

Grappenhall Tennis Club AGM 28th October 2021 7:00pm

Present – Noel Boone, Jimmy Cleaver, Steve Garbutt, Andy Hartland, Mad Holder, Mike Hood, Jane McNamara, Lesley Peak, Tracey Wernham, Steve Kaut, Sabine Power, Sharon Jones, Anne Whitehead, Stuart Sumner, Philippa Boone

Apologies - Steve Yates

Agenda

1 Chairman's address – report attached

2 Apologies - Steve Yates

3 Minutes of last AGM – agreed as accurate. Proposed by Lesley and seconded by Jimmy

4 Reports

Membership secretary Over 200 members and still rising. Discussed reason for increase and thought to be combination of covid, change in working practices and coaching and facilities opportunities.

Secretary (report attached) More members getting involved in competitive tennis.

Treasurer (report attached) Financial year runs 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021. Doubled income on membership, good income from Pay and Play. Increase in sinking fund. Big spend this year on court maintenance and drainage.

Men's captain – (report attached) Discussed why we thought men had left the first team. Home commitments mostly. Committee agreed to thank Tom for his contribution and support over the years. MH to action

Ladies captains – (report attached) Good season for the ladies

Mixed and 045s – no written report but agreed team selection with increased membership had been relatively easy. PB mentioned that during the mixed season it was noticeable that opposition men were often much better than ours and whether this was due to the issues raised with losing first team players or men not wanting to play mixed.

Coaches – (report attached) Both Jimmy and Steve very busy and getting good support from Freddie Garbutt and Mike Hall. Junior competitions going well. More coaching focus on doubles play which is popular with adult members. Waiting lists needed for some sessions.

5 Changes – MH discussed his proposal of an upgrade membership in lieu of premium membership. (paper attached) This would allow us to bring in a chaperone option for parents/guardians of younger members that other clubs offer and also support better collection of match fees and allow easier visitor participation and payment. Motion was carried. Discussion on how to ensure better collection of match fees which has been an issue for as long as anyone can remember and we could be missing out on circa £1000 of income. Suggestions include paying by

transfer, getting captain's to do it, looking at match participation, collecting at the start of the match. Agreed that may be a communication issue and that we should discuss more fully at a later date.

Subscriptions – Agreed to raise annual fees across the board by CPI (3.1%) which would mean full adult membership of around £150/year which is still very competitive with other local tennis clubs.

LP raised issue of the amount of support we get from JC on all manner of things and how more members brings more responsibilities. Discussed option of paying JC a retainer or looking to employ someone to do or coordinate some of the tasks we need including bar rota, handyman. This discussion links in with some of the feedback we've had from new members via John Franks and also the work we wanted to do with volunteers. See aob action for future meeting

6 Election of officers

Nominee	Position	Proposed by
Lesley Peak	President	JC/NB
Steve Yates	Chairperson	MH/NB
Noel Boone	Treasurer	LP/JC
Steve Yates	Selfguarding	NB/MH
Mens Captain	Ewan Robertson	MH/Mad
Mens Vice Captain	Tbc	
Ladies Captains	Jane Winter/Lisa Faulkner	JMc/Mad
Andy Hartland Mad Holder Sharon Jones Stuart Whitehead Tracey Wernham Philippa Boone Sabine Power	General committee member	
Mike Hood	Membership Secretary	Mad/LP
Jane McNamara	Secretary	LP/Mad
Mad Holder	WDLTA	JMc/NB

7 AOB

JC asked how many people were attending the 1st Aid course 13th November. JMC reported 4 – JC, AH, MH and Gwendy Gibson had responded to the recent email. Cost should be £45/head. JC to send details to NB

JC raised issue of Warrington local plan and potential detrimental impact on the club in the future. Meeting planned for next Thursday 4th November 4pm at Appleton Parish Hall. Jmc/MH agreed to attend to find out more.

JC asked whether our club registration with LTA was still valid. SY looking into this currently.

JC raised issue of liquor licence – NB to sort asap

TW raised issue of score machines on court. Agreed to do research and come back to the committee with more information.

LP raised the issue of the proposed fencing at the club and agreeing a Right of Way by the canal side between the main pitches and the junior pitches with the football/rugby. Committee agreed would be less intrusive for tennis than current arrangement. LP to take forward.

PB raised issue of keys for captains. Thought should be fine and Mad had found more shutter controls behind the bar.

Mad raised building insurance at present time without alarm. JC to look into

SP raised issue of further floodlights on the bottom courts (2,3,4) SG has been looking at mobile options. JMc agreed to put on future agenda as situation had changed and may be worth applying for planning permission again.

Mad raised issue of email from John Franks. JMc agreed to speak to John and agree a date and agenda for a future meeting and then reconvene any interested members from the club.

JC updated on carpark lights. Bulb replacement needed particularly when clocks go back this coming weekend.

JC updated on planning permission for proposed padel carpark

Meeting closed 10pm