

# **Minutes of Annual General Meeting**

## **Newick Lawn Tennis Club held at 8.00pm on**

### **Wednesday 30th March 2022 in the Clubhouse, Blind Lane, Newick**

Jenny Smerdon welcomed all to the 2022 Tennis Club AGM

15 Members present including Chair (Jenny Smerdon), Treasurer (Linda Whitworth) and Secretary (Hilary Bryan)

1) Apologies:- Sam B, Steve C, Serena W, Helena D, Sue A, Malcolm Y, Courtney W, Jen B, Paul O, Jane S, Richard and Leo

2) Secretary's report of previous AGM – 20.21/22 proposed as a true record  
By Liz T and seconded by Linda Whitworth  
Agreed by all present and signed by Jenny, Chair

3) Treasurer's report for 2021/22 on website and copy given to those present.  
Report of January 2022 is explicit and self-explanatory.

Linda wanted to emphasize a few points within the report:-

- Membership is down from last year but the last year was boosted by Covid and people needing the exercise and meeting others in the open air
- down to £8,700
- no money from coaching although used by adults and juniors regularly - Le Tennis from Maresfield provide the coaches
- Newick gets payment for floodlighting tokens given to their coaches
- Fees from Sussex league matches, winter/summer and Horam league adds to income
- Covid grants during the year have also added to our monies
- Increase in expenditure has risen due to dearer electricity bills and we will need more than £3,000 in our maintenance fund for next year
- Electricity bill and rates have increased and will continue to rise and we need to be aware of the implications
- LTA loan is being repaid twice yearly
- We have money in our current account and a healthy savings account but we need to increase our membership next season.

Jenny thanked Linda for her financial report and Willi Robertson for auditing the accounts.

4) Chair's report:-

- booking system worked very well during Covid but is no longer needed
- Members have sorted out their groups and pairs to play. Have not heard that any players have been unable to find a court free
- Kyria has a ladies coaching session every Tuesday morning during term time. Well supported by 6/8 ladies
- coaching sessions are being arranged for members coming back to the game organized by Le Tennis
- individual coaching for adults and juniors is very popular



#### 6) Subscription:-

It was agreed that subscriptions should remain the same as last year i.e.

- £130 Senior
- £235 Couples (Partners)
- £275 Family
- Juniors/students £30
- £25 Parent (hitting) membership to help under 10's

Proposed: Françoise Essen.          Seconded: Gill Hemsley

Agreed unanimously

Payment for season 2022/23 due 01.05.22

#### 7). Committee for 2021/2022

- All Committee members resigned
- New Committee: for 2022/23: Jenny Smerdon, Linda Whitworth, Hilary Bryan, Gill Hemsley, Sam Boileau, Steve Curry and Andrew Rees with a proviso to co-opt member(s) to the Committee when necessary
- Serena Woodward to act as non-Committee membership Secretary

Proposed by: Pat Tugwell.          Seconded. Liz Tobitt

Unanimous agreement by all present

#### 8) Future projects-

- practice wall
- LED floodlighting for double court
- update the Clubhouse i.e. toilets, taps and plumbing (Malcolm Young proposal)

Chair agreed all would be discussed and considered by the Committee. Jenny would report back to the Club.

#### AOB

##### Members questions

- Discussion regarding having a WhatsApp group for the various members arranging own groups and also for Club times. Club evenings on Wednesday's are supported but Sunday Club mornings maybe no-one is playing. Checking by WhatsApp would be a good way to keep in contact
- Working Party on Sunday 24th April to tidy Clubhouse and grounds ready for new season

There being no other business or questions the meeting closed at 8.50pm