



Annual General Meeting 21st November 2019 Minutes

Meeting Opened 20:00hrs Meeting Closed 20:51hrs

- 1) **Apologies for Absence** - Elaine Cloy, Dom Hall, Martin Shuttlewood, Josh Thomas, Sandy Miller
- 2) **Minutes from last meeting** (attached) **and points** arising from current meeting
 - Following the enhancements of the grass courts last year further improvements were experienced in 2019, Richard Allingham has offered to continue overseeing the surface in 2020.
 - Noticeboards: Information has increased but still room for improvement to be discussed by the committee.
 - Temporary Solution for the Bins on Court: Trialled but was not successful item closed.
 - Richard Oscroft having served an additional year as Treasurer will be standing down from the role and committee following the AGM.
 - Alex Fiveash will be standing down from the committee following the AGM.
 - Courts: A question arose in relation to the Chairman's report around the options for artificial clay courts pertaining to the maintenance costs and whether these are greater. confirmed that the costs were slightly higher but provided an overall longer lifespan of the playing surface, c£300 per annum to Jet wash.
 - Courts: Observation that clubs used to playing on clay have an advantage in competitive matches.
 - Courts: Feedback on the survey issued show from the 59 responses received 76.27% support a clay court option 23.73% oppose.
 - Clay Court Costs: Indicative costs £35K for both courts which is a similar cost to resurface.
 - Lighting: Revised quote of £17K received to amend lighting to LED. This was not as an affiliation to the LTA. NB LTA will not fund if not affiliated. Previous quote was £46K
 - Tournament Update: Comment from the Ladies section that there was disappointment that having reached the final Sophie was unable to compete on the day, format to be discussed by the committee prior to next year's Tournament.
 - Dorking & Leatherhead League, membership has grown 2 x men's teams 1 x ladies' team, options for Horsham to provide players for the competition, Glyn to explore.

3) **Chairman's Report** (full copy provided during the AGM)

- Grass Courts: Positive feedback, with improvements seen in the playing surface.
- Coaching: Has continued to deliver impressive results with Billy Johnson and Zach Hodges being called up for the U14 & U16 Sussex County Squads. Tennis for free sessions in Horsham Park to promote the sport and encourage new membership established with disability Tennis sessions commencing in conjunction with Crawley LTC at the Bewbush Leisure Centre.
- Future Plans: Main priorities Court surfacing and Lighting. Interim fix to pressure washer the courts and to change the faulty bulbs whilst alternative longer-term decisions are made.
- Club Tournament: Congratulations to all the 2019 Finalists. Participation rose by 13% to 76 members taking part in 2019.
- Competitions: A good season with teams marginally missing out on promotions in their respective leagues. 10 Juniors now playing regularly across the teams. Special thanks to the Team Captains, Paul Copeland, Neil Cochlin, Stuart Malcolm & Tessa Walder.

- **Treasurer's Report** (full copy of Treasurers report provided during the AGM)

- Income £35,995, Net Profit £25,791 (YTD Sept 2019)
- £6082.60 available in the sinking fund an increase of 21%
- Membership increased to 216 members an increase of 5%
- Costs remain relatively flat.
- Observation strong control around visitor fees and light tokens.

4) **Approval of Membership Fees**

- Discussion held around the membership fees. Proposal to increase fees by 3% in 2020. Vote held with 100% of attendees in favour of the increase.
- Agreed Light Tokens not to increase.

5) **Election of Officers and committee members**

- Glyn Jukes re-elected as Chairperson (Unanimous vote)
- Hans Lansbergen elected as Vice Chairperson (Unanimous vote)
- Neil Cochlin elected as Treasurer (Unanimous vote)
- Rob Mustard remains as Secretary
- Josh Thomas elected as committee member (Unanimous vote)
- Donna Copeland remains as Club Welfare Officer
- Sandy Miller remains as committee member (Tournament Director)
- Martin Shuttlewood elected as committee member (Unanimous vote)

6) John Ivatt Award

- Nominated by the Chairperson and awarded to Hans Lansbergen in recognition of the additional support provided to the club in 2019.

In Attendance:

Glyn Jukes
Donna Copeland
Rob Mustard
Helen Windwood
Tessa Walder
Neil Cochlin
Richard Oscroft
Hans Lansbergen
Alex Fiveash
Louisa Malcolm
Ian Gibson