

# *Girton Tennis Club AGM (25th March 2019)*

## **1. Members present**

Andy Luff, Alan Franklin, Kevin Keeves, Mark Lawton, John Irwin, Victor Travieso, Alan Richardson, Bruce Parker, James Page.

**Apologies:** Daphne Randall, Jessica Sims, Mathew Boucher, Georgi Merev, Sally Thorpe, Alex Tate.

## **2. 2018 Minutes & Matters Arising:**

The minutes were accepted and it was noted that the role of Welfare Officer had been filled, white posts have been installed to prevent balls going under the court boundary fence and the club noticeboard had a new clear front cover fitted.

## **3. Chairman's report**

John thanked the committee and team captains for their hard work and support during 2018. This had been a particularly challenging year due new LTA requirements and GDPR legislation but we had completed all of the required actions.

AR and VT were particularly thanked for leading our junior sessions on Friday evenings which encourages many youngsters, parents and helpers to get involved with playing tennis (Sally Tate and Alex Tate had also sent a vote of thanks for these sessions with their apologies).

KK was thanked for making all the arrangements again for our successful Xmas dinner.

## **4. Treasurer's report**

The club made a small profit last year. Court rental paid to the PC was £2,205 but will increase by around 3% for our next membership year. It was agreed that Andy should offer a £225 MUGA usage donation and also reserve the MUGA for the 4 sessions where we know home matches and coaching will happen on the same Tuesday night.

The club is offering tennis coaching again this year at a very competitive cost to those taking part. Around £650 from our reserves will be used to subsidise this activity and AL will be paying the coach against his invoices (VT to liaise with coach re invoicing).

AL, KK and ML are now signatories to the club bank account. AL to change the bank mandate so that a single signature is accepted and get a debit card for the account. AL requested payment by BACS whenever possible as handling cash or cheques is less convenient. KK will make this preference known when emailing about membership or coaching payments but also make clear that he needs all member information to come back to him.

The accounts were approved by the Chairman.

## **5. Membership report**

Last season we had 109 members as compared to 91 the previous year. The increased number was considered to be partly down to the success of our junior supervision sessions and also the provision of coaching. Increases in all fees had enabled the club to balance the costs and operate with a small profit. With expected increases in rental costs, two teams and planned coaching it will be necessary to increase our charges by a small amount even if membership numbers remain steady. It was agreed the £5 early payment discount will still apply and fees for 2019/2020, before early payment discount, will be:

Single £66

Junior £29

Family £132

AF has agreement from the GPN to include a free membership advert in the May publication but this will be after the early payment discount offer has expired.

KK has been allocated 6 pairs of Wimbledon tickets to put in the club ballot. Although there are no finals tickets (which require a public ballot) it was agreed that it would be sociable to perform the ballot at the George on Mon 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. KK to make arrangements with the George and inform our current members.

Due to our club membership year starting again in April, it is possible (but hopefully unlikely) that those getting Wimbledon tickets through our ballot will not have re-joined the club for 2019/2020. This issue was discussed and we agreed not to move our membership year as it fits with improving weather and popularity for playing tennis.

## **6. Welfare report – Diversity, Safeguarding and Whistle blowing**

JP reported that both he and MB had been on the LTA training course in Bedford and that this qualification covered them for the next 3 years. KK asked if there is a second level required by the LTA and JP agreed to check.

VT agreed to check the DBS paperwork for David Nation (coach) and also reminded the committee that a second adult has to be present during the junior coaching sessions (6pm to 7pm on Tuesday evenings). JP and AR volunteered to be available for the junior coaching session if VT could not be, KK could probably help if all other options fail

Our diversity, safeguarding and whistle-blowing policies are displayed on the club notice board and available via our website. AL has some posters coming.

The annual club risk assessment is done by KK as part of our club registration with the LTA in October.

## **7. Appointment of Officers**

The following were proposed, seconded and accepted:

Alan Franklin – Secretary

Kevin Keeves – Membership Secretary

Andy Luff – Treasurer

James Page – Welfare Officer

Mathew Boucher – Welfare Officer

Committee Members: Alan Richardson, Mark Lawton, Jessica Sims, John Irwin, Victor Travieso, Bruce Parker, Mathew Boucher, James Page.

Captains: Men's Team – Mark Lawton

Mixed Team – Mark Lawton

Deputy: Bruce Parker

Deputy: Yulia Shpak

## **8. LTA grants and policies**

JS has applied for an LTA grant to help develop tennis for seniors and this was submitted at the beginning of March – we await the outcome (post meeting note: £150 has been granted). She also has other ideas for suitable grant applications in 2019/2020.

## **9. AOB**

It was agreed that we should support the Village Feast and open the courts to the public on Sat 13<sup>th</sup> July. Kevin reminded those present that we need plenty of members helping during the afternoon. ML will bring his tent again.

ML reported that we entered a men's team in the LTA Winter League last year but that it was quite a struggle to find players willing to play in the cold rain so probably would not do so again. We have entered a men's and mixed team for this Summer season and the men's first match is against Gt Shelford on 28<sup>th</sup> April.

VT reported that the Tuesday coaching sessions from April 23<sup>rd</sup> are now fully subscribed and anyone who responds to the next GPN article will have to go on a waiting list. 60-70% of those signing up are ladies and this may eventually help us find new players for our mixed team.

VT reported that our junior supervised sessions ran for over 6 months last year and typically attracted 18 youngsters per session. VT guides the under 7's and AR those older but typically under 13. It was agreed that we don't offer enough tennis for teenagers but that, if they become club members, should be encouraged to join the adult Friday evening session. JI commended the inclusive and friendly nature of our club and agreed we should try to ensure that our current juniors, and any new teenager members, have the chance to continue playing tennis.

## **10. Next Meetings**

No dates were set although the 2020 AGM will be in early March.  
This meeting closed at 20.55

A committee meeting followed the AGM and John Irwin was unanimously re-elected as Club Chairman.