

NBTC AGM : Accounts and President`s Report included

9th March 2023

Present : Committee Stuart Rye, Keith Barbour, Ann Hume, Gavin Henderson, Karen Price, Leslie Campbell

Lesley McClelland, Colin Anderson, Colin Campbell, Roddy Barbour, Keith Iveson, Saartje Drijver.

Apologies : Ann- Marie Dunn, Colin Crichton, Kay Henderson, John O`Brien, Debbie and Alan Lahaise, Alison Henderson.

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Stuart welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The minutes of the previous AGM were approved.

Stuart gave the Presidents report : see attached report at the end of these minutes

Some discussion followed regarding increased publicity of the club`s inclusive policy- access to leisure reduced membership, bursary funded events, eg the coaching that has taken place for disadvantaged teenagers. The club`s approach to inclusivity has been praised by ELC. The inclusivity was a requirement for the grant that was issued by Sport Scotland.

Keith Barbour gave a **vote of thanks** to Stuart for his 5 years of work on the committee, 4 as President of the club. The committee and those attending the meeting all expressed gratitude for the improvements in playing facilities and Clubhouse, acknowledging that Stuart had been a major driver in achieving these improvements.

Keith gave the Treasurer`s report.

Advised that the Club has healthy finances, and that a `sinking fund ` should be established to create a pool of money to be set aside and built up for court resurfacing in future.

Keith commended the Bursary Fund to the meeting, and it was generally agreed that the club should promote this to the membership as a whole.

Keith promoted the decision to continue with no additional fees for floodlight use for players, and this was agreed by the meeting as it has significantly extended the time that the courts are in use.

The proposal to maintain the current membership rates and visitor rates at the current level was unanimously approved. It was noted that the subs have remained unchanged for 6 years.

New Constitution: This had been published and links e mailed to the membership with the notification of the AGM. A brief discussion took place regarding the potential absence of official office bearers, and Keith, Gavin and Ann reassured the meeting that all functions would be carried out by the committee, with tasks assigned in a workable manner for the committee.

The proposed new constitution was approved. Colin Anderson voted against the proposal, Keith Iveson abstained, all others voted in favour of the new constitution. (10/12 in favour).

Re-election of committee: Stuart standing down, Keith no longer acting as treasurer, but remaining on the committee. Lesley McClelland staying on as membership secretary (last year).

Ann advised that she will step down as safeguarding officer next year, and Saartje Drijver agreed that she would take on this role at that time. Karen intimated that she will leave the committee next year.

Committee re-elected unanimously.

AOB.

Discussion about strength of springs on the court gates.

Discussion about prioritising timely replacement lighting for courts 1-3.

Discussion about encouraging new committee members- `working groups` seen as a good way to involve more of the membership in the running of the club.

Discussion about facilitating the provision of padel tennis in East Lothian.

The meeting was closed.

L Campbell, 10/03/2023

TREASURER'S REPORT MARCH 2023

The account summary has been circulated. Let me talk you through the highlights of what has been a very busy and productive year for the club

North Berwick Tennis Club

2022 Accounts Summary

First of all, the Balance Sheet

- Total Assets increased by £12,144 giving total net assets of £75,977. This includes £1500 which has been ring-fenced for inclusion strategies.
- This is a very healthy position, given the projects completed and undertaken in 2022 – which I will discuss shortly

Revenue Account Highlights

- Subscriptions are at record high level of £41,000 this year, as is the income from non-member payments from Coaching.
- Visitor fees are down slightly on last year, but at over £5,000, remain a great contribution to club funds since taking over the booking from the Putting Green Hut.
- East Lothian Open Bar proved profitable (circa (£2,000) – thanks mainly to the efforts of Karen, Ann and their helpers during East Lothian Open week – Many thanks to them

