

# Priestfield Tennis & Sports Association

## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting took place on Monday 27th March 2023 at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse

In the absence of the President, Alan McDougall, the meeting was chaired by Gill Harker who welcomed all present.

**Present:** Gill Harker, Jenifer Davidson, Angela Christie, James Birbeck, Kate Hewitt, Janet Ingleby, Naivasha Corsar, Robert Lightfoot, Harry Jounstone, Jacquie Johnstone, Bill Ure, Ian Elvin, Allan Lindsay, Susan Lindsay, Sue Hay, Rik Smith, Rob Elton, Laurence Errington, Mandy Morrison, Kati Woods, Ilia Kuznetsov, Tim McKay, Isobel Booth, Ruby Raheem, Irina Stancheva, Graham Brown, Cheryl Patrick, Brendan McCollam, Scott Douglas, Robert Wood, Carol Wood, Steven Robb

**Apologies:** Alan McDougall, Tina Howell, Lindsey Rowlands, Marion Macmillan Douglas, Kim Mooney, Dorothy Finlay, Mark Howell, Maggie Carson, Colin Fraser, Elizabeth Wilkinson

### 1. Minutes

The minutes of the AGM of 21st March 2022 were approved. Proposed Rik Smith, seconded Graham Brown.

### 2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

### 3. President's and Tennis report

The President's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and is attached as Appendix A. There was discussion about social tennis and the lack of members attending. It was agreed that the committee would look at solutions.

### 4. Treasurer's report

The annual accounts for the year to 31 December 2022 were circulated. They were also posted on website. The accounts were approved. Proposed Scott Douglas, seconded James Birbeck.

### 5. Ground Convenor's report

The ground convenor's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and is attached as Appendix B.

### 6. Recognition of Competition Winners – see President's report.

### 7. Membership fees 2023-2024:

Since fees had not been increased at last year's AGM (as the meeting was not quorate), it was proposed that subscriptions were increased as follows (current fees in brackets):

Adult	£ 115.00	(£110.00)
Concession (60+)	£75.00	(£70.00)
U26, students and unemployed	£ 70.00	(£ 65.00)
Family	£240.00	(£225.00)
Junior	£ 40.00	(£35.00)
Associate	£5.00	(£5.00)
Visitor's fees	£5.00	(£5.00)
Junior visitor's fees	£ 2.00	(£2.00)

This was agreed. It was also agreed that those attending the meeting would be eligible to pay last year's fees.

### 8. Election of Committee

Alan McDougall was re-elected as President (Proposed Jenifer Davidson, seconded Scott Douglas)

Gill Harker was elected as Vice-President (Proposed Naivasha Corsar, seconded Sue Hay)  
Mandy Morrison was elected as Secretary (Proposed Gill Harker, seconded Rik Smith)  
Jenifer Davidson had agreed to remain as Treasurer

Maggie Carson, Colin Fraser and Jack Hogg had stepped down from the committee. Graham Brown (Grounds Convenor),, Scott Douglas, Iain McHale and Rik Smith remain. Angela Christie and Naivasha Corsar were elected,

## 9. AOCB

- a) **Life members** The committee had awarded Maggie Carson, Colin Fraser and Dorothy Finlay life membership of the club
- b) **Pickleball** It was agreed to purchase a set of pickleball bats and balls.

## **APPENDIX A**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO 2023 AGM**

Although our membership numbers dropped from the 2021/2022 season, our membership was still higher than it was pre COVID. This is encouraging to see.

#### **Social Tennis**

Social Tennis continued Sunday afternoons (all year round), Tuesday evenings during the summer and Wednesday mornings through the winter. This may continue if people are interested. All are welcome. Please note that from the start of the new season Social Tennis will be free - we will no longer be charging a £1 to cover the cost of the tennis balls.

#### **Allan Langley Trophy**

The inaugural Allan Langley Trophy was held last year. It was a great success. Thanks to Kate Langley for presenting trophy to the winners Irina Stancheva and Jack Hogg.

This year's Allan Langley Trophy competition will be held at the start of May.

#### **Arthur Biagi Trophy**

The Arthur Biagi trophy will be awarded again this year to one of our juniors. Congratulations to last year's recipient Caitlin McNab for showing dedication and commitment to improving her tennis in 2022.

