

Minutes of the 123rd Annual General Meeting held at Fulwood Tennis Club

Monday, 14 March 2016

1. Attendees and apologies for Absence

Present 10 – Jane Blackwell, Jim Grundy, Hannah Catlow, Christine Kitchen, Peter Kitchen, Dave Kelshaw, Di Kelshaw, Ian Topping, Tony McEvoy and Mike Marsden

2. Minutes of the 2015 AGM were read and proposed by Dave Kelshaw and seconded by Hannah

3. Secretary's Report

Until the end of October we had had an excellent year with a small increase in membership, with adults the highest since 2011 and a rise in junior numbers. Four courts had been in use throughout the season but as we are all aware the incessant rain from the start of November had prevented much play and put sludge onto the courts. Envirolawn have inserted boards under the fence and made an extra cleaning session to try to improve matters. This was an unexpected cost but had to be spent as the entire purpose for being here is so that the courts are always available and safe for play.

Improvements have been made to the clubhouse, replacing all the lighting and new curtains instead of the blinds. These too are also vital to the success of the club as we have increasing income from a variety of customers using the facilities. In addition Kennington School are using two courts on Tuesday afternoons from about 3-4pm with the potential for attracting additional junior members. Also this month we have already recruited several new members for the forthcoming season.

The men's 1st team were relegated to division 3, but the second and third teams reprieved from relegation due to Goosnargh being removed from the league. Congratulations to the ladies 1st and 3rd teams finishing top of their divisions and being promoted and the Under 16s also top of the division. We have put in the same teams for this season. Sadly a number of members have left the area, four of them (Laura, Steve, Eem and Nikita being team players) whilst Richard Garratt and Stuart Henderson are injured and Tim Saville is not joining for this season so that the men's 4th team will probably have to be dropped.

The 25 year lease expired in 2013 and a new one negotiated with the City Council. The solicitors have produced the schedule with new trustees Jane, Denise and myself. This would take us to 2038 – if the club is still in existence.

We are most appreciative of Denise for taking on the role of membership secretary and once more to officers of the club and members running teams and transporting juniors without whose efforts there would be no tennis club.

The report was proposed by Jim and seconded by Di

4. Treasurer's Report and Club Accounts for 2015/16

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

- We made a surplus over the year of £559 and had assets of £5463.
- Overall Income was up by £1500, that from subscriptions rose by £900, club and court hire by £400
- Expenditure had risen by £2500, due mainly to the additional cleaning and boards under the fence.

The accounts were proposed by Peter and seconded by Mike.

5. Categories of Membership and Subscriptions for 2016

The subscription rates for all categories of membership will remain the same but with the stipulation that student membership will only be given to members in full time education.

These were proposed by Mike and seconded by Di.

6. Election of Officers

These were elected as follows:

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

7. Changes to the Rules

The city council had sent changes regarding dispensing of alcohol that have to be incorporated in our rules and they required a copy. This included having a written "Check 21 policy". Jane is in the process of typing the rules as we did not have an electronic copy.

There are other bar related issues to be changed, not least is that when we got the new format Licence a few years ago we changed our opening times to 12.00 noon to 12 midnight or any time in between as we so choose. I don't recall this was ever officially put to an AGM so we need to that also. Previously the hours allowed were generally 2.30 pm to 11.00pm but 12 noon to 2.00 pm and 7.00 pm to 11.00 pm on Sundays, Xmas Day and Good Friday!

Jim has pointed out that on looking at the current Rules there is a multitude of things to be looked at, not least of which are 3 (make-up of Committee in particular), possibly 4 (membership), 7 (AGM/EGM) and even 10 (visitors). Many of these rules go back decades when tennis clubs could be far more prescriptive than today.

As Rule 11 (Alteration to the rules) requires us to give 14 days' notice to all members this should be incorporated in next year's AGM.

8. AOB

Ian will produce an email to go out to members inviting them to come to team practice.

The meeting closed at 20.50.