

GLTC Annual General Meeting – 2 March 2022

Clubhouse

Present	Apologies	
Trisha Esplin Jacque Woolley Jane Bowen Debbie Bowes William Freeman Maddy Marley Andy Rice Kirsty Rowlandson Marc Squire Adrian Holley Callum Forsyth Krystyna Windle Clare Jackson Sally Harris Kim Queree Peter Matthewson Joy Brown Richard Yaxley	James Marchant Malcolm Bentley Peter Sharpe Charles Hassel Rosie Gorman Jane Patterson Callum Charmian Bees Tony Hopwood Lynne Rushdon Penelope Maitland Jill Rance	

1. MINUTES OF LAST AGM

Minutes were signed off.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Trisha Whitehead

Welcome everyone to a live Grove AGM.... What a treat !

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve the club as your Chairperson for the last 3 years.

It's certainly been a most challenging period since March 2020 for everyone, and I'd like to sincerely thank all the members for your support and understanding throughout. The committee have navigated their way through the minefield of the ever changing , and often conflicting guidance from the LTAbut have acted at all times with the members' wellbeing as their priority. In fact our growth in membership has never been greater , and hopefully we can sustain this by continuing to provide our members with both the facilities and level of play that they want .

So I have to thank the Committee both personally & on your behalf , for their sterling efforts and support ... they are volunteers and have given their precious time to the club for our benefit....for that we are most grateful.

We have 2 Committee members standing down ...Maddy & Andy..

Maddy has been a stalwart organising the Social sessions , both on and off the court ,coping with those Covid Curve Balls thrown at us , with aplomb! Quiz nights & BBQs have been enjoyed and we're really grateful to you Maddy. Please accept this small token as a gesture of our thanks .

Andy has been the club's steadfast scribe and kept us up to date ,informed and amused over the past years and for that we're really grateful..Please accept this with thanks Andy .

Welcome to both your replacements, Kim & Dave.

Another thank-you must go to Marc Squire and his coaching team who continue to attract and inspire both adult & the next generation of young players . We are a community as a club and we look forward to seeing our community thrive and prosper in the year ahead.

So let me finish by thanking you all for your support and let's all look forward to a fantastic tennis year ahead .
Sincerely Trisha

3. TREASURER'S REPORT – Lorraine Squire (read by Trisha)

Treasurer's Report to the Members of The Grove Tennis Club For the year ended 31st December 2021

I am pleased, to present this report for the end of the financial year ended 31st December 2021. I would like to thank you all for your support to the club, which without you, would not be the success that it is.

At the time of writing, the accounts are still with the accountants being audited. Once they are complete, copies will be available for members. I will be available for any questions on the accounts once finalised.

For the year, more income was generated than the previous year 2020, due to the Covid 19 pandemic restrictions being lifted to allow playing sports to start.

Membership income increased by nearly 50%, ladies and men's training, coach non member's fee, floodlight fees, quiz night etc and the extra Covid 19 grant from the government helped raise income to £58443.00.

We have been paying the LTA loans for the lights and courts and I am pleased to say that the loan for the courts is now fully paid and the loan for the lights has two more payments, total £2400.00

For the year 2021, the main expense has been court cleaning, repairs to lights and general ground repairs. New fencing will still be an ongoing project for the future. The grounds are maintained on a regular basis, which I am sure you have appreciated.

Over all the overheads for the club in 2021, were £35800.00 which is more than 2020, which given the extra use of the club from the previous year would be expected.

We still have been able to put money aside in the sinking fund for when the courts, fencing or large expenses must be paid. This is due to your committee as always being diligent in their commitment to the club.

My concern for the coming year will be the electrical costs, which will need to be monitored closely.

As we now enter the next financial year it is important for the club to keep the momentum of membership and fundraising and to build on the success of previous years.

Lorraine Squire
Treasurer

4. HOUSE AND GROUNDS REPORT

House report – Jacque Woolley

1. Maintenance

- Cleaning is now being done fortnightly.

2. First aid

- I check the first aid box (in the cupboard to the right of the sink) every month. It would be great if you could let me know, however, if you use anything from it, to minimise the chance that somebody else needs to use it before I've checked it. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE ICE-PACKS AND FROZEN PEAS IN THE FREEZER COMPARTMENT OF THE FRIDGE.

3. Recycling

- As we start using the clubhouse more, it would be great to start recycling more so please use the categorised bins again.

Any ideas that you may have to improve the clubhouse, please email me

Jacque Woolley

jacque.woolley@hotmail.com

Grounds report – James Marchant

To support Marc's team, in their non-coaching hours they have been running the day-to-day groundskeeping in 2021/2.

