Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE Market Harborough Lawn Tennis Club held on THURSDAY 2nd December 2021 at 8pm remotely by Zoom.

Present: Lesley Paris, Bob Holland, Phil Harris, Joan Barrett, Dominic Krone, Tom Bradshaw, Susan Roberts, Joe Kvatch, Nicky Winch,Carol Krone, Sarah Parr,Ruth Lewis, Ashley Raine, Julie Hunt, Janice Glover, Wayne Burbage, Mike Jewitt, Paul Betts, Christine Siddle

Apologies for absence

Bill Sanderson, Wendy Brown, Iona Burbage, Chris Smith, Jacky Deans, Callum Cameron, Martin Dare and Rosie Brown

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 2021 Annual General Meeting. These minutes should be read in conjunction with the reports circulated separately.

Minutes

The minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday February 9th 2021 were read and signed as a true record. A policy on the use of the changing rooms was an item on any other business is now in place.

3. Chairman's Report.  
The chairman’s report since our last AGM in February of this year demonstrates what a busy year the club has had in opening our new clubhouse, growing the membership and improving access to play for all new members through additional weekly sessions. A number of new initiatives, planting the LOROS sunflowers, tennis rackets for Africa, collecting for the foodbank in town and inclusive coaching which we have just received a £500 grant for. Our latest project is the procurement and installation of a defibrillator, complete with the casing to enable us to house it outside.

The handover of the role of the Safeguarding Officer from Janice to Julie Hunt and Match Secretary from Tom to Carol Krone has happened smoothly. Thanks, were given to Phil for his huge contribution to the club and Joe for his quiet but immeasurable input to the maintenance of the clubhouse and grounds.

The snagging list for the completion of the clubhouse is now complete and our next project will be to install floodlighting for the 4th court and the replacement of the current floodlighting to LED lights. We will look at funding options and grants to cover as much of the costs.

A huge thankyou to all the committee members who have given their time this year and to Bill and Myra, who after many years’ service to the club have stepped down from their supporting roles.

Treasurers Report.

Thanks, given to Lesley for the huge amount of work she does for the tennis club. Flowers were presented virtually to Lesley.

An overview of the accounts was described and the information had been circulated beforehand.

If the tennis club had not received Government assistance of over £17,000 in the last 18 months the accounts would have been in the red. There will be increased costs this year associated with the maintenance of the clubhouse and increased water and electricity bills. An estimate of increased funding required for the next 3 years is estimated at £7,000 and is the underlying reason for the increase to the subscriptions proposal.

Thanks, given to Bob for the care and attention he gives to managing the accounts.

Proposal to sign off accounts Nominated Lesley SecondedSarah

Membership Secretary's Report.

Thanks, given to everyone’s support. Carol and Phil for encouraging the new members and Lesley and Bob for their collaborative support.

28 new 1st year members and the family membership capped at 50 families. 85 people did not renew their membership but this was mostly family groups and 18 adult members also did not renew.

Off peak membership has been changed to a weekday membership until 6pm and the age of children in family membership groups remains capped at 15 years old.

New screenshots have been created to upload onto the club website to encourage new members to create a BTM numbers. Dominic to upload the digital guide.

Match Secretary's Report.

Thanks to Tom from Carol in helping her get started as match secretary. Highlights of team results are: -

Summer League

Men’s 3rd finished 2nd in their league and are promoted.

Men’s Vets team and the 2nd Ladies Vets gained promotion.

Unfortunately, the 1st ladies Vets and the 2nd mixed double teams were relegated. All the other teams should remain in their current leagues.

Many thanks to the club captains for all their work. In the future, we need to decide how we collect the cash for matches to enable it to be a more transparent, ordered process.

Report of Social Committee.

Despite the restrictions Ashley has done a fabulous job coordinating some key events to celebrate our new clubhouse and also recognised the work of Carol in running new members club night on a Tuesday. Thanks, given to Phil for enabling so many events to happen smoothly. Thankyou to all who have given their time to help organise the social events.

Tinsel Tennis – Thursday 16th 7- 9pm.

Head Coach Report.

A busy year with continuing weekly Inclusive tennis and coaching sessions for both juniors and adults. A successful Charity Open Day in June, two LTA tournaments, two summer camps and a new 2-week format for the club championship in September, that was well received. Phil is expecting to be able to resume junior county matches in the 2022 summer leagues. Thanks, expressed to Danny Sapsford and Marcus Willis for giving up their time for the Charity Day.

Many thanks to Ian, Mark, Matt, Harriet, Toby, Richard, Janice as coaches for their help.

Grounds Report

Booking courts for cleaning is helping in scheduling it away from match time. There are some small maintenance issues with re-laying a few patio slabs, removal of pigeon habitats over the main gate, cutting of the conifer hedges and laying of some artificial grass. The installation of cleaning cupboards in the clubhouse will happen imminently, but the fire curtain required for kitchen hatch is still to be solved, due to the high cost of installation.

4. Election of Officers and Committee.

Chairman - Lesley Nominated Bob, Seconded Ashley

Treasurer Bob - Holland Nominated Ashley, Seconded Joe

Secretary Joan - Nominated Lesley SecondedJoe

Minutes Secretary - Ruth Nominated Lesley Seconded Joan

Match Secretary – Carol Krone Nominated Joe Seconded Ashley

Vice Chair Ashley - Nominated Lesley Seconded Bob

Membership Secretary - Sarah Parr / Jacky Deans Nominated Joe, Seconded Julie

Safeguarding Officer – Julie Hunt Nominated Janice Seconded Lesley

Club Coach – Phil Harris – Nominated and Seconded by all.

Other committee members :- Dominic Krone, Joe Kvatch, Janice Glover, Wendy Brown, Chris Smith, Tom Bradshaw, Nominated Nicky, Seconded Julie

5. Election of summer league team captains.

Alongside Phil, Lesley Paris (still open), Erica (2nd team), Chris Smith (3rd team) and Tom Bradshaw (mens 1st team), Dom (2nd team), Wayne (3rd team) Joe (VETS) Nominated Julie, Seconded Joan.

Mixed team Wayne (2nd team mixed) Jon Brooks (1st team mixed – maybe – Tom to ask).

Female nominations for co-captains yet to be agreed.

6. Election of President - Bill Nominated Lesley, Seconded Joe

7. Election of Hon Examiner – Alex Fry Nominated Bob, Seconded Susan

8. Subscriptions for 2022 – proposals discussed for the increase in fees. The fee structure has been examined in detail to be equitable to all. There was a discussion around the increase proposed for weekday members as they so not use club nights or floodlights. However, it was felt that other facilities in the clubhouse were used that other membership categories did not make use of. The proposal to increase match fees as well was not upheld as this was mainly for the purchase of balls and this has not changed.

Proposer Bob and seconded Julie.

9. Any other business.

Audrey Walker and Carol Robinson to be sent some flowers by the club. Joan to organise. Would it be possible to have a clock put in the clubhouse? Chris Smith to be asked.

Meeting Closed 21:15