

Elmwood Lawn Tennis Club AGM held on Sunday 20th November 2022

1. Apologies:

Rocky Hirani, Faraz Siddiqui, Danielle Frostrop, Sue Davies

2. Minutes of the AGM held on Friday 26th November circulated and approved.

3. Matters arising from the previous year's minutes.

- Padel: The LTA are continuing with initiative to promote Padel which can help clubs with lower membership increase their footfall. They are also offering support for those who would like to know more. It was agreed last year to follow this up. Of those present it was pointed out that it may need additional planning permission as local residents may object to extra noise as recently reported in news. It was agreed to survey membership.
- Defibrillator: now that we have one it would be good to see if we can arrange member training. Those present agreed to research options and feedback to committee. St Johns Ambulance may be able to offer a group session on site.

4. Committee Reports:

Secretary:

- **BUMPER YEAR**

It's been a bumper year for Elmwood and the sunny summer of 22 has been perfect for tennis as well as the revival of Friday night socials and more recently the Saturday brunches.

- **SAFEGUARDING**

The LTA surveyed our membership in Q4 2021. Feedback from the LTA was that the survey did not flag up any safeguarding concerns and that the results and comments were positive. I attended the Middlesex Venue Forum in February and more recently in November where safeguarding was one of the topics. Take home message is that safeguarding is everyone's business. If anyone observes something that makes them feel uncomfortable they shouldn't ignore it.

The November one covered Inclusivity.

Mark Bullock, Middlesex Disabilities co-ordinator gave a great presentation about this and not all disabilities are visible something for us all to think about next year.

- **SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

A social media policy was adopted earlier this year and can be found on our website.

It sits alongside our Policy on the use of images of children and young people and covers etiquette for the use of Elmwood WhatsApp groups.

Self-explanatory really- and a sign of the times.

- **MAST**

A ridiculous amount of time has had to be allocated to continue to reject advances from Waldon Telecoms!

Waldon Telecom Ltd on behalf of Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited contacted Elmwood again on January 13th to say requesting further access as the requirement is now just for O2 and therefore a smaller footprint was required. They wanted to see if the design could be improved by looking at other locations within the tennis club, namely along the boundary of All Souls Avenue to the west of the grounds, where the proposal may benefit from more visual screening.

This request was unanimously rejected by the secretary on behalf of the Committee and Trustees throughout the year. The Trustees received formal notice from solicitors, Osborne Clarke (35 pages) requesting access for a multi-skilled-visit (MSV) in May. We did question if another mast was necessary as 2 new masts had recently been erected locally and asked if the option of sharing had been explored however they said this was not an option.

As a result, we had to appoint solicitors to act on our behalf when requesting access and we have had no communications since July which are all hoping is positive news!

Full details of correspondence are on our monthly minutes.

I'd like to thank everyone who helped with advice and support during this time as it was pretty stressful.

- **New Coach**

Will Jenkins has joined the coaching team part time and has been supporting Daniele in the junior programme since Flavia left in the summer.

Having worked alongside Flavia on the Junior programme for the last 3 years Daniele has kept the same format and structure.

Programme started on the 5th September with 87 juniors. (43 of them are born 2014 or younger, a positive note for the future of the club!), the Friday match play is back weekly at 4.30pm and is running at full capacity.

Daniele entered an U8 and U9 teams in the Middlesex Winter league,

There will be also an U10 team starting spring 2023.

- **Club Tournament**

Took place in September and we were blessed with great weather, super tennis and fantastic food. Thank-you FARAZ and everyone who took part as well as helped on the day.

All the winners are on the honour's boards THANK-YOU COACH WILL JENKINS

- **Bank Holiday Social Tournament**

Hak arranged Bank Holiday tournaments during the year and they continue to be popular with new and old members of all levels taking part, many for the first time and the positive feedback is very uplifting.

Thank-you Hak and to all those who helped on the day.

- **Social Media Co-ordinator**

Danielle Frostrup took on this new role in April this year to help us co-ordinate and increase our social media presence in a more focused way and polished way.

Many of you know Danielle and she is keen for everyone to send photos of events, matches and all things Elmwood to her so that she can have a library of things to post.

- **Vegetable Beds**

Member Katie Pascoe from Kensal Green Mutual aid asked if they could have space for 2 – 3 raised vegetable beds to help the local foodbank. This was agreed the space currently being considered is in the triangle area by the side of court one. This project is very much at the preliminary stage and options will be explored.

- **Warm Spaces**

Member Marcia Green attended the Kensal Warm Spaces meeting on our behalf, and proposed that we offer one Friday evening per month for this. This was unanimously agreed.

Marcia has recruited committee members to help and is planning to make soup and get donations for ingredients and bread etc. from local businesses. Member Katie Pascoe is also involved in the initiative. If you want to know more about it in general there is a mission statement on the website Warmkensal.org

The first one will be on 25th November from 6:30 – 8:30 and then 30th December, 27th January, 24th February and finally 24th March.

