



# DRAFT

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 – 7pm This meeting was held on Zoom due to Covid19 Restrictions

### Attendance

**Committee** – Lee Milford-Cottam, Denis Jones, Lesley Satchell, Sue Hastie, Rose Griffiths, Jane Laidlaw, Lynn Sinden, Matt Gilbert

**Members** – Ann Jones, Dominic Williams, Ian Lilley, Peter Morgan, Ann Horrell, Geoff Spinks, A Mates, Maggie Marshall, Sue Norman, Sue Knight, Sue Morgan, Carolyn Ford, Jim Brown, Peter Bradshaw, Piers Hegarty, Sorin Sesu, Paul Mitchell

### 1. Apologies

Lee Stevens

### 2. Approval of the Minutes of the last AGM

Minutes of the meeting dated 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were accepted as correct.

**Proposed by** Sue Hastie

**Seconded by** Geoff Spinks

### 3. Matters Arising

Geoff Spinks asked what the situation was with the historic outstanding coaching amounts owed by members.

LMC confirmed that the Committee had worked hard to try and identify what exactly was owed but inadequate documentation made it extremely difficult to extract reliable information in every case. Despite this, 50% of the estimated amount reported at last year's AGM was recovered. The Committee took the decision that it was not possible to continue with this any further and agreed to write off the remaining amounts.

### 4. Chair's Report

2020 has been a very challenging year. One month after last year's AGM the country was in lockdown.

Lee thanked the members for their loyalty in renewing membership in the middle of the first lockdown and for their understanding in a year when there has been limited tennis. Thanks also given to the coaches for their hard work and forbearance.

On a positive note, a lot was accomplished during the year - main accomplishments being Courts 3 & 4 refurbished and Courts 1 and 2 cleaned, treated and repaired.

It is hoped that the Club will be reopen on 29<sup>th</sup> March in accordance with LTA Covid Guidelines.

## **5. Vice Chair's Comment**

Denis Jones expressed the thanks of all the Committee to our Chairman for his leadership and efforts this year. Main achievement being taking the lead in the refurbishment of Courts 3 & 4 and cleaning and repairs on Courts 1 & 2. In addition, cleaning and staining outdoor tables and chairs, fixing of toilet door twice and co-ordinating general grounds maintenance. As a result the Club looks smart and tidy which has been commented on by members.

## **6. Team Captain's Report**

Lynn Sinden thanked the ladies currently playing for the team for their efforts. Only one match took place for the Ladies Team in the summer before the season was abandoned. This was a shame as, after a period of not having enough fit players, this year saw a rejuvenated team win this match. New players are always welcome to join the team.

The LTA is optimistic about this year's Summer League which the ladies have entered. Start date of this has been delayed to 1<sup>st</sup> May.

We are hoping to arrange friendly matches with Barcombe & Newick Tennis Clubs.

If members are interested, we are looking into entering the Mixed Doubles League in the Winter season – it is too late to enter this Summer.

Piers Hegarty asked about setting up a Men's Team to enter the League. It is too late for this Summer but if there is sufficient interest a team could be entered in the Winter. It will require someone to be Captain to take on the full organisation of this.

Alan Mates reported that the Horam League is set to commence on 19<sup>th</sup> April – finishing the beginning of August. Details will be circulated in due course and new players are always welcome.

## **7. Coaching & Juniors Report**

Ian Lilley expressed concern regarding Junior coaching. Some juniors have not played tennis for nearly a year and it will be back to the drawing board with some. It is hoped that the Easter camps will be able to go ahead and enable everyone to get back on track.

Cardio was well attended during the year.

## **8. To Receive & Accept the Annual Accounts (2019/2020)**

- Consistent income despite Covid.
- Clubspark has been a huge benefit – club premises cannot now be accessed without membership being paid.
- Lots of new members this year.
- Coaching is now collected separately from the main bank account which has simplified accounting.

- £8,000 was spent this year on court refurbishment without going into reserves.
- Aim for future is to deposit £5,000 per year into sinking fund for future work on courts.

**Acceptance of Accounts:**

**Proposed by** Sue Knight  
**Seconded by** Jane Laidlaw

**9. Membership**

**Clubspark** - encouraging how this has bedded in so well with the membership. The court booking system is working well.

Membership went up by 40 per cent – finished year with 180 members – last year 127.

Late summer special deals – of the 15 people who took out this membership, 10 took out another membership on expiry.

**10. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Due to the very difficult year the Committee relooked at the membership rates for the coming year and agreed that these would not be increased.

There are now 2 extra classes:-

Joint Membership - 2 Adults who reside at same address

Family Membership - Family with one Adult

With the latest shutdown it was decided to keep subscriptions at last year’s rates and in addition there will be an extra discount for membership renewals of £20 per Adult and £10 per child and Cardio member.

Season 2021-22	Full Rate	Renewal Discount Rate	% Change on Renewal Compared to Previous Years
Adults	£165	£150	0
Joint (2A)	£297	£270	-10
Family 2A+	£336	£305	>-0 to <2
Family 1A+	204	£185	-
Adult U25	78	£70	0
Student	39	£35	0
Junior	39	£35	0
Cardio	50	0	0
Non-playing	5	0	0
Tennis Tots	Free		
Junior Intro	£5	Junior intro 5 lasts for one course of coaching only	

**Proposed By** Ann Jones  
**Seconded By** Geoff Spinks

## 11. SPONSORSHIP & FUNDRAISING

Matt Gilbert reported that interested parties have, not surprisingly, tightened their purse strings but hopeful that this will change in the future.

RW Engineering are interested in renewing their sponsorship but this will be reviewed at the end of March.

MG asked for members to introduce any potential new sponsors.

Housing developers in the village should be approached.

LS reported on fundraising ideas for the future and hope is that we will be able to hold the Jumble Sale and Quiz in the Autumn/Winter.

## 12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**Chairman** – Lee Milford-Cottam

**Proposed by** Matt Gilbert

**Seconded by** Lesley Satchell

**Vice Chairman** – Denis Jones

**Proposed by** – Matt Gilbert

**Seconded by** – Lesley Satchell

**Treasurer** – Rose Griffiths

**Proposed by** Sue Knight

**Seconded by** Paul Mitchell

**Secretary** – Lesley Satchell

**Proposed by** Sue Knight

**Seconded by** Paul Mitchell

**Membership Secretary** – Sue Hastie

**Proposed by** Sue Knight

**Seconded by** Paul Mitchell

### **Committee Members**

Lynn Sinden

Jane Laidlaw

Matt Gilbert

**Proposed by** Sue Hastie

**Seconded by** Paul Mitchell

### **Nomination of Alan Mates**

**Proposed by** Sue Hastie

**Seconded by** Jane Laidlaw

## 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

**Meeting closed at 8pm**