

Elmwood Lawn Tennis Club AGM November 2017 Minutes

1. Apologies: none

Minutes of Annual General Meeting November 2016 circulated – it was asked that these be re-circulated before approval. This will be done.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes: none

3. Committee Reports

Secretary's Report

Jackie Speechley reported as below:

Data Protection Training: The new committee accepted timely offer of training from one of our members in the legal profession to train the committee in the current data protection law as we were not all up to date. This covered use of emails and CCTV. As a result of this our relevant forms were updated and we all found it worthwhile.

ASL: American School in London hired for the first half of the year.

Additional Coach: Feedback from members and coaches was that an additional coach would be a great asset

Main focus for Q1 2017 was to recruit an extra coach and we aimed to have new coach in place by the start of the new membership year. Role description was submitted to the LTA, and the position was duly advertised according to LTA safe recruitment guidelines on their website and also in local sports shop, Gefen. There were 7 applicants in all and 4 were selected for interview with observed lessons. The successful candidate was Flavia Fabrini who was appointed in April and I think we all agree has been a great asset to Elmwood

GBTW: The Brent Clubs meeting with the LTA was hosted at Elmwood by Jackie & Julian in December last year and it was agreed we would go ahead with an Elmwood Great British tennis weekend. It was then full steam ahead for Elmwood. LTA provided Banners, t-shirts, flyers and access to Clubspark website where we could take bookings for the event and members and non-members could register interest. We had a fantastic day on 13th May with help from all 3 coaches and plenty member volunteers who gave out flyers at local schools as well as local houses. There was a variety of activities from, free taster lessons to cardio tennis and a speed gun to see how fast (or slow) your serve is and discounted membership offer if you joined on the day. Wimbledon tickets 24 pairs of tickets this year.

A good variety of members new and old were successful in the draw.

Welfare officer Certificate: To fulfil the role of Welfare officer Jackie completed the online course and attended the statutory LTA course at Roehampton.

Knotweed Management: Contractor appointed and management plan in place. Brent Council have been notified.

WNST: Wembley National Stadium Trust have accepted our request to change the purpose of the balance of the grant to purchase an additional wheeled mini tennis net to support our increased family play and mini tennis coaching schedules.

Treasurer's Report

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

Men's Captain's Report

Henri Petignat I reported on men's teams in Middlesex NE division.

Team one in division 2 stayed up, 6th out of 8

Team two division 6 rotated players a lot and got relegated.

Team three division 8 stayed up, finished 6th out of 8 as well.

In the Winter we've got 4 men's teams.

Women's Captain's Report

Valerie summarised activity. All results are on the website.

Membership Secretaries' Report

Richard circulated the figures and outlined the graphs. Total Membership increase 18.3% (last year -2.3%), Total Players increase 12.4% (last year - 3.1%), Total fees increase 15.5% (last year +4.8%)

Bar Steward's Report

Figures reported in the balance sheet

Fixtures Secretary's Report

Julian Williams' summary:

Men's 1 finished 4th out of 8 - Top Players by LTA Match Records - William / Thomas / Oliver

Men's 2 finished 2nd out of 8 - Promoted - Top Players by LTA Match Records - Tom / Joe / Dave

Men's 3 finished 8th out of 8 - Relegated - Top Players by LTA Match Records - Jack / Ed N / Hak

Ladies 1 finished 1st - Promoted - Top Players by LTA Match Records - Claire / Magda / Nobuko

Vets 1 finished 1st - Promoted - Top Players by LTA Match Records - Magda / William / Claire

Results for Summer 2017

Men's 1 finished 6th out of 8 - Top Players by LTA Match Records - Oliver / Tom / Josh

Men's 2 finished 8th out of 8 - Relegated - Top Players by LTA Match Records - Will / Ed N / Rob B

Men's 3 finished 6th out of 8 - Top Players by LTA Match Records - Jack / Theo / Hak

Ladies 1 finished 1st - Promoted - Top Players by LTA Match Records - Claire / Valerie / Magda

Vets 1 finished 1st - Promoted - Top Players by LTA Match Records - Magda / William / Claire

Winter 2017-18 - Results to date:

Men's 1 - Played 3, Won 2

Men's 2 - Played 2 Drawn 1

Men's 3 - Played 3, Won 1

Men's 4 - Played 3, Drawn 1

Ladies 1 - Played 4, Won 3

Ladies 2 - Played 3, Won 2

Vets - Not played yet

Juniors - Played 3, Won 3

Great to see second Ladies Team, Captained by Jackie from a Squad assembled by Peter.

FS stepping down due to heavy work commitments.

Handed over as follows: Vets - Magda Berankova + Men's 2 - Andrew Moss.

Social Secretary's Report

Rocky commented firstly that it was sad to hear that Julian has taken the decision to resign from his fixture secretary's position as he will be greatly missed.

