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# Wingrave Tennis Club

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

### Held 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2009

Held at Wingrave Pavilion

#### 1. Present

Martin Swadling, Sandy Roost, Neil Pitman, Michelle Croft, Mike Curry, Emma Boddington. Apologies from : Paul Vaughan, Jane Samways, Andrew Liversidge, Mark Croft,

#### 2. Chairman's Report

Martin Swadling summarized the key successes that the club had achieved over the last year, the challenges facing the club and thanked the committee members for their hard work.

#### 3. Treasurer's Report

Sandy Roost reported that for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 Wingrave Tennis Club had a surplus of £457 for the year ending March 09 compared with £138 surplus in the previous year. An important improvement to the clubs' finances has been a revision of the WWRSAL fee (charge for use of facilities). The tennis club now pays a more representative and fair fee for the facilities it utilises. The benefit has been £360 for the year, the fee is now £1200 versus £1560 for the previous year. Subscription revenue was slightly up on last year however fundraising was marginally down. The 2009 Wine and Wisdom Event

#### 4. Secretary's Report

**Membership:** Neil Pitman reported that membership is roughly static and the club currently has 33 Adult and 12 juniors paid-up members.

**LTA :** The LTA is currently considering new methods for calculating club fees based on the number of courts rather than the current model which is based on the number of members. No final decision has yet been made on this issue, but it could be beneficial to the club as the current draft proposal has fees set at £250 for clubs with two courts rather than the total of over £400 that the club currently pays.

**Child Protection Officer :** The LTA is encouraging all clubs to appoint a Child Protection Officer (CPO) and the meeting agreed that the club should appoint a CPO. Paul Vaughan volunteered for the role and will attend the relevant LTA training.

**British Tennis / Wimbledon Ticket Allocation :** In 2008 LTA introduced a new individual membership scheme called "British Tennis" with the goal of better connecting the LTA with individual tennis players. The clubs' Wimbledon ticket allocation each year is determined by the number of club members who have joined British Tennis by 30<sup>th</sup> November of the previous year. Currently 45 Wingrave tennis club members have joined. In 2009 the club was allocated 5 pairs of tickets as was also offered an additional 3 pairs of tickets from returns which the club took up.

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## **5. Election of Officers**

The following committee members were re-elected :

Martin Swadling – Chairman  
Sandy Roost – Treasurer  
Neil Pitman – Club Secretary  
Michelle Croft – Committee Member  
Andrew Liversidge - elected to the committee as Membership Secretary.

Paul Vaughan was elected as Child Protection Officer

Mike Curry continues to act as fixtures secretary.

## **6. League Teams**

Martin Swadling reported that the club regularly puts out 3 teams which is admirable for a small club. All the teams would benefit from a larger pool of members willing and able to play.

- Men's 1st team captained by Robert Boddington
- Mixed 1st team – captained by Jane Samways – promoted last summer
- Mixed 2nds – captained by Paul Vaughan
- Paul Vaughan will captain a new summer league only Men's team from summer 2010

It was also noted that it would be beneficial if at least one team captain could attend each fixtures meeting along with the fixtures secretary.

## **Match Fees**

The meeting agreed that match fees would be increased to £ 3.00 from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010.

## **7. Courts and Facilities**

Windbreaks - After much discussion it was concluded that it would not be safe to attach windbreaks without significant strengthening of the court fences which could cost as much as £ 5,000. It was agreed to revisit the foliage option – Michelle Croft agreed to take on responsibility for this.

## **8. Membership Fees**

The meeting agreed that the membership fees for 2010-11 would be held at the current levels and reviewed next year. The current fees are £50 per adult, £15 per junior and £100 per family.

## **9. Fund Raising**

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Some discussion took place regarding fund raising activities. It was agreed to once again run a "Wine and Wisdom" event with an auction.

### **WWRSA**

The Tennis Club had been allocated the task of organising the raffle for the 2010 village fete. It was agreed that the club would be able to do this as long as several members were willing to assist. Committee members will meet on 12<sup>th</sup> January to plan the work required.

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