



# Great Brickhill Tennis Club

## 2020 A.G.M. Minutes

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 at Great Brickhill Cricket Club**

The meeting was opened by Chairman Russell Dunn at 8:30 p.m.

### **Attendees**

**Committee members:** Russell Dunn, Celia Feetam, James Hu, Paul Murray, James Byles, Pippa White,

**Members:** Debbie Pincott

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from David Bratt, Helen Howard, Mark Johnson, Steve Wilson, Andrew Robson.

### **2. Minutes of the 2019 AGM**

No minutes were available

### **3. Matters Arising from Minutes** N/A

### **4. Chairman's Report**

#### **Great British Tennis Weekend – Open Day & BBQ**

- Kicked off the new season.
- Slightly disappointing turn out and some feedback that it was not communicated to members as well as it could have been. We did however, gain a few new members.
- Bucks LTA did visit and advised that the level of support from clubs is generally falling.
- Plan to run it more as a club social day with GB Tennis Weekend support if available next year.
- This will probably take the form of a Club BBQ a little later in the year when the weather might be better and this will give the committee time to organise the event and communicate with the members

#### **Club Improvements**

- Following the upgrades in recent years, we have not had to carry out a great deal of significant improvements this year.
- Re-painting of the far end of court 1 where some paint was lifting has been carried out by the contractor.
- Having secured a grant for £1800 from AVDC towards a new ball machine, we secured a top end Lobster Machine which offers programmable play. Hopefully that will service the club for many years to come. If you do wish to use it yourself, please first get a quick training session to ensure that it is handled correctly and you know where to plug it in etc.
- May have noticed the Door on car park side had become misaligned. The door closure has since not worked perfectly so we will look to remedy this summer.
- The recent storms have taken their toll on the wind breaks so we will put a work team in place to affix the membrane.
- We did carry out an end of season tidy up which was well attended and dealt with the usual detritus of autumn to keep the courts relatively clean for the winter. We may call on you again later in the year to keep the courts in good nick.
- Thanks to all the committee and members who have given up their own time to help out at the club – especially Paul for his on-going maintenance skills.
- Thanks to Paul Murray and Dave Bratt for sorting out the door and Paul especially for writing up and submitting the grant request as well as his on-going duties as treasurer.

## **5. Treasurer's Report and adoption of accounts for the year end 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2019.**

Paul Murray summarised the last financial year and presented a copy of the reviewed accounts which had been independently reviewed by Marnie Byles (On File).....

I am pleased to advise that the Tennis Club is once again in a strong position financially. With our courts recently resurfaced and painted, and new windbreaks installed, we do not envisage any major expenditure for a number of years. This has been achieved through the successful application for grant money, which has saved the club from using up its own funds. (due to our last chairman - David Bratt) Our fiscal position is that we had a total of £32,629.00 in all accounts at the start of our new financial year - 2020. Included in this, is a sinking fund of £21,200, set aside for future repairs and maintenance. This takes us into the New Year with available cash of £8.7k. Which put us in a strong position for the future.

I am also pleased to report that our membership subscriptions have increased from 2018 to a total of £6427, against £4500 last year. This is partly due to the small increase in membership prices, but also our membership total going from 138 to 153. (All adults and juniors). I believe this reflects the success of the club, the facilities and the coaching we provide.

Coaching revenue has also made a significant jump, from £7279 last year, to £10465 this year. Overall income over expenditure has also improved markedly, with an improvement of almost £2000 on last year. This is down to our wonderful coach, Ross and to the efforts and careful stewardship of James Byles. A big thank you to both of them.

Additional income from grants this year were a grant from Aylesbury New Home Bonus, of £1800 and £500 from our own PC. The NHB grant was applied for, specifically for the replacement of our coaching ball machine. A great new machine is now in use. Give it a try.

I would also like to mention that our accounts this year were inspected by Mamie Byles, who I would like to thank. Helen, who has had this job for many years, is at the other side of the world.

So, in summary, another strong and successful year for our club, providing the village and surrounding areas with a lovely facility.

Thank you to all our members and committee.

The Chairman called for the adoption of the accounts. This was proposed by Celia Hall and seconded by James Byles. The accounts were adopted unanimously

Marnie Byles has agreed to act as independent reviewer of the accounts for a further year.