The main point is that this is a community initiative not sponsored and that individuals are volunteering their time and resources. Soup and pie will be served free of charge but donations are welcome. The money will go towards funding the next event 23rd December. We thought a minimum donation of 50p. It is our hope that our initiative will reach out to those in need of a chance to eat together, make new friends and a chance for Elmwood to share in the Kensal community and be part of a larger group of caring people. Marcia does not need help but for those who wish to contribute she would be grateful if you shared some quality time with someone you have never met before and make them feel welcome. Target group is families and those living alone.

Treasurers Report & Bar Stewards Report- Hakeem Khalil

The Revenue Account & Balance Sheet was distributed and explained at length by Hakeem. At the end of the Financial year 2022 the club's finances are in great shape. Some discussion took place regarding best interest rates and Hak explained that he keeps a close eye on this and reassured all present that he constantly looks for best risk-free options that are suited to the running of a CASC club. There were some questions about the new ball machine and how to access this. Part of the fee structure for this group is getting costs back as well as the running costs as the balls need to be replaced and cannot be wet. A refresher email will be sent out to members about how to join this group to have access to the ball machine to include how to arrange a trial.

Men's Captain & Fixtures Secretary Report

Jean Reported on Men's Teams in Middlesex NE Division.

20% of team players are new

An EXCELLENT year for our men's teams.

Summer 2022

Team 1 NE Division 3 & Team 2 NE Division 6 came top of their division in the 2022 Summer League and will be promoted and Team 3 NE Division 8 coming in 3rd place.

Winter 2021/2022

Team 1 NE Division 3 came top and will be promoted

Team 2 NE Division 3 waiting to find out if remaining in same division

Team 3 NE Division 5 came top and will be promoted

Team 4 NE Division 5 came 3rd

Ladies Captain.

As Valerie has now moved away, Magda gave update as below:

Winter League 2021/2022

Team 1 were playing in the top division, NE Division 1 and had a tough year and came 7th so will be demoted.

Team 2 NE Division 4 came 4th

Summer 2022

Team 1 were playing in NE Division 1 and will be demoted

Team 2 were playing in NE Division 5 and will be demoted

VETS

Summer 2022

Seniors 40/O Division 1 E

Came 3rd

Winter 2021/2 Division 3 E

Came 2nd

Membership Secretary Report Richard Ormerod & Guy Batchelor

The membership stats and graphs were circulated and Richard gave an overview of the figures and feedback.

Membership stands at 769 members (378 playing adults & 458 including Off-Peak) and £85,995 membership fees. (Transaction cost £1,160).

Total for 2021/22 689 members (364 playing adults & 551 including Off-Peak) and £68,688.

2020/21 414 members (300 playing adults) and £57,204.

2019/20 313 members (231 playing adults) and £38,550.

The Waiting List stands at 294 entries (representing 406 adults) 87% live <2 miles from Elmwood.

Social Secretary Reported by Hak in Rocky's absence.

Halloween Event was well attended considering the downpour lots of families came and were very thankful to Elmwood.

Seeking support to run bar – William / Dirk and Alison put themselves forward for training with the broad aim to do one Friday every other month as needed.

Winter is generally quieter and ideas for socials welcome throughout the year. Laura's Band nights always popular.

5.Election of Honorary Auditors

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

6.Election of Committee Members

Notice of nominations for being open for committee roles was circulated to the committee in advance.

The 2022/2023 committee were elected as below:

Role	Holder
Chairperson	Louisa Burnand
Secretary	Jackie Speechley
Social Secretary	Rocky Hirani
Bar Steward	Rocky Hirani/ Hakeem Khalil
Treasurer	Hakeem Khalil
Men's Captain	Jean Chalaby
Ladies Captain	Magda Berankova
Fixtures Secretary	Jean Chalaby
Membership Secretary	Richard Ormerod & William Grey
Grounds Liaison	Rosette Wilkinson
Social Media Co-ordinator	Danielle Frostrup
Coach Liaison	Louisa Burnand
Junior Parent Liaison	Thomas Petzing

7.Clubhouse renovation update:

Louisa updated as she has finally made some headway in contacting the relevant personnel at UKPN following up the notice to relocate submitted in July. This will be to release space for the new clubhouse. It has been hard work trying to get a timetable for this and is the reason why there has

been a pause in clubhouse planning meetings. UKPN have now provided a copy of the UKPN Double Substation details which will be followed up.

8.Mast Update

Covered in secretary report.

9.AOB

There was a request to have a light at the gate to help with keypad.
This will be followed up.

Louisa thanked everyone for attending and thanked the committee members for their work on behalf of the club and closed the meeting at 7:50pm.