Wingrave Tennis Club - AGM minutes - held (via video) on 11th June 2020

Present: Robert Boddington (RB), Emma Boddington (EB), Sandy Roost (SR), Henrietta Cheung (HC), Gavin Chater (GC), Toby Phipps (TP), Mike Curry and Andrew Liversidge.

Chairman's Report – RB thanked all of the Committee members for all they do for the club. In addition, he thanked Mike Curry for being Fixture Secretary, Emma Boddington for her work with the juniors, the team captains and Gerry Wyatt for coaching both at the junior and senior levels.

Treasurer's Report - SR reported that the club had made an operating surplus of £1,044 for the year to 31st Match 2020, but having invested £1,240 in court furniture and windbreaks the net result was a small deficit of £86. Whilst it was noted that WWRSAL was now operating a dedicated sinking fund for the future resurfacing of the courts, it was likely that WTC would need to contribute as well and so the Committee set a minimum annual target net surplus of £1,000 and target cash reserves of £15,000. In order to achieve this goal, it was likely that some fund-raising would be required each year. The Club will be increasing its contribution to WWRSAL to £1,400 per annum to help provide for the Hard Court Maintenance Fund.

Membership Secretary's Report – HC reported that in 2019/20 we had 32 households and 66 members including 38 adults, 11 seniors and 17 juniors. The annual renewal occurred later than usual this year and at the time of the meeting renewal numbers were lower than last year. HC will follow up her initial email and we will review the situation in November but for now we all agreed to be vigilant when seeking out potential members. HC will draft promotional material for the noticeboard, shop, website, Village Postie and Communique. RB will provide the village shop with a form for non-members to complete prior to using the courts in order to build a data base of users and potential members. £45 has been collected via the village shop. HC will change the padlock code. (action HC & RB)

The levels of annual subscriptions for 2020/21 remained the same as last year:

Adult £80
Family £130
Junior under 18 £25
Senior over 60 £40.

These would be reviewed in March 2021 ready for the 2021/22 season.

Club Secretary's Report – the LTA's Tennismark requirements were updated during the year and the insurance renewed, but activity with the LTA has been low. TP noted the LTA's subscription had been returned to help clubs cope with the financial cost of the impact of COVID. TB noted that not all were content with the transparency of the allocation of last year's Wimbledon tickets and so the meeting agreed in future to promote the date and time of the draw and circulate details of the allocation of tickets.

Junior Tennis – continues to thrive, but numbers are currently a little low providing capacity for some more children.

Club Match Reports – this winter's leagues have not, and may not, be completed but the club enjoyed some reasonable success the previous Summer (2019). The Mixed 1 team won its league and was promoted, Mixed 2 finished 3 out of 7, Mens 1 was 3 out of 7 and Mens 2 was 5 out of 7.

The meeting noted that Steve Packer has stood down as Mens 2 captain after many years, being replaced by Jim Parsons, and Steve was thanked for all his dedication to the team.

Committee Membership – all present agreed to continue in their roles which are as follows:

Chairman Robert Boddington
Treasurer Sandy Roost

Membership Secretary

& Communications Henrietta Cheung
Secretary & LTA Contact Toby Phipps
Insurance (via LTA) Toby Phipps
Fixture Secretary Mike Curry

Welfare & Child Protection Henrietta Cheung

WWRSAL Liaison Gavin Chater / Robert Boddington

Web site Robert Boddington
Captain Men's 1 Robert Boddington

Captain Men's 2 Jim Parsons

Captain Mixed 1 Emma Boddington
Captain mixed 2 Paul Vaughan

Junior Tennis Sandy Roost / Emma Boddington

Tennis Coach liaison Emma Boddington
Court Maintenance Gavin Chater

WTC Web Site – RB noted that he was due to review the site to ensure it remains relevant and up to date. **(action RB).**

Social Events, Michelle Croft Tournament and fund-raising – it was agreed that we would work towards holding a Wine & Wisdom fund raising and social event in February 2021. SR once again agreed to lead the event. We would try to hold the Michelle Croft Tournament in September (regulations permitting) (Action RB/EB).

AOB

RB will acquire green wire in order to repair the damaged fence (cost circa £25)

GH will confirm whether the WTC or WWRSAL is responsible for doing and paying for strimming and week-killing

RB will market the dis-used windbreaks subject to a cash floor of £250

RB to update contact details in village Directory

Next Committee meeting to be held in November