#### **Club Competition**

Congratulations to the winners of last year's Club Competitions:

Ladies' Singles: Charlotte Wilson

Men's Singles: Michael Robinson

Ladies' Doubles: Maki Stott and Maggie Carson

Men's Doubles: Mark Howell and Scott Howell

Mixed Doubles: Naivasha Corsar and Scott Douglas

#### **League Tennis**

We competed in various ESLTA organised leagues in 2022.

In the Men's and Ladies' leagues three out of our four teams were promoted last season.

Special congratulations to the Men's 2nd team, champions of Division 9A.

In the Men's Leagues,

1st Team finished 2nd in Division 6B

2nd Team finished 1st in Division 9A

In the Women's Leagues,

1st Team finished 4th in Division 5A

2nd Team finished 2nd in Division 9

In the Summer Social Leagues,

Priestfield 1 finished 3rd in Division 1 Group B

Priestfield 2 finished 6th in Division 1 Group C

In the Veterans' Leagues

The mixed team finished 5th in Division 4A

## **APPENDIX B**

### **GROUND CONVENORS REPORT TO 2023 AGM**

#### **CLUBHOUSE**

After the renovation carried out to the clubhouse in 2021, it is in very good condition. There are a few parts which due to the weather require slight repainting including parts of the entrance gate. Painting is also need above the new defibrillator. There is paint in the cupboard and this will be carried out shortly.

#### **DOOR ENTRY SYSTEM**

The door entry system on the gate and clubhouse are working well and, after the initial outlay, will result in a cost saving as it will no longer be necessary to buy and distribute keys. I do not think the system is being abused by non-members gaining access.

#### **BURST PIPES.**

This year we had one burst pipe. The repair was carried out by a local plumber who attended within 30 minutes of being called out. In the cold weather the water has been switched off with a notice attached to the clubhouse door intimating this.

#### **GRASS CUTTING AND MAINTENANCE**

Our contractor for the garden and courts maintenance, Rob Flavell, has announced his retirement. His sub-contractor, Greenfingers, who cut the grass and generally keep the courts looking neat and tidy, continued their good work. We are actively seeking quotations for the work from several companies, including Greenfingers. We are also in touch with Rob's sub-contractor with regard to power washing of the courts, which is carried out once a year.

#### **COURTS**

The courts are in a good state of repair although due to wear and tear there will be a need in the future for consideration of replacing the surface.

With our continuing support of tennis for all it is very encouraging to see the number of junior players being coached during the weekend. Local primary school (Prestonfield) brings a class to the courts every week and Edinburgh University students use three of the courts on a regular basis for their matches. We have had charity events using the courts and overall this is very positive for the club.

#### **FENCE**

The wooden fence in Kirkhill Road especially that part from the gate to Priestfield Road requires re-painting. A few years ago I along with two members painted that part to the houses in Kirkhill Road. It is my intention to ask for volunteers later this year to assist in this work. We have the paint and an e-mail will be sent asking for members to assist. If enough attend then this work could be carried out over a four hour period. The metal fence bordering on Priestfield Road is also in need of reprinting and this could also be carried out by the members. This of course will save a considerable amount of money which could be used for other benefits to the club.

#### **PRACTICE WALL.**

The practice wall on court 5 requires attention to the panels above the wall. An estimate for this work is being undertaken by a member (James) and we are awaiting the cost issues.

#### **NETS AND FENCING.**

These are currently in a good state of repair and re monitored regularly.

#### **ON STREET PARKING**

Kirkhill Road currently has partial residents parking between 9.30am and 11.00am. After 11am there is free parking in the whole street. The council are now proposing to introduce full parking controls with resident bays and pay and display areas. This will mean that those members who currently park in the street and surrounding area will no longer have free parking but have to pay. There is no date (as yet) to when this will be implemented. For more details see the council website.

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

We are all volunteers and at meetings there is always questions as to could we do this, what about that, have you tried that? I think we should continue to emphasise to the members that all the work we all carry out on their behalf is time consuming and if they wish to get on board there is plenty of room for them to assist us.