

## GROVE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2015 at 2pm at the clubhouse.

Members present – 25

### 1. Appointment of Chairman

It was proposed by Nick Gardner and seconded by Don Ellis, that Trevor Ward should chair the meeting. Trevor warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting and said he was pleased to see Derek. He said 2014 had been a very good year for all sections of the club as would be heard from the reports to follow and he would like to thank all the committee for their enthusiasm and hard work throughout the year.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mike Ward, Bea Brierley, Alison Copley, Richard Gardner, Alex Smith, Jane Coates and Joyce Nowell.

### 3. Minutes of the AGM held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2014

It was proposed by Don Ellis and seconded by Malcolm Marsden that the previous AGM minutes should be accepted as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

### 4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

### 5. Reports for 2014

#### Secretary's Report

Rosemary began by giving the membership numbers for 2014: -

Full	68
Midweek	14
Country	2
Special Junior/Student	7
Juniors	48
Winter/Indoors	2
Hon. /Vice Pres.	18
Social	8
Parent of Junior	4
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This is an overall decrease of 19 on the previous year. The committee had 7 meetings during the year.

Courts at Graves Tennis Centre, Millhouses Park and HSBC Sports ground were used as our second home grounds for matches. We made a complaint to the S & D committee about Dore and Topley's 'B' team selection in the midweek mixed league as they used 'A' team players. The S & D agreed with us and we were awarded their 2 rubbers.

The 'Open Day'/Plant Sale and cake and coffee morning raised £240 for club funds, but it was disappointing that no new people came on the day. Many thanks to Dave Turner for copying the advertising leaflets, thanks to Sally for her wonderful baking and also to all the helpers.

The Grove Annual Tournament took place as usual and all the matches were completed on Finals Day. Many thanks to Bob Lamb for engraving our trophies.

We received 5 pairs of Wimbledon tickets last year. This year, however, the LTA has changed the system and everyone who is a British Tennis member has had to 'opt' into the draw to be eligible for tickets and our allocation of tickets will be based on the number who opted in by 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

Indoor tennis was again on Mondays at Graves and Wednesdays at Abbeydale Tennis Club.

The trophy for special services to Grove was presented to John Clephan, for being a loyal Grove member for 28 years and having a good spell on committee.

Grove again hosted the Floodlit Tournament with 13 teams from around the area taking part. The winners of the 'A' league were Abbeydale and the 'B' league was won by Thorncliffe and Grove were runners up in both leagues. Many thanks to Deuce UK for some sponsorship, to Lee Hodgkinson for preparing the fixtures and thanks to all who helped run the Tournament.

Alex Smith is our new head coach – taking over from Christos last November.

Derek Cave resigned as a Trustee after many years service and has been replaced by Nick Gardner.

There are a few minor points to mention – we have a new First Aid box which complies with Health & Safety regulations, a risk assessment has been done to fulfill the requirements of the LTA insurance (and there's a copy on the wall) and we have paid £180 for a Music Licence to the Performing Rights & Copyright societies, which is renewable annually. And finally, a list of the 2015 match dates for the S. & D. leagues was given out.

Rosemary was thanked for all her work.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Copies of the accounts were distributed at the meeting and these show a good surplus of £7665. Matt said subscriptions were £950 down, which is in line with the reduced numbers. The bank interest shown of £1884 is the amount received for the 2 years as the sinking fund was invested in a 2 year bond. Matt thanked Mike Ward for obtaining £750 in website sponsorship and £250 in bricks in the wall, which helps to pay for the website costs. Most items of expenditure are similar to last year, but Matt said we need to keep a close eye on spending. £8000 was added to the Sinking Fund in June 2014.

Matt thanked Kay Rollings for her efficient audit of the accounts, and he thanked Steve Goodare for his good management of the bar.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Don Ellis, seconded by Derek Cave and duly accepted unanimously. Trevor thanked Matt for his good work as treasurer.

