
Wingrave Tennis Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held on Monday 17th December 2012

Held at Wingrave Pavilion

1. Present

Steve Packer (SP), Sandy Roost (SR), Neil Pitman (NP), Andrew Liversidge (AL), Paul Vaughan (PV), Emma Boddington (EB), Robert Boddington (RB)

Apologies : Jan Walmsley.

2. Chariman's Report (RB)

RB thanked the committee members for their efforts during the year and noted in particular the work done on the Laurel hedging (SR et al), WWRSAL liaison and court cleaning (SP), Team Fixtures (NP), the WTC Facebook page (SP) and the team effort at the Wine & Wisdom fund raising event.

3. Treasurer's Report (SR)

SR presented the accounts :

P&L

Net surplus is £694 for the year ending 31st March 2012 compared to £355 in the previous year. The main contribution to this has been a steady growth in members and therefore subscriptions. +£300

Additionally there has been a rise in revenue associated with juniors coaching. This effect is derived from 2 key points – Saturday morning small increase in numbers plus some commission earned from Ross's Thursday afternoon coaching (6-11 year olds).

On the cost side there are smaller fluctuations in cost e.g. Flood lights is up by £81 due to extra floodlight match costs due to extra teams playing at night. WWRSAL fees increased in line with agreed inflationary impacts across all sports clubs - +£60

Balance Sheet

The main movements on the BS are around cash and FR reserve. Over the years we have built up a reserve from FR events. Last years' AGM we approved plans to plant a laurel hedge on 2 sides of the court. The project began in Feb 12. This explains the movement in the FR reserve £2154 to £327. This also explains the banks decreased balance £2793 to £1707.

As at now

Bank balances have continued to grow through a continued healthy membership picture in the part complete 2012/13 season.

Additionally a further cash injection has resulted from another fantastic W & W evening in Sept 2012. We raised circa £800+.

Bank balance is currently £4228 with imminent payment to WWRSAL to be made – circa £1400.

4. Club Secretary's Report (NP)

The club currently has 52 British Tennis Members which enabled the club to obtain 7 pairs of tickets for Wimbledon 2012 in the main ballot and an additional 2 pairs via the special junior ballot.

NP reported that Bucks LTA have chosen to waive the £50 affiliation fee for 2013 so the club's costs for LTA membership (including liability insurance) for 2013 will be the central LTA fee £200. The central LTA fee is calculated on the basis of £100 per court.

NP agreed to re-circulate copies of the LTA liability policy documents for the committee's perusal.

5. Membership Secretary's Report (AL)

AL reported that 4 new families had joined the club in 2012 although 5 had left. The current membership tallies are 44 adults and 23 juniors.

AL noted that Stuart McPhail's membership had expired (as a result of non-payment) although he was continuing to be selected for league matches.

Team captains were reminded that non-members cannot play in league matches in line with both the league's rules and the club's policy agreed at the 2011 AGM which is :

(b) Membership Policy

- Membership Fees are due on 1st April
- The club does allow a grace period and has a final payment date of May 31st
- Payment reminders should be sent out by email two weeks before the final payment date
- Members who have not paid by the final date are notified of the expiry of their membership.
- Team captains are notified of membership expiry and are given clear instruction that the ex-member should not play in any matches

6. Election of Officers

The following committee members were re-elected :

Robert Boddington - Chairman.

Sandy Roost – Treasurer

Neil Pitman – Club Secretary, Fixtures Secretary

Andrew Liversidge – Membership Secretary

Steve Packer – Committee Member and Club WWRSAL Representative

Paul Vaughan – Child Protection Officer

SR will contact Jan Walmsley to discuss her continued membership of the committee.

The need for a Promotions Officer and other committee members was discussed - SR will email the membership to see if any members are interested in joining the committee.

7. WWRSAL Report

SP reported that WWRSAL now has a number of separate committees – Maintenance, Finance (attended by PV) and Operations (attended by SP). SP thanked PV for his assistance at WWRSAL meetings during the year.

Wingrave Netball club and WWRSAL have made proposals for a new MUGA and requested input from the Tennis Club prior to grant application submission in January. A meeting was held with PV, SP and representatives of the Netball club and WWRSAL to allow the tennis club to provide input to ensure that the new MUGA would have independent access (ie it would not require access via the tennis courts) and that plans for movement of the Laurels would be mutually agreed.

The long-term issue of planning court resurfacing was raised with WWRSAL earlier in the year. WWRSAL will be discussing this with the Parish Council and reviewing the maintenance plan.

8. Club Membership Fees 2013-2014

WTC has a policy of reviewing membership fees bi-annually and are due to be reviewed for 2013/14.

NP presented a review of changes to fees at other local clubs which typically showed a small increase. After a brief discussion it was decided to raise the individual and family rates by £5.

Membership fees for 2013/14 will be :

Individual - £ 70

Family - £ 120

Senior - £ 35

Junior - £20

9. Courts, Facilities and Hedging

SR reported that the Laurel hedges around the courts have taken well.

SP agreed to look into installing coat hooks and obtaining a cover for the notice board.

SP will raise the issue of loose paving slabs

10. Fund Raising and Events

It was agreed to have another Wine & Wisdom fund-raising event in early summer. Details will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

EB agreed to organise a competition / tournament within the club in early summer.

11. Captains' Reports

Men's 1 – (Captain Robert Boddington) The team has retained its position in the same divisions for summer (div 5) and winter (div 6).

Mixed 1 – (Captain Emma Boddington). The team was promoted to division 2 in the winter league and just missed promotion from division 3 in the summer league.

Mixed 2 – (Captain Paul Vaughan) The team managed to maintain mid-table positions in winter (div 5) and summer (div 7).

Men's 2 – (Captain Steve Packer) The club's newest team had its best season so far last winter with three wins and a draw (div 8).

A big thank you to the captains who put in a huge amount of effort in chasing up players, collecting subs, sorting out food etc.

12. Coaching*

The existing Saturday morning junior/teen coaching (EB) and after-school junior coaching (SR) continue to be well supported.

Tennis Coach Ross Neary gave a brief presentation to explain ways in which he may be able to run coaching sessions at the club. Ross currently runs the after-school coaching and has previously run some coaching sessions at club night.

It was decided :

We are keen that he should expand his coaching beyond the juniors

We will start Rusty Rackets on a Friday evening at 7.30 for 90 minutes from mid March.

He will charge £5 per person.

The club will pay for the court and the floodlights but Ross will give the club 10% of his takings.

Ross will provide us with the marketing material for approval and we will arrange that it is placed in the Communique and the Village Postie thereby helping him with the promotion.

***This was actually held as the first item at the meeting.**

13. Next Committee Meeting

Tuesday 19th March – time and venue TBA.
