

YATTENDON & FRILSHAM TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 8th March 2024 at 7.15pm in Yattendon Social Club

Present: Derek Brook, Nathan Brook, Jane & Derek Brown, Joshua Cooper, Anne Kyle, James Reid, Ridgeway Shephard, Richard Spraggett, Sandra Wilkinson, Wendy Willoughby-Paul, Sarah Wilson.

1. Apologies for absence:

Melanie Baynton-Perret, Jason Brook, Deborah Browne, Richard Fyson, June Ibbotson, Andrew Ibbotson, Jane Kibble, Paul Lafford, Christopher Mills, Dorothy Pickering, Prue Shephard, Marilyn Tasker, Jane Tucker.

2. Minutes of last AGM meeting (held on 1st March 2023) and matters arising:

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.

3. Reports from office holders:

Chairman's report:

Derek Brown thanked members of the Committee for their hard work during the year, Derek Brook, Jason Brook, Joshua Cooper, Jane Brown, Ridgeway Shephard and Team Captains. Derek thanked Christine for allowing the AGM to be held in the Social Club.

Derek mentioned that the club needs more match players to help team captains to field a team for all fixtures. He appealed to all members to consider playing matches, even if only occasionally.

Derek mentioned that the courts will need resurfacing in the near future.

Treasurer's report:

Derek Brook presented the club Accounts and thanked Sandra Wilkinson, who had verified the Accounts. Derek said the club's finances are healthy and should be sufficient to pay for resurfacing when this becomes necessary.

Match Secretary's report:

Joshua Cooper presented this report. The Ladies team finished joint top of Division 3 and will be promoted to Division 2. The Berkshire Ladies team played in both summer and winter leagues and won the Division in the summer. The Men's A team had some close matches finishing 5th in their Division, but only a couple of points away from 3rd place. The Men's B team was less successful, but the players enjoyed the competition and were pleased to have the opportunity to play matches. The Mixed team finished 5th, but with points close to the teams above them. For the first time for several years, a Mixed team was entered in the Berkshire summer league and won their Division.

Maintenance Officer report:

Derek Brown reported that the courts are draining better, but there are areas where the surface has formed lumps. The courts were power washed and moss treated in November. Tree roots are affecting the sides of the courts and the concrete surround is breaking up, both will need to be treated in the near future. The nets will be good

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for another season, although the tie bands will need replacing in April. Weed killing and grass cutting has been carried out throughout the year. Hedges need cutting. The walkway around the entrance to the courts becomes very muddy. Several members offered paving slabs which will be installed in a working party.

Membership Secretary report:

Jane Brown reported membership numbers were similar to last season. The club has 47 Adult, 14 Family, 17 Juniors, 4 Students and 5 Honorary Members.

Welfare Officer report:

Megan Bewsey-Lord was Welfare Officer for the first part of the season. Jason Brook took over when he had completed his Level 1 training. Derek thanked them both.

4. Election of Officers

Current roles are as follows:

- Chairman - Derek Brown
- Treasurer - Derek Brook
- Secretary – Jason Brook
- Match Secretary – Joshua Cooper
- Membership Secretary – Jane Brown
- Welfare Officer – Jason Brook
- Maintenance Officer – Derek Brown
- Committee Members without portfolio – Ridgeway Shepheard, Aisling Bucknell, James Pascall-Smith.

Aisling and James are leaving the committee. Derek thanked them for their contribution throughout the year.

All post holders were re-elected. Richard Spraggett joined the committee as Vice Chairman. James Reid joined as Recruitment Officer. Peter Roberts has been asked to join the committee and this will be confirmed.

5. Subscriptions and match fees

The committee proposed and it was agreed that membership fees should be the same as last year:

Adult	£65 (£60 if paid before 1 st April)
Family (to include all children up to 18 years old)	£135 (£130 if paid before 1 st April)
Junior	£15
Student (FTE) or (at discretion of the committee) young person 18-25 years old	£25

7. Summer team entries and captains

Joshua needs to know who is interested in playing in matches very quickly and by 26th March. Jane will send an email to current members to ask for their response before that date. Joshua will also provide a matrix on WhatsApp so members can indicate their match preferences.

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8. AOB

Several items were raised:

8.1 Tennis Fun Morning. A season starter tennis session will be held on Saturday 6th April from 10.00. This will be open to non members and will be well advertised.

8.2 Flood Lighting. This is being investigated by Ridgeway and a potential system has been identified at Elstree. This will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

8.3 Club Nights. It was agreed that Wednesday club nights would resume on 3rd April. Sunday morning play will still be available depending on member interest.

8.4 Social Club Discounted Purchases. A list has been given to Christine of members who had agreed for their names to be provided.

8.5 Royal Bank of Scotland. This Account will remain, but membership fees should now be paid into the club's Lloyds Bank Account.

8.6 Working Party. This is needed to undertake the identified maintenance. To be discussed at the next Committee meeting

8.7 Website. James and Joshua will work together to look at updating the site and use of Facebook in line with other tennis club websites.

8.8 Tennis Balls. The club has now moved to Dunlop balls which can be bought from the club for £6 per tin. Used match balls can be purchased for £2 per tin.

The Chairman thanked all present for attending the AGM.

The meeting closed at 20.05.

Jane Brown
Minute Secretary