



## Annual General Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 Minutes

Meeting Opened 20:00hrs Meeting Closed 21:00hrs

- 1) **Apologies for Absence** - Ian Gibson, Elaine Cloy, Debbie Malins, Roger Smith, Jerry Windwood, Chris Wassell, Alex Fiveash, Ron Glayser
  
- 2) **Minutes from last meeting (attached) and points** arising from current meeting
  - Primary point arising from previous meeting was the condition of the grass courts. This was addressed in 2018 with the courts vastly improved.
  - Grass Court survey attracted 58 responses. Of those responding 100% had played on the grass courts. A copy of the survey responses to be circulated.
  - Grant received for refurbishing the practice wall. Works expected to be completed by the end of November 2018.
  - New Groundsman position offered. At the time of the committee meeting negotiations still underway. The candidate has experience with tennis and croquet lawns. Neil requested a question to be taken back to the Sports Club committee around the monies spent on the grass courts with assurances required that funding would be maintained at the same level, throughout the appointment.
  - The timescales proposed for power washing / cleaning courts 1-5 would be c6 weeks. The re-surfacing of courts 4&5 is expected within the next 18 months.
  - Temporary solution sought for bin with lid to be provided on the hard courts.
  - It was observed that the noticeboards on the courts are out of date, not being updated, request for this to be addressed.
  - Request for the consideration of a social tournament to be incorporated into competitions schedule in 2019. To be discussed during the January committee meeting.
  
- 3) **Chairman's Report (attached)**
  - Grass Courts vast improvement on previous year, special thanks to current grounds team.
  - Membership increased to over 200 members, with many new members playing regular tennis.

- Success with funding working with Howard Collins. £1300 grant received to refurbish practice wall.
- Additional coaching courses attended providing qualifications in cardio tennis and disability tennis. Alex Welton has taken a larger role with coaching in Horsham Park
- Areas of improvement identified. Fencing, and lighting to be addressed, cleaning and re-bonding courts 1,2 & 3, resurfacing courts 4&5.
- Club tournament great success, excellent turnout for the men's singles with improved turnout for all other categories. Special thanks to Sandy Miller for maintaining order throughout, and all the competitors, winners and finalists.
- Relative success in competitions over the past 12 months. Promotion achieved for the Men's first team, Men's fourths made up of predominantly junior players promoted in both summer and winter leagues.
- Donna Copeland taking on the role of Club Welfare Officer.

#### **4) Treasurer's Report**

- Richard provided an overview of the club finances (report provided on the night)
- Income £21,576 (YTD Sept 2018)
- £4,996 available in the sinking fund
- Membership increased to 206 members
- Clarification sought around the 200% increase in electricity charges, Richard confirmed an adjustment on last years figures had been corrected.
- Clarification sought around the increase in catering costs. Increase relates to additional home matches and additional Agon matches played.

#### **5) Approval of Membership Fees**

- Discussion held around the membership fees which were not increased in 2018, proposal to increase fees by 3% for 2019. Vote was 100% in favour of increasing the fees.

#### **6) Election of Officers and committee members**

- Nominations required for Treasure position and committee member. Richard has agreed to continue in post until successor appointed.
- Glyn Jukes confirmed as Chairperson
- Rob Mustard confirmed as Secretary
- Neil Cochlin confirmed as committee member
- Hans Lansbergen confirmed as committee member
- Donna Copeland confirmed as Club Welfare Officer
- Sandy Miller confirmed as committee member
- Alex Fiveash confirmed as committee member

## 7) John Ivatt Award

- No responses received for the nomination, consensus from those attending the AGM that the award should be made to the Ground Staff for the excellent work undertaken on preparing the grass courts.

In Attendance:

Glyn Jukes  
Donna Copeland  
Rob Mustard  
Helen Windwood  
Tessa Walder  
Neil Cochlin  
Mark Williams  
Richard Oscroft  
Hans Lansbergen  
Marion Inman  
John Inman  
Sandy Miller  
Steve Atkinson  
Sarah Peay