

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 7th March 2016**  
**The Club House at 7pm**

Members present: Simon Howell, Simon McInnes, Martin Cash, Jane Paterson, Charles Hassell, Trisha Esplin, Sally Lewis, Marc Squire, Valerie Forbes, Pete Sharpe, Kim Queree, Malcolm Bentley, Alison Peters

**Annual General Meeting**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Jane Pearce,  
James Marchant,  
Rachael Sullivan,  
Tony Mannion,  
Jeremy Collingwood,  
Catherine Fenn-Smith,  
Lynne Rushton,  
Helen Hillson,  
Linda Brisbane,  
Stuart McKeonnis,  
Beth Hill,  
Tricia Heydon-Smith.

**2. Minutes from AGM 2015**

The minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.  
Proposed by Simon Howell.  
Seconded Tony

**3. Chairman's Report**

Firstly, Simon thanked everybody involved with the appointment of our new Club Coach Marc Squire and welcomed Marc to the Club along with his assistant coach Matt.

A big thank you to Pete Sharpe for all his hard work towards the resurfacing of the courts. This has involved a great deal of time and effort.

With regards to the end of year celebration, do members really want this? There was a very low uptake of this last year and it ended up being cancelled. If any members interested could give feedback to Jane Peterson with some positive suggestions this would be very helpful.

Simon McInnes sent an email to all members re opting in for this year's Wimbledon draw. Of out 300 members, only 91 have opted in. This will result in a decreased number of tickets being allocated to our Club. Charlotte has been encouraging all new members to opt in.

Pete Sharpe, Robin Rice, Sally Lewis and Malcolm Bentley are all stepping down from the Committee and Simon gave a big thank you all and gifts were given.

Simon gave a very big thank you to Charlotte who has given her time over and above the call of duty but is stepping down as Members Secretary and Child Protection Officer.

Another thank you was given to Suzanne who worked very hard on the Club kit distribution.

Going forward, we are looking to optimise the space in the car park and will be looking into this during the year.

Simon held a member discussion re the installation of external gates to the Club House. After much debate Simon took a vote re fitting of said gates and it was decided that no gates were required.

There have been no Junior Tournaments since 2006 and Marc has agreed to organise an event.

We will be clarifying the visitor's fees rebate shortly.

Lastly, thank you to all the Committee Members for all their hard work over the last year.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

Martin Cash gave the Treasurer's report which reflects the annual income and expenditure. This showed the income is down £2000 compared to 2014. Charlotte's membership reports showed we are down approximately 40 members this year.

Accounts accepted and approved  
Proposed Simon Howell  
Seconded Charles Hassell

Auditors, Lanhams reappointed  
Proposed Tony  
Seconded Sally

#### **5. House and Grounds**

This report was given by Pete Sharpe.

After the erection of the coach's hut earlier in the year there is now some internal tweaking required. The Club house internal decorations were completed and the external decoration will be completed during the year.

The tree cutting took nearly a year to sort out due to the many communications with the surrounding neighbours. This will now hopefully decrease the falling of leaves/foilage on to the courts. It also clears the area for the impending car park works.

With regard to the brightness of the court floodlights, these were all deemed to be in accordance with the LTA standards.

Maintenance Day this year is going to be 30th April. We will be looking for helpers for a variety of tasks as this saves money for the Club.

## Courts

These have taken three years to complete including the securing of the loan by Martin.

Pete thanked the Club members involved in making the decision to change to Tiger Turf, Charles, Tony and Suzanne. It was decided it was the right decision to change.

Lots of money has been spent on the courts and it is now up to the members to maintain them. Regular dragging is essential to keep them in prime playing condition. Chiltern Sports recommended heavy brushing fortnightly to keep them in tip top playing condition. This would require purchasing a machine which the Committee will look in to.

The level of sand on the courts at present is fine and the Committee will continue to monitor this regularly.

## Benches

White plastic benches have now been ordered through Tennis Equipment. If anybody would like to sponsor a bench then it may be preferable to sponsor a wooden style spectator bench.

