

## GROVE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 2pm in the clubhouse.

Members present – 25

### 1. Appointment of Chairman

It was proposed by Nick Gardner and seconded by Kay Rollings, that Trevor Ward should chair the meeting. Trevor warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting and said it had been a good year for the club. He thanked all the committee for their enthusiasm and hard work throughout the year.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Pamela & Andrew Haddon, Chris Jones and Richard Gardner.

### 3. Minutes of the AGM held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016

It was proposed by Don Ellis and seconded by John Adamson 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 2016

#### Secretary's Report

Rosemary began by giving the membership numbers for 2016: -

Full	73
Midweek	13
Country	2
Special Junior/Student	10
Juniors	53
Winter	3
Hon. /Vice Pres.	15
Social	6
Parent of Junior	5
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This is 6 more than last year (4 being full members).

The committee had 7 meetings during the year.

Courts at Millhouses Park, HSBC Sports ground and Bamford T C were used as our second home grounds for some men's and midweek mixed matches.

The Plant Sale/cake and coffee morning was combined with the 'Great British Tennis' Open Day. We made £207 for club funds, but there were very few new people. 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 again 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.

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

The trophy for special services to Grove was presented to Clare Hollin.

Grove again hosted the Floodlit Tournament with 16 teams from around the area taking part. The winners of the 'A' league were Fulwood with Grove A runners up. The winners of the 'B' league were Bamford with Stocksbridge runners up. 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.

Finally, a list of the 2017 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 handsome profit of £9318. Ed said his first year of doing the accounts had been a learning curve and that he had added payments to those already online, so that he had not needed to pay out one cheque last year. The subscriptions were up by £1400 to £14,345 and most regular items were similar to the previous year. The item under Sundry of -£1242 was due to amounts being carried forward for 2 years awaiting invoices, but since these invoices have not been received the amount has been added back and therefore cleared.

Ed said £6000 had been added to the Sinking Fund in June 2016 and that the club is in a very healthy position. He said he would like to ask members (if possible) to pay online their subscriptions, indoor court money or match fees etc as this saves visits to the bank to deposit cheques.

Ed thanked Matt Goodchild for his help on hand-over of all the account information, Kay for all her help in finalizing the accounts and her efficient audit together with Don. He thanked Steve Goodare for his good management of the bar and Rosemary for all her help. Trevor thanked Ed for a sterling job in his first year as Treasurer. The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Don Ellis, seconded by Clare Hollin and duly accepted unanimously.

Derek commented he was pleased to see £6000 + interest had been added to the Sinking Fund.

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

The ladies first team won 4, lost 4 and drew 1 and finished 4<sup>th</sup> in Division 2. Josette thanked all the ladies especially those from the 2<sup>nd</sup> team who stepped up when needed. Clare said the ladies second team struggled for numbers some weeks which meant 3 matches had to be conceded. They hope to encourage the ladies in the cardio class to come to match practice.

John Clephan said the men's first team finished a comfortable 4<sup>th</sup> in Division 2. The second team finished top of Division 4 and are promoted back to Division 3. Nick Gardner said the third team finished 6<sup>th</sup> out of 10 and stay in Division 5. The 4<sup>th</sup> team did well by winning 5 and losing 3 and finishing as runners up, however due to some re-organisation of Divisions 6 and 7, they will stay in Division 7.

Janet said the midweek mixed team did well and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division 1.

Trevor said the Saturday mixed 1<sup>st</sup> team won 4 and lost 5 and stay in Division 2 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> team won 2, lost 4 and drew 1. The winter league team will be relegated.

In the Floodlit, Grove A were runners-up and Grove B were 6<sup>th</sup> out of 8.

Trevor thanked all the captains for their efforts.

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

Alex said the U15 team did well by winning 4, losing 1 and drew 1 and the U18 team won 1, lost 4 and drew 1.

### **Bar Report**

Steve Goodare said the bar takings of £3296 were about £400 down on the amount he would have expected. The profit of £1132 was at 34% margin. Trevor complimented Steve on his good running of the bar.

### **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. The 4 small windows in the changing rooms were replaced during the year. The main entrance door and frame has been replaced by David and he has re-attached most of the pigeon spikes with a stronger adhesive. John thanked Trevor for applying mosskiller to the courts in the Spring and in the Autumn. He also said that contractors are due to come 13<sup>th</sup> March (weather permitting) to pressure wash the courts and apply mosskiller.

Since the current £1 coin is being replaced, we will need to enquire about our floodlight coin meters.

Trevor thanked John for doing a good job.

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

John Adamson said there were the usual bank holiday American tournaments and the barbecue with a quiz held after the last men's match was very enjoyable. There has been several 'Friday food nights' during the year, for which he thanked Sally and Rosemary for the catering. Thanks also to Nick for his quizzes.

The Annual dinner and trophy presentation was held at the Norfolk Arms at Ringinglow but there were a few complaints about cold food. The Hotel apologized but said they were short staffed in the kitchen. The event for this year has been booked for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and following some comments about a 3 course meal being expensive, it was decided to have a change to 'Pie & peas' + a dessert which should be approx £10 a head less, including the Ceilidh Band again which went down well.

Trevor thanked John.

### **Coaching**

Alex said he has retained higher numbers this winter than last year and he hopes as the weather improves to have about 80 being coached each week. He is planning 4 holiday courses during the year and he intends to contact Dobcroft school who have a new head to try and establish some working relationship. The ladies Cardio class is still is going well.

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

Don said that social tennis continues to thrive. He mentioned that one of our old long-standing members, Tom Robinson, had died last week. He will be attending the funeral.

Don is now standing down from the committee and Trevor said Don deserves special thanks for his service to Grove. He said that besides being a member of the club for over 50 years – he has served on committee for at least 40 years in various roles as Chairman, President, Treasurer, Secretary, General member and Auditor. He will continue as one of our Auditors and as a Trustee. Don has been a wonderful servant to this club and we will be forever grateful for his tremendous input. Trevor said he would personally like to thank Don for his help and support and to present him with a little gift from the club.

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 £173 (with £7 discount for early settlement); the midweek amount will remain at £92 and the juniors will remain the same. The Special price of £100 for new full members will continue.

These amounts were proposed by Don Ellis, seconded by Nick Gardner and carried unanimously.

## **7. Election of Officials**

Sally has completed her 2 year term as President and Janet Sime has agreed to be the next President. Don is standing down as General member, therefore David Ollerenshaw will move to be General member and Kay Rollings has offered to be the Junior Organiser. Trevor thanked Sally and Don for their service.

The following list of committee for 2017 was put forward en bloc:

President	- Mrs. Janet Sime
Chairman	- Mr. Trevor Ward
Secretary	- Mrs. Rosemary Ward
Treasurer	- Mr. Ed Tomlinson
Men's Team Captain (1 <sup>st</sup> )	- Mr. John Clephan
“ (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	- Mr. Richard Gardner (assisted by John Cundall)
“ (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	- Mr. Nick Gardner
“ (4 <sup>th</sup> )	- Mr. Steve Goodare
Ladies Team Captain (1 <sup>st</sup> )	- Ms Jo Ryalls
“ (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	- Mrs. Clare Hollin
Saturday Mixed Team Captains	- Mr. Trevor Ward/ Ms Jo Ryalls
Midweek Mixed Captain	- Mrs. Janet Sime
Junior Organiser	- Mrs. Kay Rollings
Social Secretary	- Mr. John Adamson

Groundsperson	- Mr. John Coldron
Bar Secretary	- Mr. Steve Goodare
General member	- Mr. David Ollerenshaw
Coach	- Mr. Alex Smith

The committee was proposed by Malcolm Marsden, seconded by Kay Rollings 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 Janet Sime and duly elected unanimously.

9. **Any Other Business**

- Trevor said 4 courts have just been re-surfaced at Millhouses Park and should be a good option for matches for us.
- Trevor mentioned that Bob Lamb has just completed his term as the Yorkshire LTA President having done a wonderful job and he has been presented with the Association's Meritorious Award. Bob said the Yorkshire LTA has changed a lot recently and that they have funding available if any clubs have projects for which they need loans. Bob also said he appreciated being an Honorary member at Grove.
- Kay has completed her term as the S. & D. President but continues in her role as Treasurer.
- Kay said the S. & D. are having a new website and a meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> April has been organized to instruct clubs' team captains how to input scores direct onto the website and these will then be verified by the opponents.

Trevor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 3.15pm.