2021 Significant Activities:

- The light box has been replaced
- Trish has organised lower cost light bulb replacement

2022 Planned Activities

- Tightening of fences
- Re-tarmacking the drive (potholes to be filled in)
- Replacement of security lights which run alongside courts 1 & 2.

Ongoing maintenance:

- I have made sure that the club is maintained to its current standard. If there are any members who have a few hours a month to work on grounds improvement projects: I will accept any help – pls. contact me.
- The courts will be deep cleaned externally three times this year and we rely on the efforts of members to keep the courts clean and clear of any litter and fallen leaves and seeds.

Please email me with any issues/requested improvements with the grounds: james@haverplastics.co.uk

Enjoy 2022 tennis.

James Marchant

5. SOCIAL REPORT – Maddy Marley

Social Play

Social tennis was resumed on 3rd April (from the early 2021 lockdown) We kept to the normal agenda of 2-4pm on Saturdays and 6-8 pm Tuesdays (Summer).

We attempted to keep the same 2-4pm slot on Saturdays during the winter, but some members expressed dissatisfaction about not starting earlier. We were able to compromise with the Saturday junior session by starting Winter play earlier, at 1pm and allowing juniors to stay on if they wished.

We also decided to keep social play going throughout the winter on Tuesday evenings, alongside Winter league. , starting at 5.30 pm on 2 courts, and continuing throughout the evening on 1 court. Lights included. This has seen a good uptake and it's nice to see all the tennis courts full on Tuesday evenings. This has been in contrast to previous years which have seen no social play alongside Winter league.

Overall for social play we have seen better attendance than previous years and lots of enthusiasm The WhatsApp group has really helped with communication about attendance at social or to arrange private games. New members have been made to feel welcome and included.

Tennis ball quality has also improved as we now have use of the balls from winter league. In addition, the small profit we have made from various social events has been set aside for new balls for social, and I would hope that the club agrees that this use of the profits made from Social events continues.

We have also been using light tokens at no extra cost to members. If members arrive for social play we have a system to make available tokens for that session.

Events

Opening the clubhouse 24th July

To celebrate the new kitchen and lifting of indoor mixing restrictions we held a tennis club clinic, 1-2pm, followed by complementary PIMMS and homemade cakes. The sun shone and the attendance was great (many people enjoying refreshments and social tennis)

Club Tournament finals day 18th September

We offered a BBQ and PIMMS alongside the tennis matches for a nominal cost of £5 per head (originally was £10 but feedback from parents was this was too pricey for kids). Payment was taken mainly on the Zettle, which meant transactions were easy and there was no need for a float. The attendance was good and the takings generated a small profit which will be used for tennis balls for social. The date meant many people were away, and we could have done with more support from club members and social players.

Quiz 3rd December

We ran a traditional pub quiz with Rosie and Catherine as the Quiz Masters and fish and chips during the break. We

had 30 attendees initially but there was a rapid drop out due to the surge of omicron, and we ended up with 20. We charged £12.50 per head and broke even.

Publicising social events and social play

This was done throughout the year by WhatsApp, Grove website and email

6.MATCH & TOURNAMENT and TEAMS REPORT – William and Kirsty **Match & Tournament Secretary Report February 2022**

Last year Government restrictions were partially lifted and from the 29 March and tennis started to get back to normal. The club entered teams in Cambridge League, Essex Summer and Winter Cups, plus the Essex Small Leagues. The results are published on the board and overall we maintain our status as one of the strongest clubs. This is due to the hard work and organisation from the Captains Kirsty Rowlandson and Adrian Holley. I would highlight the Ladies 1 Team who retained the Cambridge Summer League Division 1 Title plus won the Essex Senior Cup Knockout Competition.

In July further restrictions were lifted to allow spectators and we were at last able to run the Club Competition. The finals day was held on Saturday 18th September, the weather was kind to us and thanks to the catering and organisation from Maddy and Marc we had a great day. It was especially pleasing to see so many new members attending and hopefully 2022 will see more events.

Last year has seen a surge in membership increasing our pool of players and we now have an additional Men's Team. This summer we will be running 5 Ladies and 4 Men's Teams.

TennisRungs a ladder system for singles and doubles, continues and the format has ensured greater completion in the club which I believe has enhances the overall standard of play.

Lastly I have been doing this job for six years and it my intention to do a runner from the Committee. However due to changes at the Cambridge League, my arm has been twisted and I have agreed to stay on until a replacement is found.

William Freeman
27 February 2022

Teams Report

Here is the ladies report plus a short note on the mixed standings:

Looking forward to the Cambs summer league 2022 the ladies teams will be in the following divisions:

Ladies 1 Division 1 - having won the title in 2021

Ladies 2 Division 2 - finished a strong 3rd position in 2021

Ladies 3 Division 2 - having won Division 3 in 2021 a tough season ahead in 2022!

