It was a chance to see future champions in action with good food and good weather.

- **The return of Bank Holiday Social Tournament**

Hak arranged a Bank Holiday tournament on Monday 31-May – it was good opportunity for new members to meet old members and we hope to have more social tournaments.

- **PADEL**

The club has received a request to consider a proposal to introduce Padel courts

As this is one of the LTA's key strategies to find new ways to grow participation it was unanimously agreed to go ahead and arrange a site visit to explore the opportunity further.

- **Grounds Update**

There were two maintenance visits for courts 1-3, as usual. Many thanks to Guy & Hak for keeping the lawns mowed nicely, and to Guy and Marcia for tackling the hedge. A small team of volunteers cleared the clubhouse and storeroom, and filled a skip. Rosette has tried to keep weeds off the courts and the immediate perimeter. The knotweed specialist came and found no evidence of any knotweed.

- **Club history**

Long standing member Barrie Neilson has made good use of lockdown by scanning a trove of old photos relating to the club and these are can be found on the club website under the Social Events – Photo History menu option.

Some fabulous retro fashion – worth a look.

**Treasurers Report & Bar Stewards Report**– Hakeem Khalil

The Revenue Account and Balance Sheet was distributed and explained at length by Hakeem.

At the end of the Financial Year 30-Sept-21 the club's finances are in a very healthy condition.

The bar revenue is down as expected during the pandemic however subscriptions have increased.

### **Men's Captain & Fixtures Secretary's Report**

Jean reported on Men's teams in Middlesex NE Division.

Winter 2020/2021 – this league was suspended due to Covid-19.

In Summer 2021 season 3 teams took part.

All 3 men's teams posted honourable results. Elmwood 1 concluded the season in 4<sup>th</sup> position of division 3 with 81 points. Elmwood 2 concluded the season in 4<sup>th</sup> position too with 74 points.

Elmwood 3 also ended the season in 4<sup>th</sup> position with 87 points.

Winter 2021/2022.

4 teams have been entered.

### **Women's Captain Report – Valerie Foltz**

Winter 2020/21 season – this league was suspended due to Covid-19.

Summer 2021

#### **Team 1**

NE division 2 finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 8 so will remain in that division next year

#### **Team 2**

Team 2 Division NE 6 finished 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 9, PROMOTED, and should be in NE 5 next year.

Winter 2021/2022

2 teams will be entered

### **VETS- Middlesex Seniors 40/O League**

Summer 2021

Division 1 East

Captained by Magda, finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 8.

Winter 2021/2022

Division 4 Group E

### **Membership Secretary's Report** – Richard Ormerod & Guy Batchelor

Membership stands at 741 members (455 playing adults) and £68,431 membership fees.

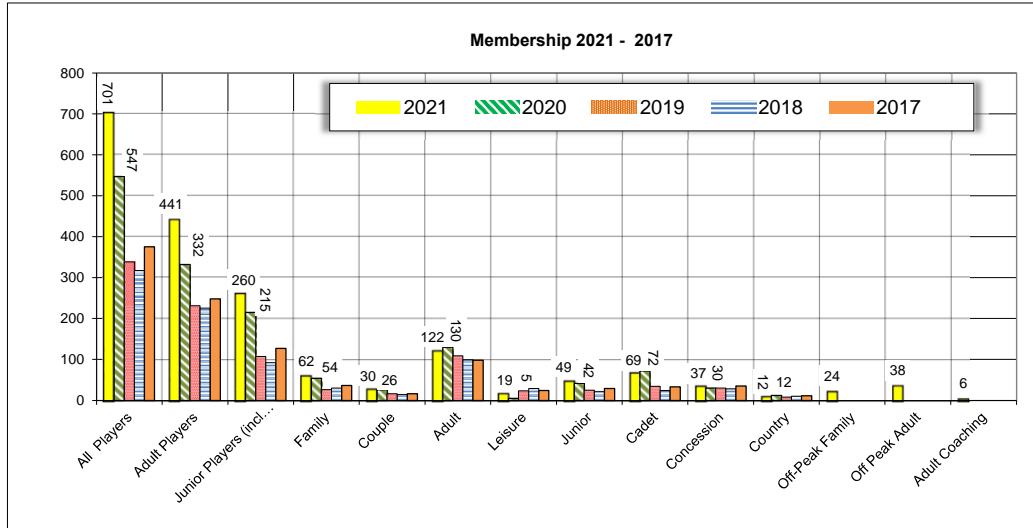
Total for 2020/21 583 members (339 playing adults) and £57,204 (2019/20 368 members and £38,550). Off-Peak membership has been offered to 1-April-22 to everyone on the Waiting List.

33 Off-Peak Adults and 23 Off-Peak Family have joined or renewed so far, and several have declined.

The Waiting List stands at 261 entries (representing 365 adults).

**Elmwood LTC Membership Details April-21 to Nov-22**

**Total players increase +28.2% (2020 +60.5%) [2019 +5.8%]  
 Total fees £68,800 an increase +20.3% (2020 +47.7%) [2019 +2.9%]  
 Waiting List of 265 membership categories (386 Adults)**



**Social Secretary's Report – Rocky Hirani**

Although hire and events have been down due to Covid-19 the club has squeezed in some good events when possible. These have included the first Brunch organised by Flavia and Valerie which was really popular, The Road to Wimbledon and the return of the Club tournament with a BBQ and bar open.

The Club also hired the clubhouse and courts to Oliver Silva for his children's tennis camp and these were well attended.

Halloween event was a great success and generated a good income for the club following a long pandemic situation. It was one of the first Elmwood events and a huge thanks go to all the volunteers who made it possible to make it a success. The feedback from all the people who attended was very positive and they said it was the best Halloween event by Elmwood. Rocky extended his personal thanks to everyone involved.

Big thank-you to all those who helped with all of these. The aim is to increase social events for 2022 particularly for the Friday night socials to make best use of our grounds, bar and BBQ area.

**5.Election of Honorary Auditor**

Susan Davies and Ramesh D Patel have agreed to continue for a further year.

**6.Election of Committee Members**

Notice of nominations being open for committee roles was circulated to the membership in advance the 2021/2021 committee were elected as below:

Role	Holder
Chairperson	Louisa Burnand
Secretary	Jackie Speechley
Social Secretary	Rocky Hirani

Bar Steward	Mindy Burzdzius
Treasurer	Hakeem Khalil
Men's Captain	Jean Chalaby
Ladies Captain	Valerie Foltz
Fixtures Secretary	Jean Chalaby
Membership Secretary	Richard Ormerod & Guy Batchelor
Grounds Liaison	Rosette Wilkinson
Coach Liaison	Louisa Burnand
Junior Parent Liaison	Matt Michaud/ Dirk Lindner

**7. Clubhouse renovation update** – Rocky Hirani

Rocky circulated the latest proposal for the refurbishment / extension plan and gave a brief update on the current status.

**8. Mast update** – nothing to add to secretary report. Jackie will continue to update the committee, membership and trustees of any correspondence.

**9. A.O.B**

There was a question from the floor regarding off-peak members being able to play for teams. It was confirmed as yes.

Louisa extended an extra thank-you on behalf of everyone to the membership team Guy and Richard who have worked tirelessly, in good spirits, responding to a high volume of membership queries and sending out all communications to the membership.

Louisa thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed.

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