

## Woodhall Spa Tennis Club

### Minutes of A.G.M. Monday 1st April 2019

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Penny McQuade, Wendy Baxter, John and Chris Sabberton.

#### **2. Minutes of last AGM**

These were signed as a true record.

#### **3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None that were not already on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

#### **4. Chairman's Report**

Keith began by thanking Emma Brearley for the use of the room at the Petwood for the AGM.

He reported that 2018-19 had been a successful year with over 50 new members joining the Club and an increase in junior membership by over 50% on the preceding year. Credit for this goes to the coaching team who have run a proactive coaching programme.

He thanked John Sabberton for his many years as Treasurer and congratulated him on his nomination for a lifetime award at the recent Lincs LTA awards evening. Thanks to John's stewardship and comprehensive handover to Paul Dudgeon the Club is in a strong financial position. This is also due to the fundraising efforts of the committee and the amount of work that has gone into the Beer Festival and the 1940's weekend in particular. Thanks were given to the volunteer committee and helpers. The Club has decided to concentrate on the 1940's Weekend as our major fund raising event. Jenny Caswell and Alison Lauder are running it. Any help from members on and around the weekend of 13th/14th July would be appreciated.

For the first time in 4 years the membership fees will be slightly increased but by comparison with other clubs we still offer the best value tennis in a beautiful location.

Socially the Club had a very enjoyable Christmas Party. Wendy ran a well-attended Halloween competition and Fairies and Elves Day earlier in the year. The free Thursday night social tennis continues to be a great success and new members of all abilities are encouraged to come along.

We are looking forward to the Club Open Day on Sunday 5th May - Junior Tennis sessions in the morning run by Alison and a mixed doubles tournament in the afternoon for a cup kindly donated by the Bowser family.

We continue to have a successful liaison with Horncastle and Tealby Tennis Clubs, which has contributed to potential fund raising ideas and the development of our two coaches as well as IT support for the Club website.

Padel tennis project is ongoing. Keith, Paul and Barry recently visited and played on a Padel court near Birmingham. Currently sourcing quotes for construction of

the base and the court. Club now has an additional storage shed and thanks to co-operation with Jubilee Park management we will soon see the free installation of a more modern CCTV security system that will benefit both the Club and the Park.

Keith thanked the committee for all their time and effort over the last year and looked forward to 2019/20 with great anticipation, progressing our coaches' qualifications, membership numbers, future projects and social events.

## 5. Treasurer's Report

Paul reported that membership had risen from 123 to 158. There had been repairs to do in the Clubhouse and the new storage shed had been purchased and erected. We currently have £25,759.94 in the bank. There will be no income this year from the Beer Festival but all proceeds from the 40's Weekend will be retained by the Club.

## 6. Coaches' and Team Captains' Reports

Sue Leggate reported that the **Senior Ladies Winter League team** who are in Division 2 had come 2nd overall, winning 3 matches, drawing 1 and losing 2. Thanks to all who played - Alison, Penny, Donna, Bridgett, Wendy H, Emma L, Cathy, Jen and Sue.

Neil Hanes reported that the **Men's Team** came 3rd in their league, winning three matches and losing three. He thanked his team members and looks forward to more competitive tennis this year.

Bridgett Scott reported that the **Ladies 1st Team** played in Division 1 last year and were runners-up to Boston 2. The team won three matches and lost just one. Thanks go to Jen, Bridgett, Alison, Sue B, Helen, Sue L, Wendy B and Lorraine.

Bridgett Scott reported that the **Senior Ladies Summer League team** won their league in 2018 beating Spalding, Bourne, Horncastle 2 and Sleaford. The match with Tennis Buddies was drawn. Thanks go to Alison, Bridgett, Lorraine, Sue L, Jen, Emma, Penny and Katie Liddy. Alison and Jen had collected the trophy at the weekend at the Presentation Night in Lincoln.

There were no reports from Penny for the Ladies 2nd (Elite) team or from Wendy for the Summer and Winter Mixed teams. Bridgett was asked to find out from Wendy whether the Summer Mixed team won their league or came second.

Alison gave the **Coaches' Report**. She had run the first Junior Orange Ball Team over the winter and is doing a Team Challenge with Horncastle and Tealby over the summer. Will enter the winter league again later this year. Junior members from age 7 to teenage will get the opportunity to play matches. Donna added her personal thanks to Alison for getting her into tennis.

## 7. Election of Committee Posts

**Chair - Keith Hillsmith**

**Vice- Chair - Barry Chapman**

**Secretary - Jenny Caswell**

**Treasurer - Paul Dudgeon**

**Rest of the Committee from last year was elected en bloc with addition of Donna.**

## 8. Any Other Business

- a) LTA Awards last Saturday night in Lincoln. 10 members of the Club attended. John Sabberton was pipped at the post for the Lifetime Award. Woodhall Spa Tennis Club was awarded a Community Award along with Horncastle and Tealby as part of the Horncastle Community Tennis Network. As Regional winners for the Community Award they are now invited to the Regional Awards Day in Birmingham on 18th June and have been entered into the national awards. The result of this will be known after the 11th April. **Action KH**
- b) The chairs and tables are now stored in the old storage shed. The roller and lawn mower are in the new shed. Roller to be stored on its side so any water runs out. **Action ALL**
- c) Courts 2 and 3 are closed until Saturday morning as the lines have been repainted. Lines are guaranteed against peeling for 3 years and paint "slip" for one year.
- d) External tap is going to be installed outside the kitchen. To be boxed in for frost protection and for hygiene. Will be able to turn water off under kitchen sink. **Action PD**
- e) This led to discussion re access to kitchen and drinking water for the members. Decision still to be made. Possibility of putting lock on changing room door and storing things in there so kitchen can be open. **Action PD** Keith thanked Donna for all her work in the Clubhouse.
- f) In the future extra paving slabs to be laid down the front of the border on the right going down the bowling green from the Clubhouse (currently grass). Not a priority at the moment.
- g) Keith reported that Horncastle had had a safeguarding audit. They may turn up at our Open Day as they turned up at a tournament at Horncastle. Jenny aware. **Action JC**
- h) Open Day Sunday 5th May 10.00 a.m. **Cakes needed from all committee members for this event.** Alison will run the morning events with the juniors. 1.30 Adult Mixed Tournament which Keith will run. He will decide who to open this to - possibly just Horncastle and Tealby plus our members. £5 a head. Light refreshments. Winners receive the Bowser Cup. Prizes for 2nd and 3rd. Keith to set deadline for entries. People can pay their membership fees throughout the day. **Action ALL**  
5 year membership package to be available - 5 years for the price of 4. **Action PD**
- i) Keith expressed condolences to the Bowser family on the loss of Les, a former long standing member of the Club, past committee member and Chairman.
- j) Wimbledon ballot will take place at 1 p.m. on the Open Day. We have 5 pairs of tickets. Paul to send e-mail to those members who signed up to BTM and opted in for Wimbledon who are eligible to go into the ballot. Paul to check with John

whether they also have to have paid subs for 2019/20 to go into the ballot. **Action PD/KH**

- k) 1940's Weekend 13th and 14th July. Jenny and Alison to run. Rota needs working out for helpers at the event with timeslots, setting up and clearing away. **Action All**
- l) Website up and running. Keith does the updates. RAF Coningsby Tennis Team have contacted him re using the courts. The court fees are to be £14 hour per court. Keith will organise court use in consultation with the coaches. **Action KH**

Meeting closed 8.27 p.m.

Next committee meeting Wednesday 8th May 7.30 p.m. at Petwood.