

HADDINGTON TENNIS CLUB

Minutes of AGM 21 February 2022

Committee attendees

Ewen Macpherson (EM)
 Brian East (BE)
 Jonathan Simpson (JS)
 John Tweeddale (JT)
 Gwen Andrew (GA)
 Kirsten McGregor (KM)

Members

Sandra Gaughan (SG)
 Rudi Fruzynski (RF)
 Jack Booker (JB)
 Jimmy McGinnes (JMc)
 Colin Elliot (CE)

Apologies

Eileen Anderson
 Bruce Clark
 Irene Clark
 Joanna Drewitt
 Ron Hardwick
 Shona Bowen
 Dave Tomlinson
 Alistair McKay
 Andrew Hall
 Andrew Hockey

Item	Agenda Points	Action
1	<p>Welcome and Chairman Report</p> <p>Ewen welcomed everyone to the meeting. He went through the content of his chairman's report (attached).</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The members now number 311 – key to this increase is Jonathan's coaching programme. The box leagues are now more competitive and Ewen would like to see more adult and junior competitions this year Club t/shirts – the designs were discussed. Many liked the design and thought it contemporary/ modern but Rudi also wanted to see an example of a t/shirt which featured the Haddington Sports Clubs logo of the goat. Brian will source the logo and Gwen will ask Jane to do a mock up for the adult shirts. The junior shirts feature the baseline design on the front and will remain the same. Once we have both designs for the adult shirts they will be sent to members to vote on which design they like best. Ewen would like more social events this year. Need to determine what people would like. E.g. competitions followed by BBQ. Rudi said the club used to have monthly open competitions at the club with prizes. Kirsten said that the Open Day last year was great for families. She also said that some of the adult family members would appreciate having the opportunity to play if the children could be looked after while they were playing. Jack suggested a start of season event, perhaps a big day competition mid-April or on Wimbledon finals day. Ewen said he was open to ideas. <p>Ewen thanked the committee for all their efforts last year.</p>	<p>BE/GA</p> <p>Committee</p>

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2	<p>Secretary Report Ewen went through the report in Dave’s absence (attached).</p> <p>Pavilion deterioration On 16 February, committee members Ewen, Brian, Dave and John met with a member of Haddington Cricket Club, Support from the Start, Friends of Neilson Park, Enjoy Leisure and ELCC to discuss the current state of the pavilion. The meeting was very positive. ELCC do not have the money to allocate to major works, but suggested that HTC, with the Cricket Club and Support from the Start take on the lease to look after and maintain the building. They would then be in a position to apply for external funding to reconfigure the building to better meet the needs of all users (and potential users). ELCC will let us know what the cost of the lease would be, and also the other running costs (electricity etc.).</p> <p>Ideally the club wants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better storage – ideally a small walk-in room • All lockers to be taken out of changing rooms • A social area, where refreshments could be supplied and people could socialise <p>Brian had visited Longniddry tennis club to see what they had done to their building. He also gave AGM attendees a plan of his vision of what the pavilion could look like if changes were made.</p> <p>Those attending thought it was a great idea but need to consider the fees to do this and how we would manage if HTC took over the leasehold. Currently these discussions are at a very early stage.</p> <p>Kirsten also queried why the pavilion was not there for the play park as well.</p>	Committee members
3	<p>Treasurer’s report Brian presented his report (attached) and the Financial Accounts for 2021-22.</p> <p>The Club had a successful year with net profit up 250% due to an increase in membership and a growth in coaching income (the club gets £2 each time a non-member takes a coaching session with Jonathan).</p> <p>Q: Rudi queried how long after the courts are built do they need resurfacing. A: The courts were built in 2015. Sports Ecosse said that the courts were in ‘good nick’ and that major work would be needed in approx. seven years’ time. The courts were cleaned two years ago and they will also be cleaned again in April before the repainting of the lines. A further clean will probably be required in three years’ time. This year £11k was put into the sinking fund that helps cover future cost requirements (£6k from the P & L and £5k from accumulated general reserves).</p> <p>Q: Rudi asked why we were spending less on balls this year than last year. A: At the end of last year, there was no value against the stock of balls. The £720 reflects that zero value. The £662.40 of balls in stock were bought for the coming</p>	

