

# Stewkley Tennis Club AGM Minutes

**28 November 2023**

## **Attendees:**

Julie Dawson, Matt Evans (Head Coach/Committee), George Gater (Committee), Jeremy Gibbs (Chairman/Welfare/Committee), Nick Hull, Joe Millward, Steve Morris, Claire Munday, John Sheldon, Paul Smith, Natalie Tigg (Notetaker), Phil Whitecross (Treasurer/Committee),

## **Apologies:**

Penny Monk, Rob Owen, Ian O'Neill, Jilly Scrivner, Neil Shefferd, Sally Shefferd, Jo Wright

## **Minutes**

### **Minutes from Previous AGM**

No issues and approved.

**Chairman's Report:** presented by Jeremy Gibbs and accompanies these minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Phil Whitecross shared the accounts and accompanies these minutes.

Accounts approved. Subscriptions revenue down 4% (£212) on last year. The Ball was a great event and enjoyed by all but unfortunately didn't make any money. Electric costs were high due to coming off a fixed deal last year and also due to general price rises in the country. A new fixed deal was put in place two weeks ago and prices have dropped to approximately £500/£520. Insurance costs are down due to a switch to Howdens with a renewal quote of £618. No costs this year relating to cleaning. Depreciation charge of £2k relating to the hut. Plans to replace court lights (£15k), court surface (£40k Tiger Turf / £30k replacement as existing surface) and, eventually, hut (£12k). Need to generate additional £3.5k this year to replace these items. To note, the club is affiliated with Stewkley Rec Association and should seek support for any big expenditure. £55k cash in the bank – little will remain after resurfacing and lights. Option of grant funding for LED lights if the court offers pay and play – suggested by Matt.

### **Membership fees:**

No change, it was voted for subs to remain at £75 per year.

### **Welfare:**

Jeremy Gibbs reported no issues.

## **Election of Officers:**

Jeremy Gibbs stood down from role of Chairman, but will continue as Welfare Officer and dealing with subs. Nick Hull elected as new Chairman (voting – Matt Evans proposed, and Joe Millward seconded).

Phil Whitecross re-elected as Treasurer. Club Secretary role currently vacant.

Trustees - club rules state we need 4 Trustees, and we currently only have three Trustees after Kris Pratt's passing. John Sheldon agreed to become the fourth Trustee.

## **AOB:**

- **Facilities:**

Court resurfacing quotes are in, four quotes from two vendors, asphalt and Tiger Turf (£25k-£45k). Tiger Turf is more expensive than asphalt, has a lower bounce (bad for less mobile players) and softer to play on (better for less mobile players). Maintenance-wise, Tiger Turf requires additional costs for cleaning two or three times per year. Further information will need to be obtained relating to servicing which would be approximately £1.5k to include three maintenance visits per year. Matt Evans to help sort out a visit to a Tiger Turf court, ideally on a Wednesday morning, for regulars to experience the court.

Team to investigate Padel courts, too, and approach Rec Association about plans.

- **Update from Matt:**

Adults has been more consistent with 75% occupancy and kids remains the same as previous few years. Camps good in the summer, with similar numbers to last year. Coaching at St Michael's is working well with sessions booked again for next year, but this opportunity has not brought in any new members. Plans in place to do some more comms to parents of kids in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 that came over to the club.

Some potential for setting up some friendly matches with other clubs such as Great Linford and Wolverton. Winter could potentially be better if had more options in the summer. There is a need to encourage parents for kids being coached to join the club.

- **Events:**

Christmas Eve festive tennis session – 1pm to 3pm on Sunday, Dec. 24.

Suggestion to make AGMs more fun – open the bar and offer first mince pies of the season.