

Minutes of the 121st Annual General Meeting held at Fulwood Tennis Club

Monday, 10 March 2014

1. Attendees and apologies for Absence

Present 12 – Jane Catlow, Jacqui Lowe, Jim Grundy, Christine Kitchen, Peter Kitchen, Di Kelshaw, Dave Kelshaw, Mike Catlow, Hannah Catlow, Simon Williams, Dave Forbes and Carol Parker

Apologies were received from Toni Lanza

2. Minutes of the 2013 AGM were read and proposed by Dave Kelshaw and seconded by Christine

3. Secretary's Report

The secretary reported that we had had a successful season. Many much needed improvements to the club had been completed – in particular refurbishing the kitchen, new carpet, creation of a separate storage area in and painting of the ladies changing room and outside the pavilion, repairs to the ceiling in the bar and new lights in the clubhouse. Unexpectedly we had to replace the boiler and repair the pot holes in the car park

We would be putting 4 men's and 2 ladies' teams in the Fylde League and junior under 14s and under 16s in the Ribble League. The men's 1st team were congratulated on being promoted to division 1 and Sue Worsley thanked for offering to run the junior teams.

The number of members had fallen again. Many juniors just paid to come to the coaching. As an incentive to join the club this season we plan to let junior members have three weeks free coaching by showing their 2014/15 membership card - and having it marked. Phil was already running coaching for adults on Thursday evenings and juniors on Fridays. Ian was about to start Saturday mornings and Jacqui would run 6 camps throughout the year.

We had made considerably more use of the clubhouse with Slimming World producing substantial income, a salsa group using it on Wednesday evenings along with other societies and classes and we had 4 parties booked over the next 6 weeks.

The committee and everyone who had helped in any way were thanked for their hard work during the year, in particular our captain Jane, Treasurer Jim, Secretary Peter, Vice-Captain Christine and Evelyn who had been Membership Secretary for the last 3 years but who now wished to stand down. The veteran men were also thanked for the work done to improve the ladies' changing room and exterior paintwork.

The report was proposed by Jim and seconded by Di.

4. Treasurer's Report and Club Accounts for 2013/14

The accounts showed that we had made a deficit over the year due to a reduction of £1500 in income from subscriptions, major expenditure listed above and repayment of £2500 of the loan. However overall income had risen slightly.

Charging for the use of floodlights was discussed as a possibility for the future or to make a change that would just switch them on for 1 court only instead of two at present if needed.

A suggestion was made to promote the club to the NHS and UCLAN, huge local employers in the area in our ongoing recruitment drive to increase membership.

The accounts were proposed by Christine and seconded by Dave Kelshaw

5. Categories of Membership and Subscriptions for 2014

The committee recommended:

- Retaining the current subscription charges at their current amounts
- Reinstating daytime membership for people wishing to play Monday to Friday until 6.30pm only
- For the first season only, charging **new** Full Playing Members a discounted rate of £100 to attract new members.
- Give a 15% discount or rebate to any adult who **recruits a new member**.

These changes were proposed by Peter and seconded by Mike.

6. Election of Officers

Except for Evelyn who has stood down, the existing officers and committee were re-elected and Sue Worsley elected as Junior Secretary.

Proposed by Di Kelshaw and seconded by Dave Forbes.

In addition Mike Catlow was awarded Life Membership – proposed by Peter and seconded by Jane.

A new/changed notice board showing the captains, presidents and life members will be looked into.

7. AOB

A ballot was made for the five pairs of Wimbledon tickets. Seven members had applied.

Next year priority will be given to members attending the AGM.