

Wingrave Tennis Club – Committee Meeting & AGM - held on 21st June 2023

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

RB welcomed Jo Stone to her first committee meeting, having recently joined the committee.

Minutes of meeting held on 19th May 2022 – approved. Matters arising; the windbreaks were not sold but have since been partially re-hung between the courts and the netball courts. Shoe Tags – these have now been ordered for the 23/24 and 24/25 seasons, using a different colour for each.

Treasurer's Report - SR summarised the accounts for the period ended 31st March 2023. Subscriptions were down 19% year on year whilst expenditure rose, principally because of the junior coaching £560 subsidy. Overall, there was a small operating loss of £97. The operating position excludes fund-raising income where £1,283 was raised from the successful Wine & Wisdom evening. The Club has £10,595 on deposit with Lloyds Bank and net assets of £10,225. WWRSAL's 'Hard Court Maintenance Fund' (sinking fund) has circa £11,300. It was agreed that over the course of the next 12 months we need to increase our income from subscriptions.

Membership Secretary's Report – HC reported that in 22/23 we had 31 households and total members of 55, of which 5 were new members. To date we have 19 households and 38 members including 3 new members. HC's recent email reminder resulted some renewals but we must chase those who play and haven't yet rejoined and those that could be members.

It was agreed that we would send out a promotional email via the village Postie (**action HC**).

Ed Harwood's coaching programme has been successful resulting in more people playing tennis. Some have joined the club but others do not see the need to join as their tennis is all via coaching and they see the club as offering them little else. We need to encourage these people to join, to ensure the long term sustainability of the club and this is a goal for the next 12 months. It was suggested that Ed could charge more for non-members (perhaps an additional £2.50), reimbursing the difference to the club, and this idea will be discussed with Ed. (**action RB**).

It was agreed that the cost for a non-member hiring the court via the village shop would be £5 per person rather than £5 for the court, again to encourage regular users to join (**RB to notify the shop**)

The court padlock code will be changed on 30th June.

Having raised the level of subscription rates this year we decided to leave them at the same level for next year, unless circumstances change. The annual subscriptions for 2024/25 will be 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

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 excellent progress with two sessions on a Saturday morning and two on a Thursday afternoon. Edward has confirmed that he doesn't now require the subsidy but was grateful for the initial help.

Aylesbury & District leagues team tennis – we will continue to field 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

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
Junior tennis	Jo Stone
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	Brian Cheung
Captain Mixed 1 (Summer)	Emma Boddington
Captain Mixed 2	Paul Vaughan
Tennis Coach liaison	Robert Boddington
Court Maintenance	Gavin Chater

Court Maintenance – the netting on the football pitch side of the courts has now been repaired using cable ties. The sand bags appear to be holding up for now, but need to be carefully monitored (RB). Courts were cleaned early in the year and will be done at least every two years, although it is likely that next time we will have to contribute towards the cost.

Website – subscriptions are now collected via the website and the next project is to collect the court hire fees for non-member. **(action RB)**.

Village fete – the fete is an important generator of income for WWRSAL and the tennis club needs to play its part in making it happen. We agreed to ask members to volunteer to help out on the day via one hour slots **(action RB/HC)**

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

Michelle Croft Tournament and BBQ will take place on Sunday 8th October – 12.00 – 16.00. We will ask Julie to provide the food **(action EB)**

Social evening at the club on Thursday 14th March 2024 **(action SR)**

AOB – agreed that match day courts would be booked out from 18.45 (currently 19.00) to provide more time to warm up.