

## **Stewkley Tennis Club AGM**

**Nov. 26, 2019**

Attendees: Julie Dawson, John England, George Gater (Committee), Jeremy Gibbs (Secretary), Malcolm Lee, Steve Morris, Ian O'Neill, Kris Pratt (Committee), Neil Shefferd (Chairman), Sally Shefferd, John Sheldon, Geoff Stott, Phil Whitecross (Treasurer).

Apologies: Richard Ash, Graham Double, Matt Evans (Head Coach), Robert Owen (Committee).

### **Minutes**

- Extraordinary item: Quorum size

AGM not at minimum quorum of 15 members. Voted to hold an EGM in late February to vote on proposed changes to club rules (incl. committee quorum size), and agreed to minute tonight's meeting and proceed with acting proposals.

- Minutes from previous AGM

Proposed as accurate and fair by NS and seconded by KP. Recognition for John Sheldon's attendance at thirty-sixth consecutive AGMs.

- Chairman's report

A copy accompanies these minutes. Key points: Congratulations to May's tournament winners; Team update – mixed team credible seventh place in Milton Keynes summer league, Men's team currently second in Aylesbury and District Tennis League and Women's team also currently second in their league; Thanks to committee members and special thanks to Head Coach Matt Evans for all the work he does for the club including event support.

- Treasurer's report

Proposed as accurate and fair by JS and seconded by GG. Thanks expressed to Geoff Ball for auditing the club's accounts. A copy accompanies these minutes. Key points: membership income at lowest level in 10 years; Club Ball covered shortfall and thanks expressed to the organisers of this year's event; Sundry costs down but electricity prices up 13 percent; £700 court-cleaning costs will be accounted for in 2019/20 accounts; £28k in cash for resurfacing at year-end but club faces long-term issue with membership numbers and income to cover future rounds of resurfacing and light replacement.

- Proposal to change cheque signatory process

Proposal that cheques for less than £1k should require a single signatory to avoid a wait if PW or GG unavailable. Agreed to take to committee.

- Events

Nature Valley British Tennis weekend proposed for earlier in the year (May/June) than 2019. JG to find out dates. Promotions should be directed wider to include Drayton Parslow, Soulbury and Mursley, with increased activity and outreach on social media to tap into families and school kids, and use of LTA leaflets. Incentive should be to waive joining fee.

Plan for another Tennis Club Ball in early 2021 subject to support from willing volunteer organisers.

- Coaching

JG read Head Coach ME's report. Key points: Steady growth in adults and juniors throughout the year with the addition of a second red class and adult beginner class. Numbers dropped back in the winter term (35 being coached last half term, 20 this half term). LTA Tennis for Kids courses well-attended before summer holidays – both age groups fully-booked and a waiting list for the younger age group. Plan to run more in spring. Holiday camps well-attended with numbers slightly higher than last year.

- Welfare

JG reported that Welfare Officer training up-to-date and encouraged any concerns about the welfare, safety or behaviour of children or adults be routed to him.

- Proposal to change club rules

To be the subject of an EGM (see first point).

- Election of Officers

Joe Millward did not assume Secretary role in 2018/19. Remaining committee members re-elected: proposed by JD and seconded by SM. Other members encouraged to join the committee – JG to extend an invite to the next meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 8pm in the Pavilion (subject to confirmation by JG) to observe the workings of the group and its members.

- Any other business

Committee to review match fees.

Committee to continue encouraging Wimbledon Ballot opt-in by members and highlighting that it's a privilege that comes with club membership to non-members.

Jeremy Gibbs

Dec. 22, 2019