

GROVE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 23rd February 2020 at 2pm in the clubhouse.

Members present – 21

1. Appointment of Chairman

It was proposed by Kay Rollings & seconded by Don Ellis, that John Clephan should chair the meeting. John warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting and said all had gone well during the year. He thanked the committee for their enthusiasm, hard work and support throughout the year.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Janet Sime, Clare & Ken Hollin and Jane Coates.

3. Minutes of the AGM held on 24th February 2019

It was proposed by Don Ellis and seconded by Nick Gardner 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 2019

Secretary's Report

Rosemary began by giving the membership numbers for 2019: -

Full	58
Midweek	17
Country	1
Special Junior/Student	5
Juniors	51
Winter	2
Hon. /Vice Pres.	13
Social	6
Parent of Junior	4
	157

This is 10 less than last year but only 1 being a full member.

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 was very busy with visitors which resulted in a few new members. The profit was put towards the defibrillator fund. Many thanks to Sally for her wonderful baking and all the other bakers and thanks also to all the helpers & to Dave Turner for printing our adverts.

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. The same system will apply this year.

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.

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

The trophy for special services to Grove was presented to David Gardner.

Grove again hosted the Floodlit Tournament with 15 teams from around the area taking part. The winners of the 'A' league were Abbeydale and the winners of the 'B' league were Brentwood A. Thanks to Deuce UK for some sponsorship, to Lee Hodgkinson for preparing the fixtures and thanks to all who helped out by sitting in.

Lastly Rosemary offered 'Congratulations' to Bob Lamb who has been awarded a British Empire Medal in the recent New Years Honours list for his services to Tennis and the Silversmith Industry.

Finally, a list of the 2020 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 profit of £3574. The subscriptions are down by £300, in line with the small difference in numbers. The excess on the indoor income was due to having paid an invoice early the previous year. The expenses include part of the cost of replacing the boiler of £2500 but all other expenses are similar.

The defibrillator fund is almost £500 and the amount is to be matched by the club so the cost will be checked out. Ed asked when anyone pays in online if they will note what it is for and the date.

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. Don asked why nothing was added to the sinking fund. Ed explained that due to the plans to re-surface the courts next year, it was not practical to tie up the money for 12 months as it would be required to be available, so there was some excess in the current account.

John thanked Ed for doing a good job as Treasurer. 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 won 5, lost 4 and finished 5th in Division 2 and the second team who were promoted last year, won 2 and lost 7 and remain in Division 4.

The men's first team were promoted last year to Division 1 and found the season tough. They won 1 and lost 7 but managed to stay in the division. The second team won 4 and lost 5 and the third team won 5 and lost 4 and were 4th in Division 5. The 4th team struggled to get enough players and so won 1 and lost 9 and now we have now decided to only have 3 teams for the new season.

The midweek mixed team won 5 and lost 9 and Janet thanked David for playing most of them.

The Saturday mixed A team lost all 9 matches and are relegated and the B team managed to stay up.

In the Floodlit tournament, the first team finished 3rd in the A league and the 2nd team enjoyed playing.

The winter league team has just managed to survive in Division 2.

John thanked all the team captains for their superb efforts.

Junior Organiser's Report

The junior U15 and U18 teams both finished second in their leagues. Alex is entering the Under 14 Road to Wimbledon team event this year.

Bar Report

Steve said the bar takings were about £400 less than last year but the net profit at £1281 was up a little so the measures taken to restrict access to the bar to committee only, certainly seems to have helped. He said he is now stepping down from running the bar after 8 years and he gave his good wishes to his successor. John thanked Steve for doing a great job on the bar and said he deserved a round of applause.

Grounds Report

John Coldron thanked all who came and helped at the working mornings when lots of the surrounding foliage was cut back. Contractor's pressure washed the courts & applied mosskiller in the spring and they are due again on 9th March 2020. John thanked Pete Rollings for doing a good job as groundsman and for his cleaning of the clubhouse. John has fitted a new external door on the emergency exit near the bar.

Next he said that plans are being made to re-surface the courts next year (2021). A sub-committee has been set up to look into the options and develop the plans. It is proposed that the best surface is hard court as we have now, due to the amount of debris we have. Estimates are currently being obtained. There is some associated work that needs doing – such as the cracks along the edge of Court 4 due to the tree roots, so these will have to be dealt with. Also the wall at the back of Courts 1 & 2 is leaning and the committee recommends that it is rebuilt before the re-surfacing. The low fence on court 1 and the patio both need attention and the car park could do with re-surfacing if funds are sufficient. The courts will be out of use 2/3 weeks for the re-surfacing and there will be other part closures for the other work.

John is now stepping down as groundsman and is to be replaced by Trevor.

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. Also President's Day went well – thanks to Janet and thanks for the bunting.

The Annual dinner and trophy presentation with a Quiz was held at the Norfolk Arms at Ringinglow which went well but there were a few complaints about some of the food being poor. So it was decided to change to the Omega at Abbeydale and a provisional booking has been made for Friday 23rd October and a deposit is now required. John also said the pre-Christmas 'Horse Race' night with pie/peas supper was a good night and made a profit of £100 for the Defibrillator fund.

John Clephan thanked John.

Coaching

Alex said his coaching numbers have stayed steady over the year. He is planning to start a new class for Tiny Tots aged 2 – 4 from Easter. He has 4 holiday camps organized for the Spring and Summer – all 10am to 1pm. He is looking to expand his links with the local schools (Dobcroft and St. Wilfreds) by running an inter-school festival during Wimbledon. He is in favour of moving our Open Day to Sunday afternoon as it may attract more people.

Welfare

Kay said the LTA is taking the issue of Welfare and Safeguarding very seriously and that she herself, Alex and Dave Gardner have had CRB checks and undergone some training. She asked to be notified if anyone has any concerns.

General Member's Report

There was no 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 to £185 (with £8 discount for early settlement) and a £2 increase for midweek. The special price of £100 for new full members will continue.

The option to pay monthly at £16 per month is to be offered. Any members requesting to do this will be required to sign to commit to all 12 monthly payments.

These amounts were proposed by Nick Gardner, seconded by Steve Goodare & carried unanimously.

7. Election of Officials

John has agreed to stay on as Chairman. The following changes are proposed – Clare is to be replaced as ladies 2nd team captain by Jo Freeman, Steve Goodare (Bar) is to be replaced by Ken Hollin & John Coldron (Grounds) is to be replaced by Trevor Ward. The following committee 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
Ladies Team Captain (1 st)	- Ms Jo Ryalls
" (2 nd)	- Ms. Jo Freeman
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. Trevor Ward
Bar Secretary	- Mr. Ken Hollin
General member	- Mr. David Ollerenshaw
Coach	- Mr. Alex Smith

The committee was proposed by Josette Ryalls, 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 all are happy to be re-elected. The Auditors are Kay Rollings and Don Ellis and Don wishes to step down so Kay will continue as the sole Auditor.

These were proposed by Trevor Ward, seconded by Kay Rollings and duly elected unanimously.

9. Any Other Business

- John Clephan mentioned that sadly Mary Lawless passed away 2 weeks ago and he said our condolences go to Paul and his family.
- Beth said she is organizing a Charity American Tournament on Sunday 5th April commencing at 2pm in support of the Sheffield Rape and Sexual Abuse centre.

John thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 3pm.