

Minutes of the 122nd Annual General Meeting held at Fulwood Tennis Club

Monday, 9 March 2015

1. Attendees and apologies for Absence

Present 12 – Jane Blackwell, Mike Marsden, Christine Kitchen, Peter Kitchen, Denise Ratcliffe, Hannah Catlow, Simon Williams, Neville Buckley, Dave Forbes, Jim Grundy, Jackie McPartlin and Mike Catlow

Apologies were received from Dave and Di Kelshaw

2. **Minutes of the 2014 AGM** were read and proposed by Mike Marsden and seconded by Denise

3. Secretary's Report

The secretary reported that we have had another successful season last year. We had an increase in adult members, helped by the first year discount, and an increase in social play. The number of juniors had fallen despite providing three free coaching lessons with Phil for juniors who are members of the club, but many had just been attending the sessions on Friday evenings or Saturday mornings.

Improvements and upkeep to the club continued – including repairing the decking, improving the lighting in the clubhouse, painting the wall on Vicarage Lane, a new gate and filling in more potholes.

We continued to make further use of hiring out the clubhouse. In addition to Slimming World who had used it on Thursday mornings and evenings for over three years, a Salsa group had been using the clubhouse since January 2014. The U3A had made use of the facilities for chess and mah-jong and had just started a monthly table tennis group. We have also had a number of bookings for private functions.

We had our own Tournament Presentation evening in the autumn and a very successful canapés and cocktail evening more recently for members.

We were most grateful to Hannah and her friends for running the bar for events; without whose help we wouldn't have been able to hire it out so frequently for parties. This brings in much needed extra funds and is making excellent use of our resources.

Teams: 4 Men's teams and 2 ladies' teams competed in the Fylde League 2014. Results were as follows:

Men's 1 st	next to bottom D1	Ladies 1 st	3 rd D2
Men's 2 nd	middle D3	Ladies 2 nd	2 nd D3 (promoted)
Men's 3 rd	bottom D3 (relegated)		
Men's 4 th	next to bottom D5		

The ladies' 2nd team were congratulated on being promoted and would join the 1st team in Division 2. For this coming season we were entering a 3rd ladies team.

We entered a Junior Under16 team in the Ribble League who finished 2nd and an Under14 team who finished a very creditable 7th. We entered a men's and a ladies' team into the Autumn league - the ladies finished 2nd, missing top spot by only 1 point. The men's team finished 5th, but last year there had only been 1 division with 6 teams compared to two divisions previously.

We would once more have mixed Under 14 and Under 16 teams in the Junior Ribble League, where any combination of boys and girls can play, and we were most grateful to Sue Worsley for looking after the juniors and organising the matches.

We ran a successful Annual Club Tournament at the end of the season followed by a Presentation Evening. We have also had a couple of Social tournaments during the season.

Phil ran coaching sessions on a Friday evening and Saturday morning for juniors, taking over from Ian, a group adult session on a Thursday evening as well as individual lessons. Jacqui ran 6 camps during the year in the school holidays for members and other juniors outside the club and would run six more this year.

As ever we were indebted to those people who keep the club running; in particular Jane, our Captain and Treasurer, Jim. We thanked the rest of the committee for their help and contributions and our new addition

Denise for her willingness to become Membership Secretary. We also thanked other people who have run teams and assisted with transporting juniors.

The report was proposed by Denise and seconded by Christine.

4. Treasurer's Report and Club Accounts for 2014/15

Jim passed round the accounts. The main points were as follows.

- We made a surplus over the year of £1607 compared to a deficit of £3005 last year.
- Income from subscriptions and bar were up slightly and substantially more from club/court hire
- General maintenance costs were £3400 lower and the loan was now paid off.

The accounts were proposed by Peter and seconded by Neville

5. Categories of Membership and Subscriptions for 2015

Most subscription levels have been held at their current rates since 2008. The committee recommended that Full Playing Membership be raised £3 to £144 and Country membership £4 to £84 per annum. All other rates would remain as before.

These were proposed by Mike Marsden and seconded by Denise.

Other changes were that to receive the £100 discounted membership for a new member, they must not have been a member in any category in the last 3 years and that members may pay by up to 6 standing orders rather than 3 as at present with no surcharge. Wording on the forms would be changed.

These were proposed by Denise and seconded by Hannah

6. Election of Officers

These were elected as follows:

Position	Name	Proposer	Secunder
Captain	Jane Blackwell	Peter	Denise
Secretary	Peter Kitchen	Jane	Dave
Vice Captain	Christine Kitchen	Jane	Denise
Treasurer	Jim Grundy	Peter	Christine
Membership Secretary	Denise Ratcliffe	Jane	Hannah
Rest of Committee (en bloc)		Jane	Denise

7. Trustees

The City Council who own the land where the club is situated, need to have an updated list of trustees. The LTA's insurance covers the trustees' liabilities.

The new trustees will be Jane Blackwell, Peter Kitchen and Denise Ratcliffe. They were voted in unanimously.

8. AOB

Jane will inform team captains of the commitments regarding match fees.

More sand is needed for the courts.

Consideration to have just 2 floodlights on if only one court was in use was considered but felt that the lights weren't strong enough.

The meeting closed at 20.50.