

## UFFINGTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE MILL, WOOLSTONE & ONLINE 17TH MAY 2023

#### PRESENT

Rob Hart – Chairman  
Anne Hollingworth – Membership Secretary/ Treasurer  
Annabel Campbell – Club Captain  
Ruth Thomas – Coaching Co-ordinator  
Neil Reynolds - Estate Manager

#### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Juliet Moss, Emma Wilson.

#### READ AND ADOPT MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON THE 4TH MAY 2022

The Meeting unanimously approved the Minutes.

#### MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

#### CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman gave the following report:

Overall it has been another good year for the club. We've managed to run a coaching programme despite low numbers, we've held a number of social tennis events, including our annual tournament, and we've played a good mix of club nights and matches throughout the season. We've also managed to relaunch our men's team this summer, after a brief hiatus, which means we have both social and competitive play available for all members again. We've have noticed a slight reduction in involvement across the membership, with the vast majority joining the club to use the facility rather than to actively participate in club organised events, but membership numbers remain steady. Looking ahead we have an active year planned in the diary, and a number of infrastructure improvement in the planning stages, and will keep our membership engaged with continued regular newsletters and emails.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Accounts for 2022 – 2023 will be posted on the noticeboard by the courts and on the Club's website. A member may request a copy from the Treasurer.

The main points to note:

**End of year balance:** £ 18,884.96

**Membership income:** this has increased slightly from last year, due to the increase in the membership fees. (The Club is using Stripe and Go Cardless for payment. Both charge a small fee. Total deductions for 2022/23 subscriptions: Stripe £76.40. Go Cardless £12.22.)

Members will not be able to pay by instalments for 23/24 season.

**Membership nos:** Adult 34; family 16; student 8; junior 12.

**Tournament/BBQ:** net profit was made of £ 215.00.

**Expenditure:** no major expenditure in 22/23. It was noted that the next major expenditure will be the resurfacing of the courts in 2027 at an approximate cost of £ 21,000.00 + 2%, maybe more.

## **CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

The Club Captain gave the following report:

### **Summer League 2022**

The Ladies, who were promoted in 2021, had a competitive season in Division 2. We played 11 matches: Won: 3, Lost: 8, Conceded: 1. On the positive side, we fielded 12 different players: Annabel Campbell, Anne Hollingworth, Sally Holmes, Leo Lee, Cec Luttrell-Hunt, Juliet Moss, Hatty Ruck, Sue Teeling, Ruth Thomas, Jo Parman & Wendy Thompson. However, there seems to be a big jump in standard between Div 3 & Div 2 and we were slightly out of our league! We are returning to Div 3 in 2023.

**Annual Tournament:** 11 September 2022 won by Rob Hart and Anne Hollingworth.

### **Winter League**

No teams were entered into the 22/23 winter division due to lack of players. We discussed having friendly matches but none took place. (We hope to change this for Winter 23/24).

We did have Winter Club Mornings on a Sunday which proved popular.

### **Looking ahead...**

- A huge thank you to Anne Hollingworth who continues as the Ladies Capt for the 2023 season. She works tirelessly to put a team out each week which sometimes feels like a win before the match! Thank you, too, to all the league players who put themselves forward and are prepared to drive around the countryside to play matches.
- We have a Men's team for 2023 with Rob Hart as capt.
- Club night has returned on a Thursday for this year and the WhatsApp group is proving really helpful to coordinate players.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following Officers were elected:

Chairman: Rob Hart

Treasurer/Membership Secretary: Anne Hollingworth

Secretary: Vacant

Club Captain: Annabel Campbell

Coaching Co-ordinator: Ruth Thomas

Publicity/Advertising Co-ordinator: Vacant. (Sally Holmes - resigned during the year.)

Welfare Officer: Lynne Artus - tbc ( In the event that Lynne Artus is not available it was agreed that Rob Hart's name be added to the Welfare Poster which is on the noticeboard by the courts).

## **COACHING**

The team from Game, Set & Matchplay continued to be our coaching provider, with Paul Butcher as lead coach. The coaching groups took place on a Wednesday afternoon for the summer season running in line with the school term, with two junior groups on offer to accommodate the range of ages and abilities. Following straight on from the junior groups was an adult session in the early evening. Numbers attending were encouraging, with 5 each enrolled in the adult and teenage groups, and 11 children enrolled for the primary age group. For the Autumn term, the junior sessions continued on Wednesday afternoons up until October half term, when they reverted to Saturday mornings due to the end of British Summer Time and the lack of flood lighting. Retaining the same level of attendees through the winter months proved challenging, though all sessions were completed. It has been particularly encouraging to see a previous attendee of the teens

coaching group progressing to represent the club in matches in the Swindon league this season. We would like to thank Game, Set & Matchplay for their continued hard work and effort in providing the coaching offering at Uffington Tennis club.

## **ESTATE**

Neil Reynolds took over from Keith Jarvis in February 2023 to maintain the courts.

## **SUBSCRIPTION FEES FOR 2023**

It was agreed that there would be no increase in fees. Family ( 2 adults and all children under 18 on 1st April 2021): £105.00. Adult: £50.00. Student ( age 11 – 21 or in full time education): £20.00 Junior ( under 11 on the 1st April 2021): £ 10.00. All Subscriptions are paid via ClubSpark.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Uffington Sports Club meeting 16 May 2023:**

- Our application to access to courts by a new road was turned down by trustees & cttee due to reduction in size of sports grounds & a decrease of security to grounds.
- Instead it was agreed to pursue a better footpath with estimates £7-12,000 to concrete path with solar lights embedded.

**Floodlights:** Rob to email club membership to canvass opinion on desire for floodlights.

**Path:** Neil to ask Jason at USC for detailed quote for new path with lights. Additional quotes to be obtained too. Ruth through her groundworker. Neil to discuss with WHS when quote agreed. Path cost to be estimated based on 120cm width.

### **Future Dates:**

- Tournament - Sunday 16th July 2023 @ 1pm. Tea will be provided by members. Draw will be made on the day. Rob to send out invitation to all members.
- Club Night Plus: Annabel to send a WhatsApp poll out for a summer date, either Wed or Thurs. Club Night day to be reviewed at the CN+

**AGM 2024:** to be held after 1st club night at the USC.

**Club account:** Anne to ask Barclays if there is a savings account option.

**Safeguarding:** Rob to check with Lynne whether she's happy to continue. If not, Rob will take over.

### **Court Maintenance:**

- Annabel has sent one moss treatment contact to Neil. Anne to send another.
- rebounder to be kept outside of the shelter. Neil to agree quotes with committee and book cleaning to take place ASAP.
- Ruth to look on FB Mktplace, or similar, and see if there are cheap chairs and/or benches for the court.