



Date 15th February 2021

Time: 19:00

Virtual meeting details: to be posted on WhatsApp WoSP announcement group prior to the 15th Feb

Agenda:

- Approve previous AGM minutes from 23rd August 2019 (Appendix 1)
- Reports:
 - President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
- Board member / Trustee election/re-election:

Position	Current holder	Status	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
President	David McCulloch	Standing down			
Vice President	Paul Wilson	Standing for re-election			
Treasurer	Stuart Alexander	Standing down	Irene Cahill		
Membership Secretary	Vacant	Vacant	Maureen Baird		
Secretary	Stephen Clarke	Standing for re-election			

For the avoidance of doubt, WoSP Board members also fulfil the role of WoSP trustees as required by our constitution and charitable status.

- Appointment of approved independent examiners
- Motions submitted by Board of Trustees or by members
- Membership fees for the ensuing year
- Review and consider any relevant Bye-laws/Rules
- Any other competent business

Appendix 1

**OPEN MINUTE OF CLUB MEETING OF
WEST OF SCOTLAND PADEL**



Date & time: Friday 23rd August 2019
Location: Glenbryde room, Seamill House Hotel
Minutes taken by: Stephen Clarke

Attendees:

Stephen Clarke	Alistair Green	Brian Stewart	Andrew Boyle
Fiona Houston	Chris Usher	John Byrne	James Armstrong
Keith Austin	Irene Cahill	Chris McMail	Stephen Alexander
Paul Wilson	Stephen Dowdell	Maureen Baird	Anna Raeside

Apologies:

Stuart Lyon	David McCulloch	Andy Brown	Janice Fitzgerald
Gillian Davidson	Claudio Nardini	Stuart Alexander	

Agenda:

- Election of exec committee
- Financial status - Grants, rates relief etc. fundraiser ideas
- Membership update
 - Membership numbers
 - Membership subscriptions: discuss alternative approaches to monthly membership.
- Organised group play events – suggestions / new proposals from members
- Affiliations
 - Game4padel
 - LTA Padel tennis recognition (formerly British Padel)
- Upcoming competitions
- Next meeting and AOB

Chris McM kicked off the meeting and confirmed that club accounts would be published at a later date in compliance with AGM requirements as the treasurer was unable to attend the meeting today.

First item of business was the election of the exec board:

President Davie McCulloch proposed by Chris McMail and seconded by Chris Usher
Vice President Paul Wilson proposed by Chris McMail and seconded by Stephen Clarke
Treasurer Stuart Alexander proposed to continue in role and seconded by John Byrne
Secretary Stephen Clarke continues in this position unopposed.

Fiona H stated that she would be happy to consider a role on the exec committee at a future date.

Summary of financial position:

Monthly running cost for the club (rent, utilities etc) just under £3000 – monthly income is approx. £1000 on average. Advertising brings in some additional revenue however the club is currently running a significant monthly shortfall. In order to address this and ensure the future viability of the club the Exec committee are proposing to scrap the previous membership levels in favour of a single membership option of £50 per month with unlimited play (ie, no excess charge for hours played). In addition, it is proposed that we retain the casual member option on a play and pay basis at £10/hr per person.

Current membership levels:

2	premium
12	gold
14	silver
21	casual
49	total

If everyone were to move to the £50 per month option it would still leave a shortfall, however if we are able to grow the membership by around another 10 we can reach the breakeven point.

In addition to improving the club cash flow, the simplified membership model would also reduce the significant monthly admin overhead of working out excess charges via TeamApp.

The new membership proposal was uniformly welcomed during the meeting, and it was agreed that the proposal would be published on the WhatsApp announcement channel for those members with voting rights (currently Premium, Gold or Silver) to be able to vote for or against.

John B also made the point that if each member could bring a new member this will contribute to a reduction in monthly membership costs for everyone.

James A proposed a new member incentive of a reduced membership for 6 months, however after discussion the conclusion was to keep “incentives” (ie, reduced cost / free trail sessions, open days etc) but also to keep the monthly membership fee to simplify the admin. Flexible approach to encouraging new members will still be acceptable (e.g. £20 for a taster session).

Joining fee still remains in place for full membership however £50 for the first month is taken as the initial joining fee.

Keith A proposed the creation of a new members Welcome pack (documentation explaining the terms of membership, what your membership entitles you to, how to access the courts, etc).

Website update

The current status of the website was discussed. There is a need to update the website with basic current information i.e. contact points, how to book a court etc. Also include a link on the website to the WoSP Facebook page for majority of information. It was proposed that **John B** should be the primary contact point for WoSP Facebook updates. Those members who are on Facebook can then like and repost to their Facebook friends.

AOB

Paul W commented that the current excess payments process means that payments are taken via direct debit from members on a variety of dates across the month. This leads to some confusion about how much is owed by whom. Whilst we are waiting to confirm the new membership payment approach, **Paul W** will aim to align monthly payments to the beginning of the month.

Irene C asked if the option to drop from full membership to casual user would be retained. Whilst this would not be widely encouraged as it would undermine the financial viability of the club, the option to drop to casual user would be supported where circumstances warrant it and would be assessed on a case by case basis.

Events: options were discussed to encourage play for all members across all levels and ability. The idea of a Social evening once a week where all members would be encouraged to attend was proposed. Format of play still to be determined however expectation would be that games would be short and allow members to socialise between games. After some discussion it was decided to trial for 4 Wednesdays, option also to bring a friend and to appeal to all levels of ability. This would also encourage new members and increase play opportunities across all levels outwith the Wednesday evening slot. In order to share the organisational responsibilities for this it was proposed that **Stephen A** delegate responsibility on a weekly basis. Actual game format to be determined on the evening as it will be dependent on how many and who attends.

There was some discussion around Padel skill levels and the value of these categories for the club. In practice these categories are only required for official competitions and are provided as a guide only.

John B provided an update on Padel recognition – The Lawn Tennis Association have now recognised Padel as an official sport and are promoting this around tennis clubs. This will hopefully provide additional opportunities to promote the sport and increase our membership. We still hope to host the annual Padel tournament (was in Feb this year) that has proven to be very successful and highly regarded by the wider UK Padel circuit.

There is an opportunity for members to attend a tournament in Edinburgh on the 6th and 7th September. This is an open competition and also has a vets category. Contact **John B** for details.

As requested, below is a reiteration of current membership levels for awareness:

- Premium – monthly cost £100 – no limit to hours played
- Gold – monthly cost £50 – 10 hours included – additional hours charged at £4.00
- Silver – monthly cost £15 – no included hours – hours charged at £5.00
- Casual user – monthly cost £0 – no included hours – hours charged at £7.50

There was some discussion on how to ensure games are added to TeamApp for those who do not have Admin access. Proposal to keep administration access within the Exec committee for now, however a Court Booking channel to be added to WhatsApp to facilitate coordination and creation of bookings when members request them.

Date of the next meeting to be advised via WhatsApp announcement channel.

Thanks to **David McC** for organising the venue for this AGM.

There being no further business **Stephen C** proposed a vote of thanks to **Chris McM** for his services as Club President over the previous year and the meeting was closed.