

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Newick Lawn Tennis Club held in the

Clubhouse at 8.00pm on Wednesday 11th April 2018

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

Apologies:- Willi Robertson, Teresa Wenban, Jo Sippetts, Margi Parris, Paul Tonking, Pat Tugwell, Steve Curry, Françoise Esson, Ann Watson

Secretary's report of previous AGM - 05/04/2017 Agreed as a true record by all present and signed by Jenny, Chair.

Treasurer's report for 2017/18 - copy given to each member present and in file.

Subscriptions were £8,338. Grant of £4000 and £2000 from members donations is recorded under gifts

Costs are as usual as seen from accounts.

Loan of £8000 to start pay back in 6 months (10 year interest free)

Accounts in healthy state but not enough for floodlighting.

Gift aiding the club donations is very complicated for the Club (Treasurer) and asks members to reveal personal details. Linda will look again at the principle of Club gift aid.

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

Chair's Report

A great year for the Club.

The working group of Steve, Gill and Rachel did a brilliant job in securing the funding for the project of resurfacing the double court in line with the members wishes at last year's AGM. With an LTA loan of £8K, a grant of £4K, donations of over £2k from members, plus the balance from Club reserves, we were able to get the courts resurfaced in August. Our thanks also go to (in addition to Steve, Gill and Rachel) Courtney and Sam who helped out with information needed to make the loan a reality and to everyone who donated. I am sure you will agree that the courts look great and play really well.

We also secured planning permission for our next project - floodlighting on the single court. The current pricing for this is about £25k so we will need to look at securing grants as we would not be able to sustain another loan.

Locks for courts have been sorted and working well with code (so far!).

'Opening of Season' Tournament was successful with BBQ. Winners were Alice Boileau and Paul Tonkin.

Le Tennis have replaced Phil Amos with new coaches, Chris and Dan, to run the Junior Saturday morning. The ladies Tuesday morning coaching is run by Kyria. Will works with the Newick School children on a Wednesday at the school and then has another coaching session with older children at the Club.

Finally, it remains for me to thank everyone who help run the Club. The Committee of Linda, Hilary, Gill, Margaret and Andrew. Paul who keeps the website up to date and all the team captains. Peter has stepped down from the Men's captaincy and Simon has agreed to take on the role. Jenny thanked Peter for acting as captain for the last 10 years.

Thanks to Matt, our groundsman, for cutting hedges, grass and repairing the mower.

Juniors/Seniors (Tim from Le Tennis at Maresfield)

Busy year at Newick with Junior squads of 35 on Saturdays and 25 from Newick school on Wednesdays.

Kyria coaches the ladies on a Tuesday morning. Level 4)

Chris and Will - level 3, Dan - level 2) LTA accreditations

Jo Sippetts level 2 - Newick Junior assists coaching on a Saturday

Emily Gordon continues to go from strength to strength. Now a County player and gaining a scholarship to Eastbourne college.

Cameron Barnes (5 year old from Newick) comes to Maresfield for coaching.

Jenny commented that some of these Newick juniors do not join the Club which is a great shame as are the future.

Tennis camps very successful at Maresfield during school holidays

Match captains reports

Ladies Summer 2017 - 1 st team 1W 2D 3L	Winter 2017/18	3D 3L
- 2 nd team 1W 3D 3L	" "	3W 1D 3L
- 3 rd team 2W 1D 4L	(only two ladies teams from Winter 2017/18 onwards)	

Men's Summer 2017 no team Winter 2017/18 3W 2D 1L

Chair thanked all captains and Gill who is manager for league matches

Horam League -

Jenny organised Horam League 2018 which was quite tricky. In division III but information very slow in getting to Newick - Plumpton were organising and getting teams for every Monday was not easy.

Sue has agreed to help with organising ladies and Robin will sort the men for the season.

Tournament - Opening of season will be Sunday 29th April with bbq. Cups to be returned to Jenny.

Subscriptions

As at 21.03.18 NTC had 57 senior members and 34 juniors, including 10 family memberships. 6 senior and 8 juniors have not re-joined this year but Club has 5 new seniors and 5 new juniors.

It was agreed that subscriptions should in line with other local clubs i.e.

£130 Senior £235 Couples (Partners) £275 Family and Junior £25

Parent (hitting) membership to help under 10's

Proposed :- Malcolm Young Seconded:- Liz Tobitt Agreed unanimously

Payment due 01.05.18

Welcome letter to Thakeham home residents offering three month (3) free membership to Club and facilities on the website. Copy with agent on site.

Any interested parties should contact Jenny through website.

Wimbledon tickets for 2018

Six pairs of tickets allocated to Club based on Club members opting into Ballot.

(13 members did not opt in)

As last year we will have LTA electronic ballot names of those who have opted 'in' are put forward and are randomly chosen. Winners are informed by email and are responsible for own payment within a specified timescale. If dates do not suit or members 'opt out' then tickets are forfeited and returned to pot for re-

selection by electronic ballot to another person from the Club. All agreed to electronic ballot again.

Committee for 2018/2019

All Committee resigned.

New Committee: Jenny Smerdon, Linda Whitworth, Hilary Bryan, Gill Hemsley Margaret Tutt and Andrew Rees with a proviso to co-opt member(s) to the Committee when necessary.

Proposed by: Liz Tobitt

Seconded by Jane Sharman

Unanimous agreement by all present

AOB

- no members' questions
- to get leaflets from CHEC to advertise the Club
- Working Party will be Sunday 21/22nd April (Malcolm to get spikes for gates- (pigeons!)
- Opening of the season will be Sunday 29th April.
- Data protection information to be put on website - Paul

Everything blind copied (BACs, emails, addresses, telephone numbers etc) unless Member(s) gives consent otherwise.

There being no other business or questions the meeting closed at 9.10pm