

GROVE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 24th February 2019 at 2pm in the clubhouse.

Members present – 19

1. Appointment of Chairman

It was proposed by Nick Gardner & seconded by Don Ellis, that John Clephan should chair the meeting. John warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting and said it had been a good year for the club, especially as 8 of our teams gained promotion. He thanked the committee for their enthusiasm, hard work and support throughout his first year as chairman.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Steve Goodare, Alex Smith, David Gardner, Clare & Ken Hollin, Dave Midgley, Jane Coates, Derek Cave, John Cundall and Alex James.

3. Minutes of the AGM held on 25th February 2018

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 2018

Secretary's Report

Rosemary began by giving the membership numbers for 2018: -

Full	59
Midweek	19
Country	1
Special Junior/Student	6
Juniors	57
Winter	2
Hon. /Vice Pres.	11
Social	6
Parent of Junior	6
	167

This is 12 less than last year with full members being 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 had an Open Day in May combined with a coffee and cake morning. This was a good social occasion for members and although there were a few visitors – it did not result in any new members. Many thanks to Sally for her wonderful baking and thanks also to all the helpers & to Dave Turner for printing our adverts.

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 4 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 Matt Bentley.

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

After we were awarded 'TENNISMARK' last year, the LTA have now decided to discontinue the scheme! Instead they have tightened up their affiliation rules.

Finally, a list of the 2019 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 £5400. This is due to having to have a new gas boiler, which entailed excavating the drive to install new pipework to increase the gas pressure. The new gas boiler and the associated ground works totalled £10,000, so but for the boiler, there would have been a profit of £5000. The subscriptions are down by £750 in line with the reduced membership numbers. The indoor courts income only shows a loss of £430 due to a payment being made in advance for January to March 2019. The bar profits were £400 less than last year, which had been a record year.

Due to making a loss, nothing could be added to the Sinking Fund.

Ed thanked Kay for her help with 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. John thanked Ed for doing a good job as Treasurer. The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Nick Gardner, seconded by Janet Sime and duly accepted unanimously.

Team Captain's Reports

The ladies first team won 5, lost 4 and finished 5th in Division 2 and the second team won 6 and lost 2 and were CHAMPIONS of Division 5.

The men's first team won 8 and lost 1 and were 2nd in Division 2 and are promoted. The men's second team won 3 and lost 6 and finished 7th in Division 3. The third team won 6 and lost 3 and were 4th in Division 5. The 4th team did well by winning 6 and losing 2 and were 2nd in Division 7 and are promoted.

Janet said the midweek mixed team won 6 and lost 4 and were 2nd in Division 2 and will be promoted. She said it would be tough in Division 1 and so would need the better men to be more available.

Both the Saturday mixed teams are promoted.

In the Floodlit tournament, the first team finished 2nd in the A league and Janet commented how much other clubs enjoy these matches. The second team won a couple of matches.

The winter league matches finished with the Saturday team winning 8 and losing 6 and finished 4th in Division 2. The Sunday team found the matches tough as there is only 1 division and the standard was very varied.

John thanked all the team captains for their superb efforts.

Junior Organiser's Report

The junior U15 and U18 teams competed well with the U15 finishing 2nd in their league. Kay said the Sunday evening junior social went well all summer for juniors and their parents.

Bar Report

Steve Goodare sent a report that takings were £3374 with a net profit of £1246. Steve said he was disappointed with the profit as he thought the income should have been more on the amount he had purchased, so the committee will discuss if to limit access to the bar.

John thanked Steve for his good running of the bar.

Grounds Report

John Coldron thanked all who came and helped at the 2 working mornings when lots of the surrounding foliage was cut back. The next working morning is Saturday 23rd March. Contractor's pressure washed the courts & applied mosskiller in the spring and they are due again in the week beginning 18th March 2019.

The major job of the year has been the installation of a new gas boiler as the previous one was giving problems and was getting too old to repair as it was now obsolete. However, the new boiler required an increased supply of gas pressure,

which entailed excavating the length of the drive to put in new larger pipework. John thanked members for their patience during the disruption and he thanked Dave Ollerenshaw for doing the mammoth job and Trevor and Nick for their assistance. A gate is due to be fixed at the car park end of the pathway at the back of the clubhouse and it is hoped this will be done soon.

John thanked John Coldron for doing a good job.

Social Secretary's Report

John Adamson said 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 and a pie and peas supper in December, 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 again but there was no disco and instead there was a quiz, which went well. The venue has been booked again for Friday 18th October 2019. John thanked Janet for creating a carnival effect on her President's Day.

John Clephan thanked John.

Coaching

Alex sent his apologies and a report that coaching numbers have stayed steady at about 60 during the winter and he hopes it will increase to 70 or 80 over the summer. He wants to let members know that he is doing a Cardio/Ladies class on Mondays 6-7pm. 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 he now has links with St. Wilfreds too. The junior teams competed well and he said more of the juniors are entering tournaments. He hopes to get some of the older boys to come to men's match practice.

General Member's Report

David did not have anything to report.

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

6. Subscription Proposal

This was a committee proposal circulated to all members on the Agenda prior to the AGM. It is suggested that the full member is increased by £4 to £179 (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 Nick Gardner, seconded by Kay Rollings & carried unanimously.

7. Election of Officials

John said Janet had agreed to stay on as President for a further 2 years and all the rest of the committee will stay the same.

The following list of committee for 2019 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. Alex James
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
General member
Coach

- Mr. Steve Goodare
- Mr. David Ollerenshaw
- Mr. Alex Smith

The committee was proposed by Malcolm Marsden, seconded by Sally Huckle 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 Trevor Ward, seconded by Dave Ollerenshaw and duly elected unanimously.

9. Any Other Business

- Beth said some of the ladies were thinking of organizing a social session on Thursday 21st March to try and attract some new ladies to come and have a go at learning to play. They intend asking the mothers of the children who have coaching. This was thought to be a good idea.
- Kay mentioned that one of our Honorary members (Dennis Webb) had died last October.

John thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 2.45pm.