
Wingrave Tennis Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held on Wednesday 12th February 2014

Held at Wingrave Pavilion

1. Present

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

Apologies: Andrew Liversidge

2. Chariman's Report (RB)

The Chairman thanked the members of the committee for their valuable contributions throughout the year. In particular he paid tribute to Andrew Liversidge who during the course of the year stood down from the committee and from his role as membership secretary, an unenviable role which he carried out very successfully for a number of years.

The club had enjoyed a busy and successful year. Membership levels are robust and it remained profitable and well financed through some excellent fund raising, it fielded four teams in the winter and summer leagues, provided junior and senior coaching, club nights, a club competition and open day and many hours of enjoyable free play.

3. Treasurer's Report (SR)

Wingrave Tennis Club is pleased to report a surplus for the year to 31st March 2013 of £538. This is marginally down on the previous year predominantly due to the timing of junior coaching payments. The bank account balance is £2876. This is an increase on the previous year of £1.1k. The key driver for this increase in the cash balance has been another very successful Wine and Wisdom fund raiser event raising over £600 plus the surplus for the year as previously discussed. The Fund Raising Reserve stands at £965. This will be allocated to large spend projects in the future.

4. Club Secretary's Report

The meeting agreed that the AGM will be moved to May and will include the Wimbledon ticket draw. It was felt that this move would increase attendance and involvement in the AGM. It would also fit well with the club's financial year which runs to the end of March.

The club was allocated a total of 6 pairs of Wimbledon tickets in the 2013 LTA club ballot.

5. Membership Secretary's Report (NP)

Membership for 2013/14 was 37 adults and 20 juniors, slightly down from 2012/13.

6. Election of Officers

Jan Walmsley and Andrew Liversidge stood down during the year.

The following committee members were re-elected:

Robert Boddington - Chairman.

Sandy Roost – Treasurer

Neil Pitman – Club Secretary, Fixtures Secretary

Steve Packer – Committee Member and Club WWRSSAL Representative

Paul Vaughan – Welfare Officer (formerly Child Protection Officer)

Additionally, Paul Vaughan was elected as Membership Secretary.

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. WWRSSAL and Court Resurfacing

The club originally submitted a letter to WWRSSAL in January 2012 with plans for a rebind and repaint during 2014 followed by a full resurface in 2019.

However, the court surfaces are deteriorating faster than anticipated and the club now believe need a full resurface will be required in 2015 subject to confirmation and costings from a new LTA report (NP) and 2 other companies (SR).

Investment submissions for maintenance plans are due in to WWRSSAL by end of February (To be done by SR). The submission will indicate the need for a full resurfacing in 2015.

SP is the club's WWRSSAL representative. PV represents the club on the WWRSSAL finance committee.

8. Court Maintenance

The meeting resolved to continue annual court cleaning at a cost of £500 per year with 50% of the cost covered by the Parish Council. Some additional weeding may need to be carried out by club members.

During 2014 new benches were install along with coat hooks.

It was agreed that the club would replace 6 laurels that have died (RB/EB).

It was noted that the courts may need new posts in the near future.

9. Club Membership Fees 2014-5 (NP)

WTC has a policy of reviewing membership fees bi-annually and are next due to be reviewed for 2015/2016. Membership fees for 2014/15 remain at:

Individual - £ 70
Family - £ 120
Senior - £ 35
Junior - £20

The definition of family membership was clarified at the meeting: "Family membership allows for membership of two adults plus dependent children in full time education (including university)".

10. Fund Raising and Events for 2014

The following provisional dates were agreed for 2014:

Open Day (RB) – Sunday 18th May
Wine & Wisdom (SR,NP) - Friday 12th Sept
Summer tournament (EB) – Sunday June 29th

The tennis club will also be involved in the following :
Wingrave Fete (RB) – Sunday 13th July
Twining Weekend Sports (EB) – Saturday 10th May

The club will donate a raffle prize to the ADTL dinner dance (RB)

11. Captains' Reports

The club continues to run four teams – as always 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.

Men's 1 – (Captain Robert Boddington)
Mixed 1 – (Captain Emma Boddington).
Mixed 2 – (Captain Paul Vaughan)
Men's 2 – (Captain Steve Packer)

Whilst the Men's 1 and Mixed 2 teams were generally able to put out teams, Men's 2 was struggling to fulfil all fixtures in the Winter league and Mixed 1 was having difficulty finding women other than EB happy to play at the division 2/3 level.

Some discussion was held regarding the feasibility of continuing all the teams in both winter and summer; the captains will keep in touch on this issue and make entry decisions when required each season. SP will contact some juniors suggested by EB who may be able to play for Men's 2.

12. Coaching

Sat junior coaching has continued (EB) with the change of no longer taking place during January to March.

The club will further promote the coaching and the club open day via the Village Postie, Wingrave Communique and Wingrave School book bags.

The status of senior coaching with Ross was unclear. SP will check availability for adult group coaching will alternatives.
