

Wingrave Tennis Club - AGM & Committee Minutes - held on 19th May 2022

Present: Robert Boddington (RB), Sandy Roost (SR), Henrietta Cheung (HC), Gavin Chater (GC), Paul Vaughan (PV) and Mike Curry (MC). Apologies were received from Toby Phipps.

Treasurer's Report - SR reported that the Club made an operating surplus of £1,469 for the year to 31st Match 2022, which included exceptional income of £217 from the sale of the umpire's chair. Income recovered to £3,714 whilst expenditure rose at a slower pace to £2,463. The Club has £8,642 on deposit with Lloyds Bank and net assets of £9,039. WWRSA's 'Hard Court Maintenance Fund' (sinking fund) has circa £9,564.

Membership Secretary's Report – HC reported little change to the membership over the last 12 months with 32 households and 60 members. A little over half the members have already renewed for the 2022/23 season and HC will chase the balance with a view to collecting subscriptions by 31st May at which point the padlock code would be changed. The annual subscriptions for 2022/23 were previously set as follows:

Adult	£80
Family	£150 (up to two adults plus children including those in full time education (school, college, university))
Junior under 18	£25
Senior over 65	£50

Rates for the 2023/4 season would be agreed via email in February 2023 (**action HC**).

The village Postie and Facebook have proved good sources of new members and HC will continue to advertise on a regular basis via these and the Communique to try to ensure we grow our membership.

Club Secretary's Report – TP sent his apologies but confirmed that all was in order with the club's LTA affiliation with the next renewal being in October. Wimbledon tickets are now distributed centrally by the LTA so WTC is not involved. TP planned to check the state of the courts on a routine basis to comply with LTA guidance. (**action TP**).

Junior Tennis – RB reported that Edward Harwood's coaching program was making steady progress and was in line with Edward's expectations. Members' feedback is positive. We will continue to subsidise junior tennis until it was self-financing (**action RB**).

Aylesbury & District leagues team tennis – after discussion we agreed to enter the following teams:-

- Men's 1 - Winter and Summer - Captain Robert Boddington
- Men's 2 - Winter and Summer - Captain Brian Cheung

Mixed 1 - Summer - Captain Emma Boddington
Mixed 2 – Winter and Summer – Captain Paul Vaughan

The Club currently has insufficient ladies to field a mixed 1 team in the Winter league and so will seek to ‘suspend’ our position in circa division 3/4, fielding just one mixed team in circa. division 7. We will keep an open mind on entering a ladies team in one of the lower divisions should we anticipate sufficient demand.

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
WWRSA Liaison	Gavin Chater / Robert Boddington
Web site	Robert Boddington
Captain Men’s 1	Robert Boddington
Captain Men’s 2	Brian Cheung
Captain Mixed 1 (Summer)	Emma Boddington
Captain Mixed 2	Paul Vaughan
Junior Tennis	Vacant
Tennis Coach liaison	Robert Boddington
Court Maintenance	Gavin Chater

In order to ensure continuity, it was agreed to recruit a new member to the committee. One person in particular was highlighted as a good potential point of contact for junior tennis and RB will write to them seeking interest (**action RB**).

Court Maintenance – agreed to sell the windbreaks, if we can, as storage is a problem (**action RB**). The sand bags have been replaced but it was noted that the lifespan of a sand bag is limited so we must monitor them closely to avoid sand leaking on to the courts. After a 2 year gap will arrange for the courts to be cleaned (**action GC via WWRSA**).

Website - It was agreed that we would aim to collect subs for the 2023/4 season via the website which would then act as our central database. This would also allow non-members to book and pay for courts via the website which would be a good step forward (**action RB**).

Court Access – agreed to change the padlock code on 1st June to ‘6424’. HC to notify paid up members and RB the shop (**action HC and RB**).

Village fete –TP has kindly agreed once again to run a ‘beat the goalie’ stall on behalf of WTC. WTC agreed to provide a magnum of fizz for ‘spot the ball’. Ideally need another volunteer from the Club (**action GC**)

Social Events, Michelle Croft Tournament and fund-raising – agreed the following:

Michelle Croft Tournament and BBQ will take place in September (**action EB**)

Fund-raising event in November (**action SR**)

New members tennis evening in September (note moved from July (**action RB**))

Floodlights – our new LED bulbs use less electricity than before but the cost of electricity is rising fast. The meeting discussed whether we should be contributing less to WWRSA. On balance we agreed that what we are paying is probably ‘fair’ and so we will continue with the current arrangements.

WTC Members’ Shoe Tags – agreed that RB would purchase sufficient for members for the current season (**action RB**)