### **Team Captain's Reports**

The ladies first team won 6 matches, lost 3 and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division 1. The 2<sup>nd</sup> team, who were promoted last year, found the higher league difficult & is relegated to Division 4 but Clare said the ladies had enjoyed it.

John Clephan said the men's first team had a steady year in Division 2 finishing mid table. The second team just survived in Division 3 finishing 8<sup>th</sup> out of 10. Nick Gardner said the third team did well to stay in Division 5, also finishing 8<sup>th</sup> out of 10. Malcolm said although the 4<sup>th</sup> team didn't win any matches, it had given 3 juniors valuable experience in the senior league. The midweek mixed team did well and were 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division 1.

Availability for the Saturday mixed teams had been difficult as usual, due to holidays and injuries, however the first team won 4 and lost 5 and finished 6<sup>th</sup> out of 10 teams in Division 1. The second team won 3, lost 5 and finished 7<sup>th</sup> out of 9 and survived in Division 3 after expecting relegation.

In the Floodlit, both Grove A and B teams were runners-up in their respective leagues.

Trevor said the winter league team which was promoted last year to Division 1, had done well by winning 6 and had lost 7. Alison and Malcolm are both resigning as team captains so replacements are needed.

Trevor thanked them and all the other captains for their efforts.

### **Junior Organiser's Report**

David Ollerenshaw said the under 15 junior team had won 3 and lost 3, which was encouraging and he thanked Christos for his help with organizing the team.

### **Bar Report**

Steve Goodare reported that it was another good year for the bar, with a profit of £1214 which is at 36%. He said however, the receipts are less than would be expected on the stock usage. The new chiller cabinet has proved a good asset for giving better storage capacity. Trevor thanked Steve.

### **Grounds Report**

John Coldron said there had been 2 working mornings when good progress was made with cutting back the tree growth. We again did our own mosskill prior to having the pressure washing done in the spring. Our groundsman, Vic has kept the courts free from leaves on a weekly basis. John said the windows at the back of the clubhouse need renewing when the money is available.

Trevor then reported on the enquiries he had been making regarding repainting the courts. However, prior to painting there is some remedial work required. There is some fretting and cracking of the edges of the tarmac on courts 3 and 4 caused mainly by tree roots. Several contractors have visited and given advice and estimates. So sections of the edges of the tarmac will be cut away and the tree roots chopped back and then re-tarmaced. Trevor has spoken to the neighbour at 99 Millhouses Lane and made him aware of the problems a tree in his garden is causing and he was very amenable. The net posts are leaning badly due to failure of their sockets and these need replacing. The remedial work to the tree roots, renewing the net post sockets and re-doing the tarmac is estimated to cost approx £5000. At the same time the 3 phase channel in the car park will be tarmaced. It is estimated that the courts will need to be closed for about a week while this work is done (probably in March/April). Then the courts will be pressure washed, treated with mosskiller and painted a few weeks later at a cost of approx £7,500. So the total cost of the work required is approx £12,500, which should mean the courts will last another 5/7 years before a full re-surface will be necessary.

Before that, various types of surfaces will be considered and tested prior to deciding whether to continue with tarmac or change to Astroturf type of surface.

Derek Cave said he would like to thank Trevor Ward for all the time he has spent investigating the remedial work, meeting contractors and checking out for the next re-surface. Trevor thanked John Coldron.

### **Social Secretary's Report**

John Adamson said there were several bank holiday American tournaments and the barbecue with a quiz held after the last men's match was very enjoyable. There have been 2 special birthday celebrations, one with a karaoke. The Annual dinner/disco and trophy presentation was held at the Beauchief Hotel and had 44 people there and managed to make a small profit. Following the success at this new venue, a provisional booking has been made there for 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

John thanked Nick for his quizzes and Sally and Rosemary for the catering. Trevor thanked John Adamson.

