



HOYLAKE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Eddisbury Road, Hoylake, Wirral CH48 5DR

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 24th January 2018 at 8pm.

The following Members attended the meeting:

Lynda Arnold, Andrew Benc, Dave Cottrill, Frank Birchall, Simon Birchall, Sue Darwent, Karen Davies, Chris Docherty, Guy Ellice-Clarke, Ian Fitzpatrick, Madeleine Haines, Kath Hoys, Julie Hunter, Jane Jones, Pam Kloezeman, Craig Longman, Alain Maillet, Liz Mason-Home, Stuart Maxwell, Joe McGillivray, Clair Miller, Jane Morris, Frank Noble, John O'Connell, Steve Patterson, Chris Rathbone, Dan Rothwell, Cath Saunders, John Saunders, Steph Singleton, Liz Thompson, Liz Towersey, Alan Towersey, Pam Walker, Tony Walker.

1. APOLOGIES were received from:

Martin Adams, Anne Adams, Colin Banner, Geoff Dewhurst, Angela Edwards, Ann Ellice-Clarke, Richard Holmes, Fiona Lalloo, Alan Longman, John Miller, Todd Miller, Viv Pennell, Mary Read, Phil Roberts, Yvonne Sudderick, Bob Taylor, Di Taylor, Nigel Wallis, Alan Weldon.

2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS AGM

Minutes from the AGM held on 20th January 2017 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.
Proposed: Clair Miller Seconded: John O'Connell

Matters arising: There are currently two Trustees, Clair Miller and Ian Fitzpatrick. This is the minimum number allowed under Club rules. Ian Fitzpatrick is actively looking into the process and documents necessary to transfer property belonging to the Club into the names of new trustees. Once this is clarified, up to two more trustees may be voted in at the next Annual General Meeting.

3a. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Guy Ellice-Clark welcomed everyone to the 2018 AGM. He summarised the developments and events from the year:

- The defibrillator is in place, and two training sessions for Club members and neighbours have taken place. Guy thanked Andy Benc for his hard work in organising this.
- Security at the Club has been reviewed. Eight cameras have been installed and already been instrumental in catching a thief.
- Grounds management: rather than depend on voluntary input, the Club now pays a groundsman for two hours per week to work on the gardens and carry out basic maintenance on the courts. This system has worked well.
- Court 7 & 8 upgrade: the plan to upgrade these courts has been put on hold while a final decision is made about the type of artificial surface and contractor. The Committee are also exploring the possibility of obtaining some LTA funding.
- An LTA Venue Commitment Award was given to the Head Coach for his commitment to, and organisation, of Aegon Team tennis. On behalf of the Club, Guy congratulated Craig on this achievement. HLTC was one of only two Clubs in the region to be recognised in this way.

- LTA registration was completed and Club has achieved Tennismark accreditation for 2017-8.
- Guy thanked John O'Connell for his dedication to keeping the Clubhouse in working order with the usual safety checks and improvements, and also organising the LTA Risk assessment.
- It is planned to review and update the Club Rules and policies in 2018.
- This year's social events have been very successful and have included a race night, gin tasting, Frank's quiz, Christmas dance, Christmas cocktails. Guy expressed his thanks to the organisers, in particular Lynda Arnold, Frank Noble, Jane Morris and Karen Davies and the bar rota team.
- 100 Club organised by Steve Roberts has also been well supported and Guy encouraged members to arrange to pay by standing orders, to avoid missed payments.
- Guy informed the meeting that subscriptions will not to be increased for the coming season, which was welcomed by everyone present.

3b. TREASURER'S REPORT

Alan Towersey stated that the accounts presented relate to the year ending August 2017 and have been independently examined.

Alan said he was pleased to report another strong financial performance. The surplus for the year stands at £16,237 which is slight increase on the previous year. Subscriptions increased by £4,239, reversing the decline in adult membership. Bar takings increased by £1,538, which represented a great effort by Joe McGillivray and Karen Davies to develop the social aspect of tennis, particularly on Wednesdays. Alan also thanked Karen for arranging better buying terms, which was endorsed by the meeting.

Expenditure increased by £6,019. This was due to the Court 2 deep clean and washroom improvements and repairs. Court 1 has been similarly deep cleaned, but this cost will be charged in the next financial year.

On the balance sheet, the courts are fully depreciated. Reserves at Cambridge and Counties bank are now £103,484. These reserves will be needed to resurface all courts (except Courts 1 & 2) in the next couple of years. The remaining liabilities include Cheshire LTA loan (£800 per annum).

