

LISVANE (CAC) TENNIS CLUB

Minutes of the EGM, held on 27 February 2020

Present:

Geraint Richards (Chair), Jim Allen, Paul Carter, Clive Bolton, Des Whittle, Angela Whittle, Diane Davies, Jo Thomas Kemp, Lucinda Anderson, Sarah Hodge, Sheridan Snook, Helen Falsini, Mike Salter, Val McBroom, Ron Kelly, Linda Kelly, Mike Shipman, Caroline Jacobson, Sam Collier, Paula Jones, Greg Jones, Leigh Caveney, Matt Gelsomini, Steve Finch (24 members present).

Apologies were received from:

Mike Braithwaite

1. Purpose of the meeting:

The meeting began with Geraint Richards giving an explanation to the members present, on why the meeting was called. He explained that it was necessary to discuss the rationale behind the proposal put forward for the extension of Chair's term of office from a one-year tenure to two, with a possibility of a further year.

2. Explanation:

Several years ago, the Chair's post was changed to a one year term of office, as it had been difficult to fill, and it was easier for members to serve a year in office. The Chair also explained that he had been involved in drawing up a long term strategy for the tennis club and would need more than one year to implement it. Therefore, it was agreed by the Management Committee that an EGM would be called and the following proposals should be voted on by Members of the Club:

Paragraph 9.2

The Chair shall be nominated for a minimum period of 2 years (with a third year being, at their and the Club's agreement, decided by the Management Committee and agreed at the subsequent AGM).

Similarly, the post of Vice Chair shall be nominated for a minimum of 2 (or 3) years to reflect the duration of the Chair's tenure. (However, the Vice Chair can elect to stand down during their tenure if they so wish. In which case, an election will be held at the next AGM.)

All other positions on the Management Committee shall be elected on a yearly basis.

Proposer: Des Whittle

Second: Mike Salter

Passed unanimously.

Paragraph 2.2

- Words denoting the male & female gender should be deleted and replaced by gender neutral terms. A discussion on the wording took place & it was agreed that a vote was required.
- A vote was then held and all were in favour of using gender neutral terms. The precise wording will need to be clarified with the LTA.

Paragraph 10.2

- Take out all references to the post of Past Chair, as this position is no longer required on the Management Committee, under the new terms of office.

The Chairman shall be the chairman of the Management Committee. Unless he or she is unwilling to do so, the Chairman shall preside at every meeting of the Management Committee at which he or she is present. But if there is no person holding that office, or if the Chairman is unwilling to preside or is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, then the ~~Past Chairman~~ or Vice Chairman shall be chairman for that meeting. In the event that the ~~Past Chairman~~ or Vice Chairman is not present then the members of the Management Committee present may appoint one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.

A vote on this proposal was taken, and was agreed unanimously.

Paragraph 16.1

- It was stated that the Management Committee had discussed the issue of a member being personally responsible for the payment of visitors' fees, and did not think this was viable. Therefore the Committee would look into this issue, with the possibility of scrapping the fees.

Any Member may introduce a maximum of 3 guests per annum to the Club provided that it is no one whose application for membership has been declined or who has been expelled from the Club. Guests will be subject to the Rules of the Club and must be accompanied by a Member at all times. ~~A Member introducing a playing guest shall be personally responsible for ensuring full payment of Visitors' Fees.~~

The meeting was then closed.