

## **Elmwood Lawn Tennis Club AGM November 2016 Minutes**

1. Apologies Mindaugas Burzdzius, Richard Ormerod
2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting November 2015 circulated and approved
3. Matters arising from previous minutes: none
4. Committee reports

(a) Secretary

Jackie Speechley reported as below:

### **2015/2016 Highlights**

#### The American School in London

Approached us in January requesting court hire for their PE department curriculum tennis and after school tennis.

The committee were pleased to support the request from the school and took care to agree times which fitted in with our members and pattern of play.

The revenue is really welcome and developing a relationship with a school is a requirement for our club to continue to have CASC status.

The fee agreed was the same as what they were charged at the other clubs they hired and the revenue in total was £777

#### Wimbledon tickets

We were allocated 28 pairs of tickets this year

#### LTA Brent Collaboration Meeting

The very first meeting was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May chaired by Timothy Bingham the Regional Tennis Participation Manager in the Wembley LTC Clubhouse. Rajesh Sharma and the Wembley LTC Committee were kind enough to allow us to use their facility.

The aim of the session was to present some options for the club collaboration to drive tennis activity and membership growth within the Brent area. Tim presented some ideas that had been piloted in other areas followed by candid and realistic discussions of how they might work for the Brent venues or what adaptations may be required if the project is to be a success.

It was a really worthwhile meeting and great to meet all the other Brent Club representatives and heartening to hear that all clubs have similar highs and lows. All worked hard on trying to be welcoming and to attract all ages.

Essentially we attempted to get involved to run a Great British Tennis Weekend on 16-17 July and the committee agreed it would be good to focus on families.

We did discuss with the coaches at coaches meeting held in May however when it came down to it we had no coaches available and as it was a coach led weekend we had to decline.

On the plus side a second meeting has been arranged for feedback and help for next year and it will be hosted by Elmwood on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

#### LTA Support

The LTA to provide clubs with t-shirts / banners and promo materials to help with all of this and access to Clubspark website to run the open days.

All clubs to receive £300 to agree to run specific offers with aim to increase membership.

#### WNST

We were successful in our application for a small grant of £1200 to purchase two things: a solid all weather junior mini tennis net on wheels to support our focus on encouraging family play and a new vandal proof lockable noticeboard to keep local community up to date with tennis and social events

The net is in place and we have had great feedback particularly from the summer camp team.

The noticeboard hasn't been purchased yet as other events have taken priority however Stewart has extended the period allocated to purchase and sent best wishes and was sorry to hear about the break ins. Wembley Football Match :2 pairs of tickets for the England v Malta match were received from WNST and the draw winners were Chris Nancarrow and Ben Pipe.

#### Break ins

Sadly there was one attempted break in to the bar and one successful break in.

Club did all the right things in terms of reporting obtaining crime numbers and giving statements to the police.

JS had to give a signed statement to the police and confirm willing to go to court if needed. Police were very pleased with the quality of the CCTV footage and seemed genuinely grateful to have been given such good information. The local police said the images will be circulated within the Met police including their local press officer and if we were lucky it might be in the local paper too.

It will be a good way to let community know that we have good CCTV and this will also be a deterrent. He said we can and should circulate the images to all our members and also change the keypad entry more frequently.

Treasurers Report: Balance sheet was circulated and Hakeem Khalil outlined the figures, summarised the year's activity and reported on our current financial position.

- (b) Mens Captain Report: Henri reported that mens squad night on Wednesdays is well attended. Mens 1<sup>st</sup> team finished 5<sup>th</sup> in their division, 2<sup>nd</sup> team finished 1<sup>st</sup> will be promoted. 3<sup>rd</sup> team started at bottom of division 9 and finished 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- (c) Ladies captains report: Valerie summarised activity. Ladies team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in division in summer league and 1<sup>st</sup> in Winter League. 2 squad coaching now up and running for ladies one on Mondays which had 10 ladies on the first week and on Thursdays for ladies team. All results are on the website.
- (d) Membership secretary: Rose circulated the figures and outlined the graphs. Some discussion took place regarding the variety of reasons why members fail to rejoin.
- (e) Bar Stewards Report Figures reported in the balance sheet
- (f) Fixtures Secretary: role fulfilled by team captains and Julian this year.
- (g) Social secretary : Rocky Hirani reported that club hire and events were limited at the beginning of the year due to concerns raised about the safety and condition of the clubhouse and that hires were picking up again.

5.Election of honorary auditors: R.Patel and Sue Davies were re-elected.

6.Election of Officers of the Club

2 members had put themselves forward and been nominated for the position of Chairman.

Charles Dimpfl and Julian Williams.

A show of hands was requested from all present to decide whether those present would like to hear more from the candidates standing to support their election. The majority vote was to decline the offer.

The 2016 – 2017 committee were elected as below:

Club Chairman : Charles Dimpfl

Club Secretary Jackie Speechley

Mens Captain Henri Petignat

Ladies Captain: Valerie Foltz

Membership Secretary: Richard Ormerod /Rose Heaney

Club Treasurer: Hakeem Khalil

Fixtures Secretary : Julian Williams

Social Secretary: Rocky Hirani

Bar Steward:Mindaugas Burzdzius

## **AOB**

Memorial Bench

A fund has been started for a memorial bench for member Eduardo Silva who passed away this year.

## **Presentations**

Coach Peter Neathey presented the trophies for the Club Tournament to the winners and runners up as below:

Men's Singles: Winner -Josh Chapkin : Runner Up – Oliver Silva

Ladies Singles: Winner – Claire Tovey : Runner Up – Ellen Hassan-Nayer

Men's Doubles: Winners – Henri & James Petignat : Runners Up – Oliver Silva & Ivan Griffin:

Ladies Doubles: Winners – Magda Berankova & Nobuko Dias : Runners up – Valerie Foltz & Teresa Hill

Mixed Doubles: Winners – Magda Berankova & William Grey : Runners up – Nobuko Dias & Hakeem Khalil

Ladies Plate Winner

Lisa Godwin

Charles thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed.

## Elmoood LTC Membership Details April-16 to Nov-16

**Total membership decrease 2.3% (last year +5.7%)**

**Total players decrease 3.1% (last year +3.2%)**

**Total fees increase 4.8% (last year +10.8%)**

