

Haxey Tennis Club
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 7th March 7pm 2023
Venue: Virtual meeting on Zoom hosted by Rick Carter
Minutes

1. **Attendees** – Rick Carter, Liz Duncanson, Teresa O’Connor, Margaret Connor, Korena Gavin, John Windle, Alison Turner
2. **Apologies**- David Gavin, Andrew Jesson, John Blackburn
3. **Minutes of previous meeting** 01.03.22 and matters arising

It was noted that adding a category for non-playing members will be considered when we have improved facilities.

Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed by John Windle and seconded by Margaret Connor.

4. **Chairman’s Report 2022**

If my records are correct, I make this my 9th report as Chair and I have to say that the club has again made more positive strides forward with more tennis than I have ever known being played, both competitive and social, right throughout the calendar year.

MEMBERSHIP No. of Members 96 (same as 2022, was 83 in 2021)

The influx of new members (who are actually quite interested in playing tennis !), has continued but unfortunately a similar number decided not to renew their membership so the total number of members is the same as in 2021.

ON COURT One thing I am particularly pleased about is that we have strengthened our relationship with our Coaching team, John and Jake and we are now working much more closely to deliver the new programme that has recently been finalised. We are also launching a Junior Outreach programme which hopefully our Junior members will support and I mention more about later. So, look out for these on the club WhatsApp group and our website has already been updated with details of the Coaching Plan.

League tennis results were not great last year with two of our teams being relegated but, on the plus side, I think it’s true to say that most of the players enjoyed the season and well done to all the Captains, David, Korena and Alison for managing to get teams on court every week. The first season of the Gainsborough Winter League was trying at best for Korena as it has proved difficult to get teams out and the organisation of the league in its first season has not been the best.

We didn’t run as many internal club Tournaments as in 2021, mainly due to the Winter League and, although I would like that to see them return again this year as it is the one event we organise that brings more people of all standards down to the courts, it is a big commitment on David’s time, as he is also Captain of the first team and a member of the Committee.

Quite a lot of effort from Liz and Korena went into some of the tennis events, we organised an Open Day, Ice Cream Sundays and Tinsel Tennis but the weather was against us last year. However, the end of season barbecue and Xmas meal were hugely successful.

The weekly social tennis events on Tuesday mornings, Thursday and Friday afternoons and Sunday mornings have all been really popular again.

FINANCES Finances have again improved due mainly to Korena's huge fundraising efforts from the club sportswear to events like the Fashion Show, which was really well organised and many thanks also to the models and all those who supported it. We have also received a kind donation from Epworth Sharks swimming club, (many thanks to Colin Dickerson for his help with this), and a small grant from Tesco Community Fund.

JUNIORS One of the major issues for the club is the lack of juniors coming through. Although we have 26 junior members, these are all just named as members of families but we see very few of them either playing or attending the Coaching sessions. This is a particularly worrying trend as none of us are getting any younger and any thriving club is dependent on younger players coming through provide it with a long term future.

As a result, we will be commencing a Junior Outreach programme in 2023, initially by approaching Haxey Primary School to offer some free coaching sessions either at the school or at our courts. This will incur some costs in the additional time for our Coaches so, to pay for this, we have made a modest increase to most of the Membership subscriptions but this will only be between £5 and £10 per year.

Obviously we are conscious that we are all experiencing escalating costs of living so, we will be offering monthly subscriptions to any members who wish to spread the cost over the year.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT PLAN

So, you may be aware, we started the club's development plan in 2020 to add a third court, convert all 3 courts to an all-weather surface with new, improved floodlights and the addition of a new clubhouse.

In August 2021, we were granted planning permission so that gave us the go ahead to try to raise the required funds will be in excess of £220k.

Obviously, this is a substantial amount of money so we have engaged the help of Julie Reed who works in Andrew Percy's office and sits on the review board of two of the larger funders and helps organisations to raise these kind of funds.

We also need to change the club structure to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation to ensure that Committee members are not personally exposed to any financial debts and open up more avenues to funding and again, Julie Reed is helping us to achieve that change.

Finally, once again, thank you to all the Committee and I will make my annual appeal to any members who would be interested in joining us, we meet monthly by Zoom so you wouldn't even have to leave your home !

5. Team Captains' Reports

Korena thanked everyone who took part in team play.

1st Team came 4th out of 7..

2nd Team came bottom and will be relegated to 3rd division.

3rd Team had 16 players, including 2 new members. Came bottom and will be relegated but all players enjoyed it and looking forward to next season.

6. **Financial Report** and approval of budget for coming year

Finances are healthy, thanks partly to fund-raising events and tournaments. WhatsApp chat shows how busy and sociable we are.

Rick asked Teresa to monitor spending on junior outreach programme and Team coaching.

Korena helping Jake with schools outreach programme.

Current account 31 st Jan 2023	£ 9,910.65
Deposit account 31 st Jan 2023	£ 1,275.62
Total at bank	£ 11,186.27

7. Election of committee

- Chair – Rick Carter
- Vice-Chair and Coaching Co-Ordinator – John Windle
- Treasurer – Teresa O’Connor
- Secretary - Liz Duncanson
- Team Captains – Korena Gavin, David Gavin and Alison Turner
- Committee Members – Margaret Connor (welfare Officer) and Andrew Jesson

Rick thanked the group for all their work.

8. Passing of Resolutions

Everyone agreed to include an option to pay monthly for subscriptions..

9. Any other business

All agreed to the proposed change of structure to Charitable Incorporated Status.

Proposed by Alison Turner and seconded by John Windle.