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	<p>year while prices were lower. We have six months of balls in stock though it is expected that the prices will soon be increasing.</p>	
4	<p>Membership Secretary Report Ewen presented the report in Bruce's absence.</p> <p>Membership has grown from 193 to 311. The main increase has been in families, couples, juniors and minis.</p> <p>Membership fees for 2022 will remain the same as last year. £80 adult, £160 family, £140 couple, £30 junior and £15 minis. Proposed: Sandra. Seconded: John T.</p> <p>Rudi queried why there are not more people at social tennis in the light of the increase in membership. Ewen replied that most of the increase has been in juniors/minis, who we would not expect to come to the social tennis sessions. Sandra thought that the increase in junior membership should be viewed as building the club for the future.</p>	
5	<p>Baseline Tennis Coaching Report Jonathan presented his report (attached).</p> <p>This year has been an exciting year of growth for Baseline Tennis and HTC. The report highlights some key successes, attendance, and plans for the future year.</p> <p>There has been progress on the school front but more can be done. Haddington Primary School has weekly tennis sessions, which they hope to expand to a variety of ages 4/5/6/7 years. Jonathan has yet to contact anyone at Letham and the external of cluster of schools outside Haddington, but is hoping to sort something out before the summer.</p> <p>Knox Academy not been happening – one issue is the time needed get to and from the courts.</p> <p>Jonathan hopes to run a Parent and Child competition around summertime.</p>	
6	<p>Court Maintenance As stated in the Secretary Report, the courts will be cleaned and repainted this year, with the work expected to start on 25 April. The courts will be closed for one week.</p> <p>Two new nets were fitted last year with a further two to be fitted in the spring after the work carried out on 25 April.</p> <p>John Tweeddale has cleaned the moss recently. John was asked to seek help from other club members when undertaking big jobs.</p>	
7	<p>Publicity Last year we ran two adverts in the Courier: one at the start of the season and the other to promote the Open Day. Various posters and A5 leaflets were produced</p>	

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	<p>alongside updates on our facebook and website pages. When joining, new members were asked where they heard about the club, to help determine where we could allocate future spend most effectively. Unfortunately only a few responded but the leaflets, word of mouth and HTC website were mentioned.</p> <p>Three HTC newsletters were produced last year (now numbering five) to keep members up to date with what was happening. Unclear what the readership is but it's there for people to read, if they want.</p> <p>Promotion around family play on a Sunday requested.</p>	GA/KM +																		
8	<p>Social play Rudi asked why more ladies didn't join in social play. Gwen said that her understanding was that on previous occasions a few of the male club members made it known that they only wanted to play with people with whom they could have a good game, which often meant 'fixing' the cards. Hence, the reluctance of ladies to come along. Kirsten reported that someone she knows went along and was told that they "weren't sure why she was there as she wasn't very good". She wasn't sure who to report this to.</p> <p>Jack B. felt that there needed to be an attitudinal change at the club, so that everyone feels welcome.</p>																			
9	<p>Election of Officers</p> <p>No names had come forwarded to take on committee roles, so the current committee will continue. Brian has undertaken the role of Treasurer for many years and intended to stand down this year. He has had a conversation with a club member who hopefully in four months' time will be able to undertake this role. Brian will continue in the meantime. The meeting was asked if it had any objections to the holder of this role changing half way through the season: the meeting all voted 'no objection'.</p> <p>A new role of Family Representative has been created. Proposed: Jack. Seconded: John T. Kirsten will fill this role this year.</p> <p>Rudi asked if the committee should be expanded. It was thought that the number was right but that other club members should be asked to help out with key projects/ larger workloads, as and when required.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Chairman</td> <td>Ewen Macpherson</td> <td>Proposed: John T Seconded: Kirsten</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>David Tomlinson</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Brian East</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Membership secretary</td> <td>Bruce Clark</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Club Coach</td> <td>Jonathan Simpson</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Publicity</td> <td>Gwen Andrew</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Chairman	Ewen Macpherson	Proposed: John T Seconded: Kirsten	Secretary	David Tomlinson		Treasurer	Brian East		Membership secretary	Bruce Clark		Club Coach	Jonathan Simpson		Publicity	Gwen Andrew		
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	Ladies Representative Irene Clark Court maintenance John Tweeddale Member Andrew Hockey (currently Covid Officer) Family representative Kirsten McGregor	
10	A.O.B. Box league : Jack gave an update on behalf of Andrew Hall on the move to the new system. There is a current issue as there are two clubs on the LTA system for HTC. Kenny and Jimmy have been struggling to get onto it. Being part of the single league does help to 'boot up' ones LTA ranking. Graphic design support Ewen gave a vote of thanks to Jane for all the work she's done for the club over the past year.	
	Meeting closed 22:10 hrs.	