
Wingrave Tennis Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held on Sunday 18th May 2014

Held at Wingrave Park

1. Present

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

2. Chairman's Report (RB)

The Chairman noted of the sad news of the death of Michelle Croft, after a short illness. Michelle was one of the early members of the club and during her time was an active member of the club and committee, fund raising, managing a team and organising club nights. The committee wanted to mark her memory and Mark Croft had agreed that a cup would be commissioned in her honour and presented to the winner of the annual summer competition.

The Chairman thanked the members of the committee for their valuable contributions throughout the year and also noted Emma Boddington's continued contribution to the junior coaching.

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 (WTC) reports a profit for the year of £37. This is £500 down on the previous year. The reduction is due to additional costs in the current year such as new courtside coat hooks, new tennis nets and straps. Additionally, spend on floodlights and balls has increased mainly due to timing of items being required and paid year on year. The additional costs are partially offset by small increases in subscription and junior coaching revenue plus a negotiated reduced WWRSAL fee (charge for use of tennis courts).

WTC holds a cash balance at the end of the year of £3.8k. This is an increase of £900 on the previous year. The main driver for this is the monies generated from the Wine and Wisdom 2013 Fundraiser. The WTC Fund Raising Reserve finishes the year with a healthy balance of £1.7k.

4. Club Secretary Report

Moving the AGM to May to coincide with Wimbledon ticket draw and open day did appear to have the effect of improving attendance.

The LTA has implemented a central automated for managing Wimbledon ticket allocations. The

club was allocated 3 pairs of tickets via this method. Bucks LTA will continue to use the "manual" method and allocated the club 2 pairs this year. The LTA also offered clubs the opportunity to apply for final weekend court tickets and was offered 2 further pairs of tickets by this method so overall a total of 7 pairs of tickets were balloted this year.

NP will review the club website with a view to switching over to an easier to maintain platform which would allow other designated members to take over the site maintenance.

Aylesbury District Tennis League has switched to an online match scheduling and results system which it is hoped will prove to be useful and efficient.

5. Membership Secretary's Report (PV)

Final membership figures for 2014/15 were not yet available but initial indications suggested a slight decline in membership.

PV noted that some of the member contact details may be out of date and will be checked.

The committee agreed to meet to formulate plans to increase the club membership.

6. Election of Officers

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, Membership Secretary

The need for a Promotions Officer and other committee members was discussed and will be addressed by the committee.

7. Court Resurface and Maintenance

Investment submissions for maintenance plans were submitted to WWRSSAL before the end of February. The submission indicated the need for a full resurfacing in 2015 at a cost of some £30,000. The club is awaiting a response.

The annual court cleaning agreed at the last AGM had not been carried out in 2014. This will be arranged by the committee.

Other maintenance items:

- One floodlight needs a new bulb and has been reported to WWRSSAL.
 - A break in the fence has been repaired.
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8. Club Membership Fees 2014-5 (NP)

WTC has a policy of reviewing membership fees bi-annually and are next due to be reviewed by the committee in time for the 2015/2016 renewals. Membership fees for 2014/15 are:

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

9. Fund Raising and Events for 2014

The following dates are planned for 2014:

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

In addition, the club will have a presence at The Wingrave Fete on Sunday 13th July (RB)

10. 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.

Currently all the teams are managing mid-table positions in their respective divisions.