Ladies 4 Division 4 - finished a comfortable 4th looking forward to more enjoyable tennis in 2022.

Cambs winter league finished just after Christmas with another fantastic win for our Ladies 1. Ladies 2 found themselves also in Division 1 but will be back in the more comfortable Division 2 next winter. Ladies 3 finished middle of the table.

We also had reports of some very enjoyable tennis from our team in the Essex small clubs league.

Matches currently underway include the defence of our title for ladies 1 in the Senior competition of the Essex Interclub Summer Cup. We also have a team in the Junior Cup of the same competition and looking forward to getting these matches started.

The vets league has got off to a good start this season with a win. These matches comprise of ladies, mens and mixed rubbers and have 2 teams representing the club.

Thank you very much for all the organising and hard work by the captains: Jane Bowen (Ladies 1), Debbie Bowes (Ladies 2), Clare Jackson (Ladies 3), Clare Flynn (Ladies 4) and Penelope Maitland (Essex small clubs) who have all put in a significant amount of their spare time putting our teams together.

We have mixed teams in Division 1, 2 and 3 in the summer league. Following a slightly disappointing Winter League, where we struggled to put teams out, we are hoping to put that behind us and put together 3 solid teams to represent the club in the summer of 2022.

If you haven't already please sign up to team tennis using the survey monkey link below and represent your club - we need you!

Kirsty Rowlandson

7. PR – Andy Rice

Membership growth has dictated a strategy of not over promoting the club via PR, which has made my life very easy. Internal comms have continued regularly and, hopefully have been helpful. I look forward to welcoming Dave to the role.

Andy Rice

8. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Current holders 2021/2022	Changes for 2022/2023
Chair: Trisha Esplin Treasurer: Lorraine Squire Secretary: Krystyna Windle Match & Tournaments: William Freeman House: Jacque Wolley Grounds: James Marchant Ladies Captain: Kirsty Rowlandson Men's Captain: Adrian Holley Membership Secretary : Jane Bowen	Agreed to stay
Comms/ PR: Andy Rice	Dave Sinnet has offered to take on this role. Nominated by Marc, Seconded by Trisha
Social Secretary: Maddy Marley	Kim Queree has offered to take on this role. Nominated by Maddy, Seconded by Trisha
Non-committee positions Child Protection Officer: Sally Harris/Clare Jackson	

9. MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Jane Bowen

Our membership increased from 275 to 398 members in the last year.

10. SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2022-2023

It was agreed to raise the membership fees by 3%.

11. COACH'S REPORT – Marc Squire

At the start of the membership year lockdown had just finished and everyone was keen for tennis!

The main focus of this year was to get more children playing outside of tennis lessons.

The coaching program started at the start of the summer term – our coaching program runs in line with the school terms.

The summer was very busy although numbers were limited in groups due to restrictions.

During the summer term we held a Tennis Leaders course for 13 years + which is the start of junior wanted to help out with tennis coaching and we had 16 juniors participate in this.

The club also for the first time booked out the courts from 1 to 2pm on a Saturday so that they could play socially which has also been a great success.

I ran the Road to Wimbledon tournament for U14 in May and we started an U8 red, U9 orange, U10 green ball tournaments for juniors which ran on a Saturday afternoon after adult social which was free for junior members.

We are now running the red orange and green tournaments 3 times a year.

Summer tournament = Wimbledon

Autumn = US OPEN

Spring = which we are currently running is called the French Open

These tournaments are an introduction to match play to give them experience and to try and progress the juniors to enter LTA tournaments.

In the summer holidays we ran 4 weeks of camps which were very successful and £1000 was raised in non membership fees.

We have also ran so far 5 adult clinics 4 on a Saturday and 1 on a Wednesday all very well attended and again free to members.

Over the course of the winter we entered 6 junior teams in the Essex LTA league in several age categories and we have

entered 3 junior teams in the Essex summer league U10, U12 and U14.
Marc Squire

12. AOB

Subject	Update	Status
Club calendar and Club Tournament	Sally proposed that we fix the date for our Club Tournament to be on the second Saturday in September each year. As the Hospital Cup is fixed for the third week-end in September, those tournaments won't clash. This was agreed. This year the Tournament will be on 10 September. Marc to put the date in the Club calendar.	Action: Marc
Child Protection Officer	Should safeguarding be a full Committee position?	
Match Secretary	Should a Match Secretary's position be split between two people? It seems to be a very time consuming role. Maybe an apprentice?	

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Not set.

GLTC Regular Payments/Schedule List:

Insurance Renewal – 22nd March
Emergency Lighting, fire extinguisher test – 30th September
LTA Membership – 30 November
Court maintenance – bi-annually end April/end Oct

Krystyna Windle
5 March 2022