

Stewkley Tennis Club AGM

Nov. 30, 2022

Attendees:

Sue Atkinson, Dennis Ballard, Matt Evans (Head Coach, Committee), Jeremy Gibbs (Chair, Welfare), Nick Hull, Didier Jaquet, Kathryn Jaquet, Nikki Kent, Malcolm Lee (Committee), Penny Monk, Claire Munday, Rob Owen (Committee), Neil Shefferd (Committee), Sally Shefferd, John Sheldon, Paul Smith, Geoff Stott, Phil Whitecross (Treasurer),

Apologies for absence:

Richard Ash, George Gater (Committee), Ian O'Neill

Minutes

- **Minutes from previous AGM** approved.
- **Chairman's report** shared by JG and accompanies these minutes.

First events since Covid-19 were a success, notably Pig Racing and thanks to Julie Dawson for organising the night, and thanks to Ian O'Neill for the American Charity doubles tournament; Team-wise, solid performance from the Men's teams and Women's team captained by Claire Munday has recruited new members for the Winter league; Strong position on Finances and membership; Thanks to Kris Pratt – who left the committee – for her help over the years and hard work organising the new hut this year; Thanks to all those who helped out in 2022 from Matt Evans for coaching programs, to brush- and shears-wielders for hut painting and landscaping; Tickets now on sale for the Ball on Feb. 4, 2023; The committee is a small team of volunteers, and we are looking for members to step up (maybe for a second time), shape and ensure the club's future.

- **Treasurer's report:** PW shared the accounts that accompanies these minutes.

The club remains in a healthy position after receiving ~£19k Covid grants in recent years even with the 2022 spend on a new hut. Subscriptions are up on last year after 2021/22's Covid discount ended. A yearly income of ~£3k is required to cover expenses and depreciation. Rising electricity costs could encourage a decision to bring forward light replacement.

Thanks expressed to Geoff Ball for auditing the 2021/22 accounts.

- **Membership fees:** no proposal to change.

Little change in the number of members – with new families set to move into the village we hope for an increase. This year, the recreation committee left the

decision to individual clubs on whether they add back £10 to member fees for social use of facilities, and JG decided against it with the support of the committee.

- **Welfare:** no issues to report.

Club's Welfare Officer (JG) is up to date on safeguarding training.

- **Election of Officers:**

Kris Pratt stood down from the role of secretary and remaining officers were re-elected: by who?

- Any other business:

- **Court Resurfacing**

JG expressed aim to resurface in 2023 and plans to work with Steve Morris to collect quotes for resurfacing and maintenance. ME offered to arrange a session with Wolverton Tennis Club to try out their Tiger Turf surface – date to be decided. PW/JG to discuss with the Parish Council and other grants available to finance the resurfacing. Decided that if the committee agreed to proceed, the club would hold an Extraordinary General Meeting to seek the approval for the significant spend from members.

- **Coaching** – record summer camp numbers

More than 50 children attended the 2022 summer training camp over nine days. The after-school group was also well attended as was the team training – after-school numbers have dropped off, though, with the winter weather. September's new adult class was also well attended – however, Gavin is now leaving Matt's coaching team.

ME plans to offer a similar format for coaching in 2023, is looking to organize children's competition with the support of members and possibly a Round Robin competition morning in Summer, and hopes to explore a tie with the school and making the courts available for their use.

Jeremy Gibbs
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