

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28th June 2022 in the Clubhouse



1. Introduction

The Chairman welcomed those present and thanked them for attending.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from James Ireson and Sara Pearce and Brian May

3. Minutes of the AGM

Minutes of of the AGM held on 16th November 2021 were tabled and approved without comment

4. Matters Arising

The name of the Club had been changed to Old College Lawn Tennis Club and everything had been changed accordingly with the exception of the signage outside the club.

5. Chair's Report

5.1 The Chair reported the appointment of Alex Heath as Head Coach which had been an important achievement for the Committee. Thanks were given to Marc Alderson, Marc Baylis, Emma Michel and Mabel Wanogho who had joined him on the interview panel.

- 5.2 The Chair explained that the AGM was being held relatively early in relation to the last to accomplish approval of the accounts to September 2021 so that they could be filed by 30th June 2022. The outbreak of Covid had prevented an AGM being held to approve the 2020 accounts, and we were now trying to restore the situation where there accounts approved were for the latest financial year. The next AGM would, accordingly be held in the spring of next year to approve the accounts to September 2022.
- 5.3 The new courts project had been inherited from Alyson's committee who had put in a lot of work on the project. This project was put out to tender in March and although four firms had expressed interest only two put in a bid, Trevor May and ETC. A survey of club members had voted overwhelmingly for artificial clay. The work was scheduled to last for ten weeks. Subsequently the courts would be renumbered, with the new court becoming court 4, and the existing clay courts being numbered 5, 6, 7 and 8.
- 5.4 The Chair thanked Anna Leslie and her team of helpers in restoring the social life of the club which had been severely disrupted by the pandemic. The highlight had been the Open House Art Exhibition, but there had also been a series of other events including a talk on nutrition and a book evening. Women's Social evenings had also been a great success.
- 5.5 One important change had been made to the floodlighting system which was now being linked to the booking system. Members would be advised as to how it would work and to be prepared for some teething problems as it becomes established.
- 5.6 The Chair thanked the Club Committee and the Tennis Committee for their efforts. In particular he gave thanks to Mike Samra who looks after the website for us. We are a volunteer club and there were some vacancies at the moment. Director of Clubhouse and Grounds, Men's and Mixed Captains.

Members were encouraged to apply for these positions.

6. Treasurer's Report and Accounts

- 6.1 The Treasurer tabled the Management Accounts for the year to September 2021 which showed an operating surplus of £18,441 against £11,912 the previous year. Subs from new members for part of the year had made a difference.
- 6.2 The main concern would be controlling the current costs. instead of it was hope that the recarpeting of courts 4 and 5 which were due to be redone in 2023 could be deferred until 2026.
- 6.3 Current cash flow projections for the current year implied a balance of between £2K and £13K during the winter until 2023 subscriptions were received. The difference reflects potential increases in cash outflows due to unexpected costs on the new courts, unexpected maintenance costs and/or the impact of inflation on other costs that are not fixed by contract.
- 6.4 Cash flow projections to 2032 showed a balance of £290,417 on an optimistic estimate, and £234,138 on a pessimistic estimated. This was against £186,284 in September 2021.

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Caroline Beck reported that Malcolm Kent had been appointed Independent Examiner.

8. Membership Secretary's Report

Club membership continued to be healthy with a waiting list of 400 people, although 50 had resigned at renewal due to moving or not having sufficient time to play tennis.

The club had decided to take advantage of the midweek availability of courts by offering members on the waiting list the opportunity to apply for off-peak membership. This had resulted in reducing the waiting list to 172 peak and 76 off-peak.

When the new court is built we will admit 40 off-peak and 50 peak members.

There will be a review of membership categories to identify gaps such as family membership.

9. Report from Men's and Ladies Captains

9.1 The Ladies Captain reported that during the winter season two teams had come top of their divisions and gained promotion.

There were on average 44 players amongst the ladies team and 7 reserves with midweek teams having 17 players.

9.2 The Men's Captain reported that there 7 teams and that promotions had been achieved by teams 5 and 6 in Winter and by team 6 in the summer.

9.3 Juniors would be encouraged to participate in club play.

10.1 Election of Club Committee and Tennis Captains.

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The chair reported that the nominations had been posted on the website and that as none had been contested the following had been appointed:

Club Chair	Nigel Thorp
Vice Chair	Ivan Savage
Director Membership	Sara Pearce
Director Clubhouse & Grounds	Vacant
Members' Representative	Mabel Wanogho
Social Secretary	Anna Leslie
Chair of Tennis	Bernard Stilwell

10.2 Tennis Captains

The position of Ladies Captain had been a contested vacancy

A vote was taken and Alyson Fox was appointed. Manjit Roseghini was thanked for applying.

No-one had volunteered for the positions of Mens' and Mixed Captains.

11.0 Endorsement and Appointment of Treasurer and Executive Secretary

The appointment of Caroline Beck as Treasurer and Joy Jackson as Executive Secretary was approved by the members.

12.0 Appointment of Honorary President

The Chair announced the appointment of Charles Tyndale Biscoe as Honorary President for 2022/2023. Charles was Club Chair at a difficult time in 2010's and commissioned a Governance Working Group which set up the current Club structures and rules which have worked extremely well. This was not a decision which was welcomed by the Club Committee at that time, and we owe Charles our thanks for seeing it through.

13.0 Any other business

Mabel Wanogho asked for improved protocols on electronic voting in the future. This will be considered as the relevant security and ease of use of electronic voting considers to be approve. In general, the committee follows the LTA's lead in the use of electronic systems and software.

The meeting adjourned at 8.50 pm.