

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

Clubhouse at 8.00pm on Wednesday 3rd April 2019

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

Apologies:- Malcolm Young, Jane Sharman, Paul Tonkin, Françoise Esson, Sue Austin, Sam Boileau, Margaret Tutt and Helena Davies

Secretary's report of previous AGM - 11/04/2018 Agreed as a true record by all present :            proposed by Margi Parris            seconded by Liz Tobitt

and signed by Jenny, Chair.

Treasurer's report for 2018/19 - copy given to each member present and in file.

Report shows subscriptions were down this year but income was up due to match fees, lighting tokens from Lindfield and Le Tennis.

Expenditure - cleaning of courts done twice in one financial year, locks for courts and floodlight expenses.

Paying back LTA £400 loan every six months for 10 years down to £7200

Sinking fund solvent

Lindfield Tennis Club pay two adult memberships to play every Thursday evening during the winter months.

Club has had occasions when flooding lighting has not been properly switched off.

Note to be left by box in Clubhouse to instruct players of procedure to follow.

Costly for the Club when this happens.

Affiliation fees, utilities, insurance and tennis balls for matches and Club use are all part of Club's expenses.

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

Chair's Report

Opening of the season scheduled for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April had to be postponed due to the weather and tournament was played on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

This day also happened to be one of the LTA's Great British Tennis Weekends (GBTW) so we decided to use it as an Open Day by inviting prospective new members along. We had a great day with a BBQ and several people who came along joined as new members.

Tournaments were also held in September and on New Year's Day. That was great fun!

Membership for the season was 55 Seniors, 43 Juniors, 13 hitting parents with juniors under 10, paying £25.

Courts were cleaned in January.

Our Welfare Officer, Courtney Williams has completed the Safeguarding Course necessary for us to remain affiliated to the LTA. Thank you Courtney.

Club Policies on Safeguarding, Diversity and Inclusion can be found in the red folder in Clubhouse. Copy of letter from LTA dated 20.01.19 (also in red folder) thanking clubs for action taken in securing a safeguarding policy and for meeting the standards required and so registering with LTA successfully.

A big thank you to all the hardworking Committee and the team captains running the Sussex and Horam leagues,

Thanks also goes to Paul Tonkin for keeping the website updated. Malcolm and Willi for the sterling job that they have done in cutting back the shrubs and thanks to Matt, our groundsman, for cutting hedges, strimming and grass cutting..

#### Juniors/Seniors (Tim from Le Tennis at Maresfield)

Busy year at Newick with Junior squads of 30 on Saturdays. 10 in each group with Jake (level4) and Chris. 27 from Newick school on Wednesdays in year/ability groupings.

A couple of older boys, Finn and Sam's son Oliver also having coaching with Le Tennis.

Kyria coaches the Newick ladies for an hour on a Tuesday morning - between 6/8 generally take part.

Would like to start Newick Men's team coaching on a Monday evening.

At a later date cardio and rusty racquets and also mini tennis for enthusiastic pre-school children

Emily Gordon continues to go from strength to strength, is now a County player and in Regional League matches.

Tennis camps continue to be very successful at Maresfield during school holidays,

Jenny thanked Tim and his coaches for improving the standards of our Club.

#### Courts

Cleaned again and small holes appearing . we have a weed problem but need to use a weed control that is safe around children. Steve Curry volunteered to help sort out weed problem.

Need to reduce height of Leylandii hedge.

Code on gates working fine but if need to change for any reason will need to get tprofessional advice.

### Match captains reports

Ladies Summer 2018 - 1 <sup>st</sup> team	-W 5D 1L	Winter 2018/19	1W 4D 1L
- 2 <sup>nd</sup> team	1W 3D 2L	" "	-W 2D 4L
Men's Summer 2018	1W 3D 2L	Winter 2018/19	3W 2D 1L

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

Horam League - Sue Austin and Robin Parris organised Newick players and have gone from 3<sup>rd</sup> Division to 2<sup>nd</sup> division this season (2019)

Tournament - Opening of season will be Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April with bbq. Cups to be returned to Jenny.

### Subscriptions

As at 21.03.19 NTC had 55 senior members and 43 juniors, including 13 hitting parents

It was agreed that subscriptions should remain the same as last year ie

£130 Senior £235 Couples (Partners) £275 Family and Juniors/students £30

£25 Parent (hitting) membership to help under 10's

Proposed :- Liz Tobitt      Seconded:- Peter Whitworth      Agreed unanimously

Payment due 01.05.19

### Wimbledon tickets for 2019

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

As last year, agreed that we will use the 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 2019/2020**

**All Committee resigned.**

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

**Proposed by: Steve Curry**

**Seconded by Courtney Williams**

**Unanimous agreement by all present**

**AOB**

- no members questions**
- Working Party will be Sunday 14th April**
- Opening of the season will be Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April with bbq.**

**There being no other business or questions the meeting closed at 9.00pm**