It's been a very difficult year as far as the hire of Elmwood as it's been occupied by Elmwood matches and social tennis by members. Also due to time restrictions on venue hire after 6pm does have an impact on the hire of Elmwood venue. However, taken all of the above we still managed to generate a reasonable income from the following events while subsidising some of them.

Nia Classes

Blossom Toddlers Group every Monday afternoon till 06/02/2018

Members Social Events

Oliver's Summer Camp in School Holiday Terms

The Nia Classes by Tania Spooner is at present on hold as we are in process of renegotiating some better terms in the new year to benefit Tania and Elmwood.

Halloween party was once again very successful and this was achieved from handwork by all concerned.

Laura's Lightning the Nights have been very successful and are held every month due to high demand.

5. Election of honorary auditors

R.D. Patel and Sue Davies were re-elected.

6. Election of Officers of the Club

Notice of nominations being open for committee roles was circulated to the membership in advance of the meeting this year this also included a table listing current committee roles and whether the person in post had agreed to stand again. A description of each committee role was added to the website and the link sent to members.

The 2017 – 2018 committee were elected as below:

Club Chairman: Charles Dimpfl

Club Secretary: Jackie Speechley

Men's Captain: Henri Petignat

Women's Captain: Valerie Foltz

Membership Secretary: Richard Ormerod / Rose Heaney

Club Treasurer: Hakeem Khalil

Fixtures Secretary: Jean Chalaby

Social Secretary: Rocky Hirani

Bar Steward: Mindaugas Burzdzius

7. Clubhouse Renovation

Rocky informed all members at the AGM that he has been tasked by the committee with spearheading the new Elmwood clubhouse project. He informed everyone present that he will be sending an email out to all Elmwood members in the new year inviting them to a brainstorming session so that everyone can contribute towards the new design of our Elmwood clubhouse. This session will give us an idea what the members would like and also we will be able to capture professionals within our membership to help with the project. Even though he has been given the responsibility to spearhead this new venture, it must be said that it will need people within the membership with lots of knowledge and expertise to take the lead. In the end it will be a team effort and will need input from each and every member of Elmwood Lawn Tennis Club. Some discussion took place regarding soundproofing options as well as how welcome a new clubhouse would be!

8. Practice wall; Summary from Henri Petignat

In response to members' requests during the year, the club has been considering building a practice wall. After careful consideration of the different potential locations it is suggested an 8 by 2.75M wall is erected between

courts 3 and 4 replacing a section of the fence. Wall can be used from both sides. Budget is around £7000. Drawing and mock up photograph were posted to illustrate the location and the look. There were various comments from members present who were reassured that no wall would be built without full backing of membership. It was difficult to visualize where the wall would be and the impact on the players despite the mock up pictures. Rocky and Henri agreed to put up a 'dummy' wall using tarpaulin in between courts 3 & 4 in early spring to get a better understanding of size, position and effect on lights.

9. AOB

Presentations

Coach Peter Neathey presented the trophies for most improved adults and junior as below:

Adults

*Dirk Linder

Jean Chalaby

Junior

Ruben Michaud

*Ball Machine: Dirk will be sending further details re the ball machine to let everyone know about access. It is still being piloted.

Club Improvements

Member William Grey fed back ideas from other members to improve things a bit at the club including better wine and improved showers. The suggestion of better wine was welcomed and William will liaise with bar steward and licensee as to best way to introduce a wider range of wines. Clubhouse has already been flagged for improvements.

William also fed back that although it was good to be able to read committee minutes in the clubhouse it would improve communication if the committee meeting minutes were also available on the website. All present agreed this could be done and would be adopted immediately. The secretary currently circulates uncorrected minutes monthly to the committees and the committee approve at the following months meeting. Richard will now add the approved minutes to the website soon after the meetings and will start this off by adding the full preceding year.

AGM minutes circulation

It was also pointed out that the historical procedure of circulating the previous year's AGM minutes at the following year AGM could be improved by

circulating earlier. This was acknowledged as a very worthwhile improvement and will be implemented.

Hard court improvements

Coaches and members commented that the tarmac courts need attention.

Richard said we have a sinking fund to cover maintenance costs including mosskill /jet wash and will follow this up straight after the meeting.

Richard answered questions from the floor re the tarmac courts previous resurfacing and painting. The court condition and resurfacing options will be added to the agenda for the December meeting.

General Tidiness

Rosette has recently been appointed to help with gardening and grounds and has made a start. Rosette will continue clearing weeds from inside courts 4-6 as well as to clear a path south of the courts between now and spring which should help reduce shade which creates moss.

The bins and general tidiness of the grounds were pointed out as letting the club down and this was acknowledged by the newly elected committee.

Charles thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed.