

GROVE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 25th February 2018 at 2pm in the clubhouse.

Members present – 19

1. Appointment of Chairman

It was proposed by Dave Ollerenshaw & seconded by Jane Coates, 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 Kay Rollings, Nick Gardner, John Adamson, Steve Goodare, Alex Smith, Richard Gardner, Dave Midgley and Ken Hollin.

3. Minutes of the AGM held on 26th February 2017

It was proposed by Janet Sime and seconded by John Clephan 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 2017

Secretary's Report

Rosemary began by giving the membership numbers for 2017: -

Full	66
Midweek	18
Country	1
Special Junior/Student	8
Juniors	59
Winter	1
Hon. /Vice Pres.	13
Social	6
Parent of Junior	7
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This is 1 less than last year, although the full members are 7 less.

The committee had 7 meetings during the year.

Millhouses Park courts were used as our second home ground for some men's and midweek mixed matches.

We did not have the Plant Sale due to a lack of orders. However, we did still have the cake and coffee morning combined with the 'Great British Tennis' Open Day in May. We made £85 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 Steve Goodare.

Grove again hosted the Floodlit Tournament with 16 teams from around the area taking part. The winners of the 'A' league were Fulwood and the winners of the 'B' league were Stocksbridge. Many thanks to Deuce UK for some sponsorship, to Lee Hodgkinson for preparing the fixtures and thanks to all who helped out.

The S. & D. LTA had a new website last year, which entailed all clubs entering their own match results, in addition to sending in the card. So thanks to all the captains for learning the new process.

T-shirts were obtained with the Grove logo on and we provided the junior team players with the logo T-shirts using some of the £250 sponsorship money from Irwin Mitchell. Thanks to Ed for obtaining this.

In August, the clubhouse was broken into, with the side window being smashed and the bar door was forced and the till (with money & keys in it) was taken. An insurance claim was made and we received a settlement of £800 after deduction of the £250 excess. Many thanks to Dave for boarding up and repairing the damage.

A more exciting development last year was that the club qualified for 'TENNISMARK' accreditation. Thanks to Kay for taking the Safeguarding course & obtaining the DBS qualification to become our 'Welfare Officer'. It means our LTA affiliation fees will be halved.

Finally, a list of the 2018 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 profit of £8830. The subscriptions are down by £350, but the total income is up by £600. Using Millhouses Park as our alternative home ground meant the cost of hiring courts for matches was £380 less, but Ed said most other costs were similar. He said the expenses are approximately half of our income. The bar profits were £500 higher and during the year £10,000 + interest was added to the Sinking Fund.

Ed asked that all payments by members continue to be paid online (where possible) e.g. subscriptions, indoor court money or match fees etc as this saves visits to the bank to deposit cheques.

He thanked Kay for her help with the accounts and her efficient audit together with Don. He thanked Steve Goodare for his excellent management of the bar and Rosemary for all her help. Trevor thanked Ed for doing a superb job as Treasurer. The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Malcolm Marsden, seconded by Jake Bevan and duly accepted unanimously.

Team Captain's Reports

The ladies first team won 4, lost 5 and finished 4th in Division 2. Josette thanked all the ladies. Clare said thanks to some ladies from the Cardio class, the second team managed to put out a team each week and they won 2 and lost 6.

John Clephan said the men's teams got on well, with the first and second teams both winning 3 and losing 6. The first team were 6th in Division 2 and the second team were 8th in Division 3. The third team were also 8th in Division 5. The 4th team did well by winning 6 and losing 4 and finished 4th in Division 7.

Janet said the midweek mixed team had a difficult season and won 3 and lost 11 and will be relegated.

Trevor said the Saturday mixed teams both won 4 and stay in their respective divisions.

In the Floodlit, both teams were mid-table.

Trevor thanked all the captains for their efforts.

Junior Organiser's Report

The junior U15 team did well as they won 5, lost 3 and finished 2nd and the U18 team won 3, lost 4 and finished 4th. Ed said himself and Kay hope to resume the Sunday evening junior social after Easter and he said it was particularly pleasing to have juniors and parents involved.

Bar Report

Steve Goodare sent a report that takings were at a record level of £3730 with a net profit of £1635 (around £500 more than last year) and would have been even higher but for the theft. The biggest seller is the bottled beers (615), closely followed by the bottled lager (580). There are no plans to increase prices this year.

Trevor thanked Steve for his good running of the bar.

Grounds Report

John Coldron said apart from the break-in, it had been a quiet year as far as the grounds were concerned. He thanked all who came and helped at the 2 working mornings when good progress was made with cutting back the foliage. He also thanked Trevor for applying mosskiller to the courts in the autumn. Contractors pressure washed them & applied mosskiller in the spring and they are due again in the week beginning 26th March 2018. Due to the break-in, padlocks have been put on the gates to the courts as a deterrent and a gate is due to be fixed at the car park end of the pathway at the back of the clubhouse. The swipelock is out of action at the moment as the winter weather seems to have distorted the door. David will check this out and also fit the new window as soon as possible. John also thanked Ponsfords for donating and fitting the new clubhouse carpet. There are cracks at the side of court 3 and at the end of court 4 which are being caused by tree roots. It will soon be time to consider re-surfacing and what type of surface to have. Trevor thanked John for doing a good job.

Social Secretary's Report

John Adamson sent his apologies and a report that there were the usual bank holiday American tournaments and the BBQ with a quiz held after the last men's match was very enjoyable and had good weather. 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 and the feedback about the pie and peas meal was good. However, the disco was not very popular so it was a wasted expense and other forms of entertainment will be considered, e.g. a quiz. The venue has been booked again for Friday 19th October 2018 using the main room and John asked what food members would prefer. A request from the floor was made for more variety in the options to be pre-ordered even if prices are different e.g. having a 3 course meal or pie and peas as part of the choices. These views will be considered.

Trevor thanked John.

Coaching

Alex sent a report that over the year coaching has generally gone well. Numbers over the winter have dropped to 60 but he expects this to pick up after Easter. He said the 2 junior teams did well and he hopes to build on this. He has 4 holiday camps organized for Easter, Spring Bank and 2 in August – all 10am to 1pm. He is continuing the links with Dobcroft School and hoping to forge links with St. Wilfreds as well.

General Member's Report

David did not have anything to report as everything is carrying on as usual.

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 £2 to £175 (with £7 discount for early settlement); all other categories will remain the same. The special price of £100 for new full members will continue.

These amounts were proposed by Dave Ollerenshaw, seconded by Malcolm Marsden & carried unanimously.

7. Election of Officials

Trevor said he was standing down as Chairman after 9 years as he feels it is time for someone younger to take over. John Clephan is prepared to be the Chairman and David Gardner has agreed to be the men's first team captain instead of John. Also Richard Gardner does not wish to carry on as the second team captain due to work and family commitments so John Cundall is happy to take this on.

John Clephan thanked Trevor for his service as Chairman and he presented him with a bottle of his favourite tippie (whisky).

The following list of committee for 2018 was put forward en bloc:

President	- Mrs. Janet Sime
Chairman	- Mr. John Clephan
Secretary	- Mrs. Rosemary Ward
Treasurer	- Mr. Ed Tomlinson
Men's Team Captain (1 st)	- Mr. David Gardner
" (2 nd)	- Mr. 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	- 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 Sally Huckle, seconded by Jane Coates 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 Dave Ollerenshaw, seconded by Matt Goodchild and duly elected unanimously.

9. Any Other Business

- Derek outlined the history of the last re-surface and emphasized the importance of putting money into the sinking fund for court re-surfacing and the floodlights. We added £10,000 this year which exceeds the amount suggested by the LTA.
- Kay asked that it should be mentioned that she is now the club's 'Welfare Officer' and if anyone has any issues they should contact her. Trevor said in view of problems in sport reported in the news recently, we as a club, are taking this matter seriously.

Trevor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 3.10pm.