

## **Stewkley Tennis Club AGM**

**Nov. 20, 2018**

Attendees: Sue Atkinson, Julie Dawson, John England, Matt Evans, George Gater (Committee), Jeremy Gibbs (Secretary), Joe Millward, Claire Monday, Steve Morris, Neil Shefferd (Chairman), Sally Shefferd, John Sheldon, Paul Smith, Geoff Stott, Phil Whitecross (Treasurer).

Apologies: Geoff Ball, Clare Chandler, Helen Faulkner, Sandy Fitzpatrick, Robert Owen (Committee), Yuichi Yushinaga.

### **Minutes**

Minutes from previous AGM approved.

- Chairman's report including events and team update

Report attached to the accompanying email, including Ladies' and Men's Team updates together with a plan to enter the Milton Keynes mixed doubles league over summer 2019.

- Treasurer's report

The committee expressed thanks to Geoff Ball for auditing 2017/2018 accounts.

A copy of the accounts attached in the accompanying email.

2017/18 saw a net decrease of about £100 in total subscription income. JG reported that there was little change in the membership numbers overall or by category, with the loss of eight adult members and three juniors replaced by new members throughout the year (albeit some with pro-rata'd membership fees due to joining mid-year). After the increase in fees for 2016/17 no additional increased proposed.

With the lack of a large annual fundraising event, the club remains behind in terms of contributions to the refurbishment fund. At present, the fund stands at £20.3k but it is likely the court will need resurfacing in two to three years and lights will need attention due to build-up of bugs. The committee should start seeking quotes for court refurbishment, as well as consider a fungicide application.

PW confirmed a car leasing company continues to use the club's account from time to time. The bank is aware of the issue and continues to refund electronic debits.

- Events

Greater efforts were taken by the committee to publicize early and avoid conflicts with other village events and regular weekly sessions. The Family Bingo raised £130. The Great British Tennis Weekend was well-attended and resulted in a new

family and new junior members. Tickets went on sale for the Tennis Club Ball on Feb. 2, 2019.

- Coaching

Coach ME reported healthy attendance to this year's summer camps but a shortfall in conversions to weekly coaching in the Autumn months. ME thanked Claire Munday for help publicizing junior coaching at St. Michael's School and shared plans to encourage 4 to 5-year-olds to weekly coaching.

- Election of Officers

Joe Millward committee as Secretary for 2018/19: proposed by SM, seconded by GG. Jeremy Gibbs to continue managing subscriptions, website and Welfare Officer role. No changes to remaining committee.

- Any other business

Thanks expressed to Steve Buchan for repairs to the club hut/shed.

Committee to investigate security light – wiring remains in place in the light box – to deter future vandalism.

Continue with March maintenance day.

Wimbledon opt-in reminder required: at present only 15 members opted in.

Next committee meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 8pm.

Special mention to John Sheldon for attending his 35th AGM.