

## **Mortonhall Lawn Tennis Club**

### **Annual General Meeting – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at the Clubhouse**

**Attendees:** Amanda Brown, Lisa Summers, Christine Hamilton, Russell Carr, Sue Ramsahoye, Chris Giles, Dan Murray, Suzie Laughland, Joan Wallace, Ann Nixon, Isobel Thom, Flora Spiers, Ann Crawford, Lindsey Ross, David Simpson, Alex Fowler, Fiona MacLean, Iain Bruce, Sue Cross, Moira Clink.

**Apologies:** Claire Carr, Margaret Clark, Natasha Edgecombe, Ruth Mustard, Theresa Sutherland, Maggie Urquhart, Max Carr, Jack & Barbera Fletcher, Margot Stewart.

1. **Welcome** - Amanda Brown (AB) welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a brief overview of the last 12 months at Mortonhall Lawn Tennis Club. Membership remains strong and the club remains active in the East of Scotland Leagues with mixed success in 2017, although AB did report that the U9 team had won their division. The first stage of the clubhouse renovations had been completed in 2017 with the new balcony and doors being installed, creating new light and changing the perspective of the building. AB also thanked those present for their contribution to the club as many of the attendees help the club function in different ways.
2. **Minutes of the previous AGM.** Proposed by Ann Nixon and Seconded by Chris Giles.
3. **Matters Arising from the previous AGM** – none.
4. **Accounts for 2017.** Moira Clink reported that the Club delivered a surplus in 2017 of £4.7k. Membership has dipped marginally in 2017, however we still have strong numbers and remain very competitive in terms of membership fees. It was also reported that the court replacement in 2008 had now been fully depreciated. We also received a refund from the bank for fees (as well as interest on this).

Approval of the accounts were proposed by Russell Carr and seconded by Iain Bruce.

Ann Nixon proposed a vote of thanks for Moira who is standing down as Club Treasurer after 10 years (11 years on the committee).

#### **5. Election of Office Bearers**

The Committee is as follows:

Club Captain	Amanda Brown
Club Past Captain	Claire Carr
Club Vice Captain	Vacant
Membership Secretary	Sue Ramsahoye
Treasurer	Vacancy
Junior Secretary	Natasha Edgecome
Men's Team Captain	Vacant
Ladies Team Captain	Ruth Mustard
Committee Members	Chris Giles, Max Carr, Christine Hamilton, Lisa Summers, +2 Vacancies.

It was agreed that a job description for the Vice-Captain be circulated.

AB also confirmed that Iain Bruce had agreed to take on the role of Committee Secretary.

Sue Ramsahoye proposed Ann Crawford for the role of Treasurer and this was seconded by Isobel Thom.

Iain Bruce nominated Alex Fowler as an ordinary member of the committee and this was seconded by Suzie Laughland.

It is hoped that the role of Men's Captain will be filled before the season begins.

AB thanked Suzie Laughland for her role on the committee after several years as membership secretary and an ordinary committee member.

## **6. 2018/19 Subscriptions**

The Committee is once again proposing that the membership fees be held at the same rate for the forthcoming season particularly as due to the court replacement work, the courts will not be available for c.6-8 weeks in the autumn:-

Family	£300
Adult	£140
Young Adult (18 – 25)	£70
Unemployed	£70 (must be actively seeking employment)
Off Peak	£70 (no play after 6pm Monday to Friday or at weekends)
Junior (11 – 17)	£55
Mini (10 and under)	£40 (adult non-members can play for free with a mini member)
Late Payment Fee	£10
Key Deposit	£5

Fees are due on/or before 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

Proposed by Joan Wallace and seconded by Lindsay Ross.

## **7. AOB**

**Club House Improvements** – Russell Carr updated the meeting on the next phase of work planned for the inside of the Club House which in the main is to increase the size of the kitchen, improve the insulation and update the décor (fixtures and fittings). Russell is currently in discussions with the Council about the scope of works and progression of these discussions will determine the timescales. Other options have been considered to improve the layout/facilities however there are safety and cost parameters that the committee want the project to work within. It is likely that the insurance costs will increase in the future. Russell is project managing on behalf of the committee. As discussed at the meeting, we will look at the options for hand driers and hot water for the toilets.

A vote of thanks was offered to Russell for the work carried out to date.

**Court Improvements** – Chris Giles updated the meeting on the plans for the refurbishment of the courts which is planned for the Autumn of 2018 with work starting after finals day. A small sub group have been leading on this – Chris, Dan, Ruth and Max.

The courts are now 10 years old and as well as putting down a new carpet, we are planning to replace the sub structure to help improve the drainage and overall playing surface. Additionally

Chris advised that we are also looking at the option of putting in place a kids zone where the current practice wall is – this would involve pushing the practice wall back and putting in a practice area/short court for children.

A project manager will be appointed to oversee the project. The Club will look at funding options including grants and an interest free loan and success with these will determine whether we complete both projects in 2018 as we do not want to use all of the current funds in the bank.

By the end of April we aim to have a project plan confirmed, have tested possible surfaces and know what external funding options are available. The project will be tendered and the Project Manager will manage the work on our behalf.

AB advised that we would look to provide alternative playing options for members during this period.

**No other AOB.**

End of Meeting