

GROVE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 28th February 2016 at 2pm at the clubhouse.

Members present – 26

1. Appointment of Chairman

It was proposed by Don Ellis and seconded by Nick Gardner, that Trevor Ward should chair the meeting. Trevor warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting and he said although 2015 had been a good year for social tennis, several of the teams had struggled due to the loss of a few team players. He thanked all the committee for their enthusiasm and hard work throughout the year.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Pat Bennett, Jane Coates, Joyce Nowell, Bob Lamb, Mike Ward and David Ollerenshaw.

3. Minutes of the AGM held on 22nd February 2015

It was proposed by Malcolm Marsden and seconded by Kay Rollings 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 2015

Secretary's Report

Rosemary began by giving the membership numbers for 2015: -

Full	69
Midweek	12
Country	1
Special Junior/Student	10
Juniors	51
Winter	3
Hon. /Vice Pres.	17
Social	6
Parent of Junior	5
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Although this is 3 more than last year, subscriptions for the year are £500 down due to the full member being reduced to £100 for new members joining for the first time.

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 some men's and midweek matches.

The Plant Sale/cake and coffee morning was combined with the 'Great British Tennis' Open Day. We made £244 for club funds and gained several new juniors. Many thanks to Sally for her wonderful baking and thanks 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 and we held a ballot of those who had opted in and wished to enter the draw, to determine the winners. The same system will apply this year and the last date for opting in was 19th Feb which has just gone.

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

The trophy for special services to Grove was presented to Janet Sime.

Grove again hosted the Floodlit Tournament with 16 teams from around the area taking part. That is 3 more than last year. The winners of the 'A' league were Fulwood and the 'B' league was won by Graves A. Many thanks to Deuce UK for some sponsorship, to Lee Hodgkinson for preparing the fixtures (even though he is no longer a member) and thanks to all who helped run the Tournament.

Coaching with Alex Smith is going very well and he has expanded his classes to include ladies cardio tennis.

Finally, a list of the 2016 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 loss of £5245. This is due to having spent £12,500 on a full repaint of the courts and some essential remedial work to the tarmac.

Matt said subscriptions were £500 down, even though the numbers are almost the same, but that is due to the £100 'special offer'. Most other items show very little difference from last year.

Matt thanked Kay Rollings for all her help and for her efficient audit of the accounts, and he thanked Steve Goodare for his good management of the bar. He said he is now standing down as treasurer as family and work commitments are taking more of his time. Trevor thanked Matt for his work as treasurer and said Ed Tomlinson was willing to take over the role if elected.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Don Ellis, seconded by Kay Rollings and duly accepted unanimously.

Team Captain's Reports

The ladies first team lost several players and therefore struggled in Division 1 and will be relegated. Clare said the ladies second team had to concede 2 matches due to a shortage of players and are relegated to Division 5.

John Clephan said the men's first team had a good year finishing 3rd in Division 2 but the second team lost a couple of players and are relegated from Division 3 to Division 4. Nick Gardner said the third team did well and stay in Division 5. The 4th team didn't win any matches but it gave 4 juniors valuable experience of senior matches. Janet said the midweek mixed team found matches tough in Division 1 but managed to survive.

Trevor said the Saturday mixed teams also struggled and both teams are relegated and the winter league team has won 2 and lost 7 and with 1 still to play, expect relegation to Division 2.

In the Floodlit, Grove A were runners-up and Grove B were 3rd in their respective leagues.

Trevor thanked all the captains for their efforts in spite of the difficulties.

Junior Organiser's Report

Trevor gave the junior report in Dave's absence and said there was some good news from the juniors as they won all 6 matches they played (and in fact won 26 rubbers and lost 4) and won the under 15 Division C trophy. CONGRATULATIONS to them! It is intended this year to have an additional team in the under 18's.

Bar Report

Steve Goodare reported that it was another good year for the bar, with a profit of £1150 at 36% margin which is similar to last year. Trevor thanked Steve.

Grounds Report

John Coldron thanked all who came and helped at the 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.

The major job of the year was repainting all 4 courts and the remedial work which was done prior to the repaint. This consisted of excavating at the end of courts 3 & 4 and cutting off the tree roots which were affecting the court surface and then the areas were retarmaced and then all were painted. The total cost of this work was £12,500 which also included re-seating all the net post sockets and having new net posts fitted. Hopefully this work will mean the courts will last approx 5/6 years before the courts will need re-surfacing.

