

# **North Berwick Tennis Club**

## **Annual General Meeting**

### **Tuesday 21st February 2017 - MINUTES**

Present: John Reid (President), Mark Coke, John Mortimer, Andrew Rogers, Melissa Rogers, Morag MacFadyen, Ken Lauder, Christine Charles, Anthony Charles, Tom Burt, Fiona Gibson, Sue Laing, Rita McVey, Sheila Marshall, Leslie Campbell, Shirley Walker, Susan Paterson, Karen Price, Ann Hume, Judy Ross, Mimi Anderson, Anneli Lyon, Isabel Anderson and Steph Coke (Minutes)

Apologies: Steve Wilson, Gordon Blair, Jo Drewitt, Marion Ferguson, Barry Alsop, Trudi Reid and Alison Bolt

#### **Approval of Minutes of AGM 2016**

Proposal to approve Minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting

Proposed - Steph Coke

Seconded - Mark Coke

*Minutes approved and sent to record*

#### **Approval of Minutes of EGM 23rd June 2016**

Proposal to approve Minutes of the Emergency General Meeting held 23rd June 2016

Proposed - Ken Lauder

Seconded - John Mortimer

*Minutes approved and sent to record*

#### **President's Report.**

NBTC now has a new website, to be launched 1st March 2017, thanks to Steph Coke for the work in developing this, The website is free from the LTA.

Court resurfacing, Gordon Blair has been submitting grants, on behalf of the club and going forward the committee will be looking at various options, to sustain the costs of the courts over the coming years. Many thanks to Gordon for all his hard work.

East Lothian Open, NBTC had another successful year hosting the ELO and the bar raised over £3000 for the club. Many thanks to Ken Lauder and Andrew Fletcher for all their hard work organising and running the bar.

This year the club has had mixed success concerning the cafe. Jane and Tim Bonfield ran a very successful cafe over the East Lothian Open and this was followed by some limited success concerning the operation of the cafe by Mad March Hare.

NBTC has had a change of Head Coach and the club would like to express their thanks and good wishes to Adele for her service. The club would also like to extend a warm welcome to new Head Coach Roddy Barbour.

Social Tournaments and competitions have proved popular and a success over 2016. The new NBTC Junior Open was a success and thanks to Clair McVey for organising this.

The NBTC Senior Open also proved popular with competitors from all over Scotland and abroad, with the Singles title being won by a competitor from France.

Another successful year for the NBTC teams, with four team being promoted.

A call of thanks to John for all his hard work over the year came from the whole floor.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer reported the following:

#### **Income up by over £3000**

Contributors to this increase were visitors fees and floodlight fees - thanks to captains and coaches for collecting the latter.

- Income rent was up
- Income from EL open now shown separately

#### **Main increases in expenditure:**

- East Lothian Council rent up 20% to £750 pa this will be fixed for around 3 years
- LTA fees up 18% to £780

Also to note that the accounts this year cover a longer period; from 1 Nov 15 to 31 Dec 16 in order to provide more accurate accounts at the AGM by having the accounting date nearer to the AGM date

We are looking to raise funds from grants, hopefully around £40000 to assist us with the cost to replace the court surfaces. We will know the results within a couple of months.

Mimi Anderson asked if the rent amount was reported in the same way, as in last years accounts? John Mortimer responded that he was working each year to ensure that the expenditure became easier to read for members to make comparisons and that this year he had included some extra headings for clarity.

### **Election of Committee Members**

The following vacancies were open on the committee:

- President
- Communications Secretary
- Membership Secretary (non committee)
- Webmaster (non committee)
- Junior Convenor
- General Committee Member

#### **Election - President**

John Reid is standing down as President.

- Steph Coke nominated Mark Coke for President
- Seconded by Ann Hume

*No other nominations from the floor - Mark Coke is duly elected President*

#### **Election - Communications Secretary**

- Mark Coke nominated Mike Maher
- Seconded by Leslie Campbell

*No other nominations from the floor - Mike Maher is duly elected Communications Secretary*

#### **Election - Membership Secretary**

- Steph Coke nominated Leslie Campbell
- Seconded by Mimi Anderson

*No other nominations from the floor - Leslie Campbell is duly elected Membership Secretary*

**Election - Webmaster**

- Mark Coke nominated Mark Sankey
- Seconded by Anthony Charles

*No other nominations from the floor - Mark Sankey is duly elected Webmaster*

**Election - Junior Convenor**

- Steph Coke nominated Melissa Rogers
- Seconded by John Mortimer
- Karen Price nominated herself
- Seconded by Mimi Anderson

Both candidates left the room and their respective nominees were asked to speak for their candidate. Mimi Anderson spoke for Karen Price as her seconder.

Vote Recorded;

Melissa Rogers	12
Karen Price	7
Abstentions	1

*Melissa Rogers is duly elected as Junior Convenor*

**Election - Facilities Manager**

- Mark Coke nominated Duncan Rae
- Seconded by Karen Price

*No other candidates from the floor - Duncan Rae is duly elected Facilities Manager*

**Election - General Committee Member**

- Leslie Campbell nominated Karen Price
- Seconded by Morag MacFadyen

*No other nominations from the floor - Karen Price is duly elected General Committee Member*

**Membership Subscriptions and Visitors Fees for 2017/18**

***Committee recommendation - No increase***

Mimi Anderson asked if there were sufficient funds for court resurfacing and if not increasing the subscriptions for 2017/18 wouldn't be necessary.

-John Reid and Mark Coke explained that definitive costs were being sought at this time and that different court resurfacing options were also being looked at by the committee.

-Anthony Charles explained the court resurfacing schedule

-John Mortimer explained that an increase of 3% would mean the following subs would be:

- Adult 130 to 135
- Family 1 - 165 to 172
- Family 2 - 275 to 286
- Junior 50 to 52
- Mini 20 to 21
- Over 65s - 100 to 104

Karen Price proposed an increase of 3% across all subscriptions. Seconded by Mimi Anderson.

The committee recommendation of the membership subscriptions remaining the same.

Votes Recorded;

For proposal of 3% increase - 6

For membership subscriptions remaining the same - 22

*Proposal of 3% increase was rejected and the membership subscriptions remain as at 2016/17.*

## AOCB

Ann Hume asked if the committee were considering putting floodlights on Courts 4 & 5

-Mark Coke responded that it was a proposal that was under consideration and the committee would be getting information regarding the cost. The committee were also considering laying the electrical wiring for floodlights, at the same time as any court resurfacing work is carried out.

Fiona Gibson suggested that any new floodlight installation be lights that could be folded down, to avoid extensive costs for equipment (cherry pickers) used for maintenance of the lights. The committee agreed that this would be a sensible option.

A vote of thanks came from the floor for all the hard work done by the committee over 2016/17 and Steph Coke was presented with a bouquet of flowers for her contribution throughout the year.

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