## **6. Social Report**

This report was given by Jane Paterson.

Jane supplies all the catering and organises various events throughout the year. It was very disappointing that there was so little interest last year (2015) in the end of year Dinner and Dance. Having held a very successful event the previous year (2014) the plans were put in place for 2015. The event was eventually cancelled. Some money was redeemed by offering a raffle for a year's free membership which was won by Roger Loveday.

Jane welcomes feedback on any positive ideas members would like to offer re future end of year celebrations.

There is a Ladies Social Tournament being held during the day on 22nd March.

Another possible adult and child tournament at some stage.

## **7. Matches and Tournaments**

This report given by Malcolm Bentley.

Malcolm gave special praise to the Ladies Team who won the Brickwood Cup.

Summer results - Mens

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th team all relegated  
4th team finished 4th in their division.

Winter results - Mens

1st and 3rd team relegated  
2nd team finished 3rd in their division

Summer results – Ladies

Winter results – Ladies

Mixed results

Veterans results

Regarding the Club Tournament we needed more ladies singles entrants.

## **8. Nominations and Election of Officers, Committee Members and Auditors**

Chairman: Simon Howell  
Proposed: Simon Beckwith  
Seconded: Malcolm Bentley

Treasurer: Martin Cash  
Proposed: Pete Sharpe  
Seconded: Jane Paterson

Secretary: Alison Peters  
Proposed: Malcolm Bentley  
Seconded: Trisha Esplin

Matches and Tournaments: William Freeman  
Proposed: Simon Howell  
Seconded: Simon McInnes

Men's Captain: Paul Kent  
Proposed: Simon Howell  
Seconded: Trisha Esplin

Ladies Captain: Trisha Esplin  
Proposed: Sally  
Seconded: Pete Sharpe

Social Secretary: Jane Paterson  
Proposed: Trisha Esplin  
Seconded: Valerie Forbes

PR: Simon McInnes  
Proposed: Simon Howell  
Seconded: Pete Sharpe

Grounds: James Marchant  
Proposed: Pete Sharpe  
Seconded: Simon McInnes

House: Charles Hassell  
Proposed: Trisha Esplin  
Seconded: Malcolm Bentley

Membership Secretary: Jane Pearce  
Proposed: Simon Howell  
Seconded Malcolm Bentley

Child Protection Officer: Charlotte Harrington  
Proposed: Simon Howell  
Seconded: Pete Sharpe

#### **9. Subscriptions for the Year 2015/2016**

There will be no increase in subscriptions this year.  
Proposed Simon Howell  
Seconded Paul Kent

There will not be a rebate for visitor's fees.

#### **10. Coaches report**

This report given by Marc Squire.

Marc thanked the Club for his very warm welcome. With regard to the sessions in place Marc has had to temporarily cancel the Cardio session due to the poor uptake. Extra sessions have been added for the Ladies Teams. At present there are fluctuations in the men's attendance on Wednesdays and Sunday's.

The recent Men's Singles Tournaments have been really successful and Marc will be looking to carry this on. Possibility of a similar tournament for Ladies if wanted.

Marc would like to organise more friendly tournaments during the day which will bring together all the different social/coaching groups. With regard to payment of block coaching courses payment can be made either in total for the block or weekly if preferred.

#### Juniors

85 juniors signed up for weekly coaching. The fees were reduced to £7. The junior membership needs assistance and Marc said he is contacting the local Schools. There are some juniors that have been entered in to the Road to Wimbledon and Marc is encouraging Junior Tournaments during the School holidays.

Marc introduced Matt, his assistant Coach.

Marc asked that he be sent a Club Match Fixture List so he can work his bookings around these.

#### **11. Proposals**

Coaching - proposal that non Junior players can attend Junior Coaching during the holidays with a view to extending this to during the main time Coaching. There were problems with this previously due to non-transparency of non-member fees.

Proposal passed - to be reviewed in September 2016.

**12. AOB**

There was no other business.

Meeting finished 8.55pm

*S Lewis*