Moving on to Expenditure,

- A number of major projects have been carried out and completed in 2022.
 - Courts 4,5,6 resurfacing/floodlights project was completed on budget and on time, with the final payment of £4470 included in this year's accounts
 - We have also carried out a major up-grade to the clubhouse facility which was looking very old and tired. Stuart led this project and we now have new flooring, freshly painted and decorated and a bit of heating and a new cooker thrown in. – many thanks for your efforts Stuart and the committee in making this happen
 - Still on the clubhouse, the committee felt the clubhouse needed to be more accessible for all members so we have installed a new Locking system and made keys available to those members that would like one – Circa £2,000
 - Following discussions at last year's AGM, Gavin undertook to do a major Upgrade to Court Fencing, Gates and Locks – this was carried out and completed in 2022 but the costs of £12,000 will show in 2023 accounts. Many thanks to Gavin in particular for this huge project – again on time and on budget
- The next point to cover is Electricity
 - The decision taken by the committee last year to make floodlights available freely to all members deemed a success and will be continued as long as electricity prices allow. Electricity fixed rate contract ends in July this year and we are anticipating a major increase in electricity costs. We have a watching brief to monitor these costs over from July onwards
 - NB – We have had a major issue with our Electricity charges this year. Our meter broke in February, it wasn't discovered until July it was fixed in August. As a result, unbeknown to us, we have been paying our bills since February based on estimates.

Thus In 2021 we paid £3000, this year, on estimates, we have paid £5000 and therefore we should not anticipate additional costs arising from the Scottish Gas review, which should be available in the coming weeks.

- Still on expenditure review, Rent overpaid by £750 and is being refunded by the Council in the coming days.
- Big Blu café revenue of £1573 more than wiped out by the costs for necessary electrical and health and safety costs of £2,000, as required by our landlords, the Council.

Outlook

- Club is in a relatively healthy financial position.
- Sinking fund for future court upgrades
 - It is proposed that £40,000 be set aside for this now, with a further £15,000 per annum thereafter. In 5 years, the sinking fund will be £115,000, which should suffice for anticipated court surface upgrade requirements.
- And Finally, Given the current financial position, the committee recommend no increase to membership subscriptions for the coming year.

NORTH BERWICK TENNIS CLUB
ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022
REVENUE ACCOUNT

INCOME	2022	2021
Subscriptions	41,007	34,642
Coaching	3,684	1,035
Visitors and Floodlight Fees	5,046	6,405
Rent	-	-
Grants and donations	1,622	81,169
East Lothian Open Bar	4,618	-
Sundry	110	34
Big Blue	1,573	-
TOTAL INCOME	57,660	123,285
EXPENDITURE	2022	2021
Clubhouse / Maintenance / Equipment	(26,117)	(6,448)
Competition and Prizes	(1,572)	(953)
Administration	(1,491)	(724)
Affiliation Fees	(720))	(1,085)

Rent	(2,250)	(1,500)
Floodlights	(5,063)	(3,006)
Court Resurfacing	(4,470)	(117,473)
East Lothian Open Bar	(2,628)	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	(44,311)	(131,189)
GENERAL ACCOUNT SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	13,349	(7,904)

NORTH BERWICK TENNIS CLUB
ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

ASSETS	2022	2021
General Bank Account	75,764	63,770
Court Development allocation	-	-
Cash	213	63
TOTAL ASSETS	75,977	63,833
LIABILITIES		
Uncashed Cheques	-	1,204
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	1,204
NET ASSETS	75,977	62,629
OPENING RESERVES	62,667	70,533
Combined Surplus / (deficit)	13,349	(7,904)
CLOSING RESERVES	75,977	62,629

President's Report.

We finally returned to a more normal year this season in 22/23, after all the disruptions caused by Covid and I hope you are all keeping well

The club returned to a normal 12 month season / membership in 2022 after the covid closure in 2020 and a shorter 9-month season in 2021 - returning to its more traditional April start to the year in 2022 and will be continuing as such in 2023.

I'm pleased to announce that in 2023 the club remains in a very secure financial position with over 75 thousand pounds currently in the account and Keith will cover the finances in detail in the next section.

This is a great position for the club to be in given the extensive upgrades made over the last few years, including, this year, finalising payments for the court 4-6 court surface and floodlight upgrades, renovating the clubhouse and replacing gates/fencing.

The new surfaces and floodlights continue to be well received, with more utilisation of all 6 courts, 24/7 and it's been great to see all 6 courts getting used in the evenings.

The Booking System introduced in 2020 continues to be well received and is helping us all fully utilise the court time.

The public pay & play access on courts 5&6, that we took over from the council and administered via the booking system, continues to run well with access to floodlights included in the rental hire cost.