Other work undertaken was some tree pruning (costing £500), spikes were fixed on the floodlights to deter the pigeons, the wobbly flagstones on the patio have been done, the path at the back of the clubhouse has been re-laid and some pointing has been done. We also purchased a new netting screen for the side of Court 4. Trevor has recently applied some mosskiller to courts 3 & 4 and more will be done in the next few weeks. The work that is most desperate now is the main entrance door and frame which needs attention as people have had difficulty getting in. There is a working morning on Saturday 2nd April if anyone is available to help tidy the grounds and clubhouse. Trevor thanked John.

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. Presentations of long service plaques were made to Don Ellis and Nick Gardner who have both had 50 years of continuous membership of Grove.

The Annual dinner and trophy presentation was held at the Norfolk Arms at Ringinglow. Music was provided by a Ceilidh Band (through Sally) which proved very popular and a nice change. Following the success at this new venue, a provisional booking has been made there for 14th October 2016.

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

Coaching

Alex said his first year of coaching at Grove had been very successful with 60 – 70 juniors having lessons and the Cardio tennis for ladies is going well. He said he was very proud of the under 15 junior team winning the trophy. He has several holiday courses planned and details are on the Grove website and displayed at the club.

General Member's Report

Don said that social tennis had been busy all year and he thought this was a good time to remind members that social tennis not only provides a good welcome to new members but has provided many players for our teams over the years.

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 £3 to £168; the midweek amount is increased by £2 to £92 with small adjustments to other categories. Kay asked how many have paid by the end of April to benefit from the £5 discount – Rosemary thought about 75% pay by then and Kay suggested making the full amount higher with a larger discount, so it was agreed as £170 with £7 discount for early settlement.

Trevor said the Special price of £100 for new full members, who have not been a member in the previous 5 years, will remain in place.

These amounts were proposed by Don Ellis, seconded by Kay Rollings and carried unanimously.

7. Election of Officials

Matt Goodchild, Mike Ward and Rosie Garnock-Jones are all standing down and we thank them for their service. Ed Tomlinson has offered to be the Treasurer, Jo Ryalls has agreed to captain the ladies, Richard Gardner (assisted by John Cundall) has agreed to captain the Men's 2nd team and Steve Goodare has agreed to captain the Men's 4th team. The following list of committee for 2016 was put forward en bloc:

President	- Ms. Sally Huckle
Chairman	- Mr. Trevor Ward
Secretary	- Mrs. Rosemary Ward
Treasurer	- Mr. Ed Tomlinson
Men's Team Captain (1 st)	- Mr. John Clephan
“ (2 nd)	- Mr. Richard Gardner (assisted by John Cundall)
“ (3 rd)	- Mr. Nick Gardner
“ (4 th)	- Mr. Steve Goodare

Ladies Team Captain (1 st)	- Ms Jo Ryalls
“ (2 nd)	- Mrs. Clare Hollin
Saturday Mixed Team Captains	- Mr. Trevor Ward/ Ms Jo Ryalls
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 Malcolm Marsden, seconded by Clare Hollin 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 John Adamson, seconded by Derek Cave and duly elected unanimously.

9. Any Other Business

- S & D AGM – Trevor gave a report from the recent S. & D. AGM. The scoring for ladies matches is again changing as a result of a meeting of all the ladies captains chaired by Kay, who is the S. & D. President and so she was asked to relate the changes. She explained under the new system rubbers will consist of 2 sets played to 6 games. Where the score gets to 6-6, the official LTA 7 point tie break will apply to decide the winner of the set. Sudden death deuce will be played throughout the match and the receiver is to decide which court the service will be made to. The winner of the match will be decided firstly by rubbers won, then sets and then games.

Another rule change concerns forfeiture due to late arrival and applies to all matches. The new rule is that if a team (or part of it) is 15 minutes late then the 1st ‘SET’ should be forfeited, not the first rubber; if 45 minutes late the 2nd set and thereby the rubber, should be forfeited. The 2nd rubber shall be forfeited one hour and 15 minutes after the start time and the 3rd rubber one hour and 45 minutes after the start time.

- Ladies – Linda Goodare asked if the ladies attending the Cardio lessons could stay on after the lesson and have 1 court during social tennis to practice together as they were somewhat timid of joining in with the men at social tennis. Trevor said the Cardio class is going to move to Mondays anyway to coincide with ladies match practice, so courts will be available on Mondays.

Trevor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 3.00pm.