### **Coaching**

Trevor said that he would first like to thank Christos for being our coach for about 5 years (sometimes with challenging health problems). He said Grove submitted a report to the Yorkshire LTA about Christos' history and informing them that he is taking part in the World Transplant Games for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time by representing GB in the tennis competition in Argentina in the summer of 2015. Christos was selected to receive a 'Volunteer's Award' and he asked Bob Lamb, the Yorkshire LTA President and one of our Honorary members to make the presentation to Christos. Bob said when this was announced at the Yorkshire Agm and dinner in December, Christos received the biggest ovation of the night and that the award was very well deserved.

Our new coach, Alex Smith sent his apologies and in a written report said all is going well so far and that there are 50 children having coaching spread over 8 squads and he hopes as the weather improves a few more will join. He is hoping to approach local schools to try and get into coaching there. He is planning 3 holiday camps – the first for 3 days at Easter and 2 in the summer holidays.

### **General Member's Report**

Don had nothing to report.

Trevor thanked all the committee for their reports and their efforts during the year.

## **6. Subscription Proposal**

This was a committee proposal circulated to all members prior to the AGM. It is suggested that the full member is increased by £5 to £165 and some small adjustments to other categories. Trevor said we have seen falling numbers in recent years and the committee would like to encourage more to join by introducing an incentive price of £100 for new full members for their first year of membership.

These amounts were proposed by Kay Rollings, seconded by Paul Lawless and carried unanimously.

## 7. Election of Officials

John Clephan has completed 2 terms as President and is to be replaced by Sally Huckle. Alison Copley is leaving and Malcolm Marsden is standing down as 4<sup>th</sup> team captain. Rosie Garnock –Jones is willing to assist Mike Ward as Saturday mixed captain. The following list of committee for 2015 was put forward en bloc:

President	- Ms. Sally Huckle
Chairman	- Mr. Trevor Ward
Secretary	- Mrs. Rosemary Ward
Treasurer	- Mr. Matthew Goodchild
Men's Team Captain (1 <sup>st</sup> )	- Mr. John Clephan
“ (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	- Mr. Mike Ward
“ (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	- Mr. Nick Gardner
“ (4 <sup>th</sup> )	- Mr. Trevor Ward
Ladies Team Captain (1 <sup>st</sup> )	- Ms Rosie Garnock-Jones
“ (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	- Ms. Clare Keeley
Saturday Mixed Team Captains	- Mr. Mike Ward/ Ms Rosie Garnock-Jones
Midweek Mixed Captain	- Mrs. Janet Sime
Junior Organiser	- Mr. David Ollerenshaw
Social Secretary	- Mr. John Adamson
Groundsperson	- Mr. John Coldron
Bar Secretary	- Mr. Steve Goodare
General member	- Mr. Don Ellis

The committee was proposed by Nick Gardner, seconded by Gordon Scott and duly elected unanimously.

## 8. Election of Auditors and Trustees

The Trustees are Don Ellis, Alex Ritchie, Nick Gardner and Adrian Ponsford and the Auditors are Kay Rollings and Don Ellis who are all happy to be re-elected.

These were proposed by Sally Huckle, seconded by Dave Ollerenshaw and elected unanimously.

## 9. Any Other Business

- S & D AGM – Trevor gave a report from the recent S. & D. AGM. Bamford T. C. again put forward a proposal to change the ladies matches back to 2 sets to 5 with a tie break at 5-5. The motion was carried by 20 votes to 17. It was also requested that team captains should try and settle any disputes at the time of a match and a reminder was given that refreshments MUST be provided.
- FUTURE DEVELOPMENT – Derek thought that because of the amount involved in re-surfacing and the associated work in rebuilding the wall at the back of Courts 1 & 2, we should reconsider the target set some years ago of putting £6000pa into the sinking fund and aim for £1000pa extra. He also suggested a one-off larger increase in subscriptions and thereafter revert to cost of living increases. These comments will be borne in mind.

Trevor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 3.05pm.