Our Electricity costs have been fixed and aren't rising until July, so the club has been very fortunate to avoid the majority of the inflationary pressures being experienced by us all and this has left us in a string financial position and enables free access to floodlights to continue, with the resultant high utilisation of courts.

Club Membership remains healthy with 480 active members (303 adults and 177 junior) and it's great to see so many people enjoying the club and the sport

The ELO geared up again in 2022 and was a great success, with fantastic weather (which was almost too hot, as we had to check the LTA weather restrictions on play for the first time).

The week went really well and was supplemented by the Big Blue café and a committee organised and member run bar – both of which went down well with the competitors and spectators alike.

Last year's tournament has since been nominated as one of the two events for the Tennis Scotland Competitions of the year for 2022 and we hope it can repeat it's awards successes from 2019. The club is looking forward to hosting it again this July.

As you know as a club, we are now supporting the ELC "Access to Leisure" to help offer cheaper membership and public play access options for those in financial difficulty, the public can also apply to Try Tennis and I'd like to thank the members who contributed this year to the Bursary fund which was again matched by the club.

The first bursary events took place in conjunction with the NB Youth Project based at the Hope Rooms to provide a coaching course for disengaged teenagers and was a great success.

The hope is to continue this and extend the bursary to offer general junior coaching for families in financial difficulty via the Access to Leisure membership.

Monies raised from recycling balls continue to be donated to charity, with the latest of these going to the RNLI, so please keep recycling any old balls and a big thank-you to Andrew Fletcher for organising the recycling.

Formal team leagues returned in 2022, with both junior and adult teams being fielded by the club. The Ladies first team enjoyed their season in the first division and all 3 men's teams managed to finish the season in the top 2 slots of their respective leagues and the juniors had an excellent season too with two teams promoted...

A full assortment of club competitions were also held last year, including the usual one day round robin events and the adult and junior annual championships – all were a great success and congratulations to all those who took part and won the events.

The club intends to run a full set of events again this year.

The social side of the club also continues to flourish with the club afternoons and evenings being well attended and the midweek social groups still going strong.

The coaching team had another busy year and continues to run an extensive programme, including junior, adult, group and holiday sessions – all of which are greatly appreciated and a fundamental asset to the club and we thank them for all their work

On that note, I'd like to offer thanks to:

The members of the committee Keith, Ann, Karen, Gavin, Leslie and Alison for all their continued work throughout the year

To Lesley McClelland for all her work as membership secretary – she's had a very busy year and has kindly agreed to continue this year.

To all the coaching staff, Roddy (our head coach), Karen (our junior convenor), Sarah Coverdale, as well as all the other coaches, for all their work with the coaching and junior teams and competitions this year

To Colin and Adele for their work with the senior club teams and to Sarah going forward.

To Gavin for running the club social groups - NBTC Organised Games and Household Doubles etc and helping to organise other games for members including the ladders

Lastly, to Keith, Duncan, Antony and others for all their work on keeping the club maintained and the facilities functioning throughout the year

And congratulations to Adele on her recent LTA national award.

Many thanks to you all and apologies to anyone I may have missed...

Lastly, after serving 5 years on the committee, including the last 4 as President, I have now elected to step down.

I hope I leave the club in a good position and in the capable hands of the remaining committee members and would like to briefly reflect back on what have been a busy 4 years in charge.

We have all had the personal challenges of Covid-19 and as a club we had to cope with the changing regulations and closer, which amongst other things, put paid to the club's planned centenary celebrations! One for a future revisit?

But withstanding that, a great deal has still been achieved over the last 4-5 years, with all 6 courts now resurfaced in artificial grass, 3 in 2019 and 3 in 2021. We now also have the court booking system and free to use floodlights. We have new bulbs on courts 1-3 and new led floodlights on courts 4-6.

The ELO won Tennis Scotland tournament of the year for 2019 and was also the UK LTA tournament of the year runner up.

This clubhouse has now been renovated and we have new gates and fencing upgrades.

Public play is now handled by the club and available 24/7 and we have the Bursary and Access to Leisure.

Membership fees haven't gone up at any point and membership continues to be around a healthy 500 mark and finally after all that, the club finances are healthily in the black.

Not bad at all and I think we can all be proud of how the club has come on and how much has been achieved.

My thanks go out to all the volunteers that have made all this possible and who will continue to look after the club and I wish everyone the best for the future...

And that concludes the presidents report.