## **6. Proposed membership fees for 2020.**

As no major items of expenditure are expected in the coming year, the Chairman proposed that the membership fees remain unchanged for the next season with the usual discount for prompt payment. He asked for a proposer and seconder for this.

Proposer: Celia Hall

Secunder: Paul Murray

The proposal was carried unanimously

## **7. Events for the 2020 Season**

A list of forthcoming events such as a Bar-B-Q and Finals Day will be put on the website as soon dates are agreed.

## **8. Coaching**

James Byles reported that coaching had been very successful as well as profitable this year with 38/40 children participating. There is a waiting list for the younger groups and Ross has had an assistant to help with these which has worked well. 16 members attend the Tuesday and Friday evening sessions with one junior graduating to a senior group this year. We need to have a new teenagers' group and to formalise a pathway to the adult groups. He agreed to discuss this with the head coach.

## 9. Review of 2019 Competitions and Leagues

- Thanks to everyone for playing and supporting GBTC in the MK summer & winter leagues this year. Fantastic results all round.
- We not only had 6 teams in the summer leagues but now have 3 teams in the winter leagues which is great for a club of our size and I think demonstrates the level of enthusiasm and commitment we have from our membership.
- Thanks are particularly due to all captains and especially Helen Howard for coordinating all of the teams and liaising with MK Tennis.
- As a result of all your efforts, four out of six of our teams have been promoted for the 2020 Summer Season. Open A (div 4 to 3), Open B (div 6 to 5), Ladies A (div 2 to 1) and Ladies B (div 4 to 3).
- In the current the winter medley leagues:
  - The A team has played all its matches and is top of div 2 with 8 points. It will be promoted to Division 1 in next year's Winter Medley. (Only two years ago, we were in division 4).
  - Our two new B and C teams are sitting 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in division 6. Unfortunately three teams withdrew from division 6 early on, so the four remaining teams are playing both home and away fixtures. It's looking very likely that at least one team and possibly both will be promoted to Division 5 next year.
- We are now looking forward to this summer season. For the first time ever, we have entered seven teams in the MK leagues with 3 open, 2 ladies and 2 mixed teams.

## Club Tournament Results

- Finals Day went ahead in September, with great success. We had a capacity crowd to watch some hard-fought tennis in the late summer sunshine. The results were as follows..
- **Open Singles: Winner: Matt Bratt** Phil Cuff vs Matt Bratt 3-6, 7-5, 2-6
- **Ladies Doubles: Winners Helen & Melanie Howard**
- Helen Howard & Melanie Howard vs Liz Archer & Susie Wigginton 6-0, 6-1
- **Open Doubles: Winners = Helen Howard & Phil Cuff**
- Matt Bratt & Agnes Wronska vs Helen Howard & Phil Cuff 2-6, 4-6
- **Mixed Doubles: Winners - Liz & Phil Archer**
- Liz & Phil Archer vs Agnieszka Wronska & Phil Cuff 4-6, 6-0, 7-6 (Champ.Tie-break)
- **The box league** was also very successful

A dinner was organised by the Committee for team and competition participants in November where the presentation of trophies took place

## 10. Election of Committee Members and Officers for 2020.

The current Committee Members are all willing to stand for a further year with the exception of Leon Hargreaves who has stood down. As there were no nominations an election was unnecessary. Chairman-Russell Dunn, Treasurer-Paul Murray and secretary-Celia Hall all expressed their willingness to continue in their roles for a further year.

Officers and Committee Members were agreed unanimously as follows:

Chairman	Russell Dunn
Treasurer	Paul Murray
Secretary	Celia Hall
Wimbledon Liaison	James Hu
Junior development & coaching	James Byles
Teams & tournaments	Helen Howard
Marketing	Pippa White

## 11. Any Other Business

- Paul Murray reported that the net stay has had to be replaced on Court Number 2 as the original one had been stolen.
- He reminded the meeting that the lights are provided free of charge for those attending the Monday night club session. Club sessions may need to be better communicated to members to emphasise that they are open to all.
- James Hu reported that we have 12 pairs of good Wimbledon tickets this year. The draw will take place at 11am on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.