Pam Walker proposed the accounts were accepted. Seconded by Steph Singleton.

3c. CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Pam Kloezeman reported the 2017 season was, as hoped, filled with enjoyable tennis at many levels of participation: from social tennis and friendly matches to the men's team winning the Cheshire Shield, Julie Mercer being selected to play in the Cheshire County Veterans Ladies team as well as various League division 'winning and saving' team performances. Pam thanked coaches, players, team captains and Vice-captain Liz Mason-Home for their time and expertise in running matches, social and tournament events and coaching programmes throughout the year.

She also congratulated the coaching team for their LTA award and for encouraging the many future rising stars coming through the successful junior section.

Notable results

In the Wirral Tennis League, there will be a team competing in each of the top 4 Divisions again in 2018. The Men's A team were Division 2 winners, while the B team were Division 3 winners in their first year of competing. The Ladies first year of competing was a challenge but they will compete again in 2018.

In the Chester & District Summer Tennis League, the Mixed team came 3rd in Division 3. The Ladies A team, promoted to Div. 2 in 2017, retained their place for 2018. The B team competing in their first year finished 5th in Div. 3.

Wirral Winter Tennis League 2016/17: In the Ladies League, the B team (Division 3 winners) joined our A team in the newly restructured WWTL Division 3 in 2017/18 season which the A team currently lead.

Pam reiterated her thanks to retiring Vice-captain Liz for her invaluable help and support through the year.

3d. JUNIOR COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Clair Miller reported that HLTC has one of the largest junior sections in Cheshire and this is due to the hard work and enthusiasm of the coaching team led by Craig Longman. The coaching qualifications of the team are increasing as Harry Ellice-Clark is doing his Level 3 Coaching award, Ed his level 2 and Lucy her Level 1.

Tennis camps take place every school holiday and are well attended, with many children encouraged to come through the school sessions that Craig, Chris White and Harry run. Friday Junior Club night is similarly popular. This season's two Junior finals days were again well-supported and the standard of tennis was amazing.

Craig organised 11 teams in Aegon matches, from Under 8's to Adult and Clair noted some of the outstanding results:

U14 Boys lost to Bramhall Queensgate in the final

U16 girls beat Prestbury in their final

U18 Boys won their final against Alderley Edge, making it a hatrick of wins.

Some junior players also enjoyed the opportunity to experience wider competition when invited to join senior teams in matches over the summer.

Clair again thanked Craig and his team for their excellent coaching skills and enthusiasm which is instilled in their pupils.

6 .ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Guy noted that none of the present committee is retiring however, all roles within the Committee were open for re-election. He encouraged members to join the committee by filling the three vacancies. A brief description of the roles was given. Julie Hunter offered to stand as Grounds Manager and was nominated by Frank Noble. Seconded by Clair Miller.

Jane Jones offered to help with developing the Website, but did not wish to join the committee at this stage. John O'Connell thanked Alan Towersey on behalf of the Club, for maintaining the website in the interim.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman	Guy Ellice-Clark
Treasurer	Alan Towersey
Secretary	Sue Darwent
Captain	Pam Kloezeman
Vice-Captain	<i>Vacant</i>
Junior Co-ordinator	
/Welfare Officer	Clair Miller
Membership Secretary	Pam Walker
Communication Officer	<i>Vacant</i>
Bar Manager	Karen Davies
House Officer	John O'Connell

Head Coach	Craig Longman
Grounds Manager	
Social Co-ordinator	Lynda Arnold
Member	Liz Mason-Home

It was proposed that the standing members of the committee should be re-elected.
Proposer: Steph Singleton. Seconder: Tony Walker.

7. AOB

Court resurfacing: Guy informed the meeting that some tentative plans had been made for resurfacing Courts 7 & 8 initially, and then courts 3-6. A small sub-committee has been formed to take this forward. Some discussion ensued about the preferred type of surface e.g. artificial clay, tiger turf, etc. and the experiences of other clubs in the region. A cost of c£20,000 per court has been estimated.

Wimbledon Club Ballot: Steph Singleton asked members for their support as the Wimbledon Ticket allocation for 2018 again depends on a) members registering as BTM members on the LTA website and b) indicating on the LTA website they wish to register for the Wimbledon ticket ballot. Only 78 members out of a potential 259 eligible members have so far registered.

Defibrillator training: further training sessions were discussed.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm