

Wingrave Tennis Club - AGM minutes - held on 16th May 2019

Present: Robert Boddington, Emma Boddington, Sandy Roost, Henrietta Cheung, Toby Phipps and Mike Curry. Apologies were received from Gavin Chater and Paul Vaughan.

Chairman's Report – Robert Boddington thanked all of the committee for their continued hard work over the last year. The tennis courts are now complete which is the culmination of two years of hard work. At last year's meeting the Chairman noted those whom had been instrumental in making it happen and the official opening will provide another opportunity to note our considerable thanks.

Treasurer's Report - SR reported that the club had made an operating surplus of £684 for the year to 31st Match 2019, principally driven by having more members. However, we are due to make an exceptional contribution of £1,892 towards the new courts which results in a net deficit of £1,208 for the year. The LED floodlights should result in a lower floodlight cost going forward which CG and RB will discuss with WWRSAL. Once the accrued creditors and debtors have been accounted for the club's cash balance is circa £7,500 which forms the basis of the club's long term sinking fund.

The meeting considered the level of annual subscriptions, noting they are probably a little below other comparative clubs and agreed to a modest increase for the 2020/2021 season: Adult £85, Family £135, Junior under 18 £25 and Senior over 60 £55.

Membership Secretary's Report – it was noted that we have as members 30 paid up households including 36 adults (of which 11 are seniors) and 16 juniors. This includes 7 new members accumulated over the last 12 months. RB to add the membership form to the website (**action RB and HC**).

Club Secretary's Report – following the completion of the LTA's Tennismark requirements earlier in the year and the renewal of the insurance, activity with the LTA has been low. We have received a good allocation of Wimbledon tickets which were drawn for in the usual way.

Junior Tennis – continues to thrive. It is pleasing that more very young players are emerging which may result in the Saturday session being split into two and extended - SR and EB will liaise with Gerry. The Committee noted and thanked Gerry Wyatt for the very good work he does with the juniors and now the seniors on a Sunday. SR floated the idea of reintroducing junior 'hoodies' or polo shirts and the committee agreed it would be money well spent promoting the club whilst rewarding the juniors.

Courts and accessories – the new benches will be in place (with luck) for Sunday's open day and competition. The Committee agreed to leave the match scorers hidden in the pavilion on top of the lockers. (**action RB**). CG is monitoring the 'bubbles' and won't rest until satisfied that this was no more than a snagging issue (**action GC**).

Noted that we need to restrict weed growth around the courts and RB will apply a strong killer shortly. Whilst we have recently 'strimmed' around the edges it was felt that this should be the responsibility of WWRSAL (**GC to consider**). Non-member access to the courts is up and running courtesy of the village shop and so far we have accumulated £5!

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

Chairman	Robert Boddington
Treasurer	Sandy Roost
Membership Secretary	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	Steve Packer
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
Wingrave Postie & Communique	Sandy Roost

Match reports – Mixed 1 – EB noted having an enjoyable and competitive season, albeit being closely relegated. The men's 1 team narrowly avoided relegation in the summer and narrowly missed out on promotion in the winter. Ahead of the Winter leagues the captains intend to reconsider the relative squads to ensure that the second team has sufficient support and players. (**action RB and SP**).

WTC Web Site – RB reported that the website had been redesigned using the LTA software. It was agreed that we would add more bespoke photos to the site with photos from the upcoming open day. RB would liaise with NP to ensure we don't renew our annual software license for the now obsolete software, whilst retaining the host provided (**action RB**).

Village Fete – is now anticipated to be held on Sunday 7th July, but this is subject to finding someone to manage the day. The tennis club will provide support setting up and taking down, and will make the usual donation, but we will not have a stall which traditionally has been loss making.

WTC Michelle Croft Tournament – to be held on Sunday 19th May. The opening of the courts will be at 12.30 and the BBQ from 13.00. At this stage we have 16 adult entrants and 32 for the BBQ. EB agreed to consider the appropriate structure for the tournament.