

## **Minutes of the 116th Annual General Meeting held at Fulwood Tennis Club**

**Wednesday, 11 March 2009**

### **Apologies for Absence**

21 members were present. Apologies were received from Christine Pluck, Mike Watson, Linda Clayton, Mike Marsden, Mike Bond and Alex Laude.

The minutes from the previous AGM were summarised and accepted.

### **Secretary's Report**

The secretary reported that we had had successful team tennis. The men's 1st and 3rd teams had been promoted to divisions 1 and 2 and the ladies 2nd team to division 3. The men won the 3rd division of the autumn league and the boys the 2nd division of the Fylde Junior League. The men had also won the Ranson Trophy and the second tier of the National League and were congratulated. There had been plenty of social tennis throughout the year, a ladder, a successful end of season tournament and junior events. New benches had been obtained with money donated by Joyce Sanderson and inscribed in memory of Keith. They would soon be put outside, fastened to the floor. We had recently held an excellent Curry and Quiz evening. The Green Card giving details of the committee, fixtures and events would be reinstated in the coming season.

The Treasurer, Jim, Mike Williams the membership secretary, Mike Bond, the bar manager, and all the committee and anyone who had helped in any way were all thanked. Above all our appreciation was expressed to Mike Catlow the club captain, who would step down after 7 years building up the club during which time the superb carpeted courts had been laid, a men's 5th team added and a great atmosphere created.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer passed round the accounts and showed that a deficit of £1164 had been made this year. Money from subscriptions had risen slightly, the loan had been paid off, bar and room/court income had gone down and most expenditure kept under control.

The exceptions were the expensive 1 off payments – including repairing the bar floor, plumbing (£2174), fencing (£2231) and removal of the cypress trees (£1500).

The cost of sanding the courts was £1000 that will recur each year, along with treatment for moss. This year the car park will have to have the holes filled at a cost of £1200 and part of the fencing around the courts replaced.

### **Subscriptions for 2009**

The membership secretary reported that we had about 200 members in all categories including social – many joining late in the season. In the light of the economic climate it was recommended that all subscriptions charges were held at the 2008 levels and that savings must be made wherever possible.

Mike would step down this year but would carry on assisting with the conversion of all membership records to a secure part of the website – accessible to only a handful of officers. Mike was thanked for his work over the years. The subscription rates were proposed by Mike Catlow and seconded by Peter Kitchen.

## **Captain's Report**

Mike would step down after 7 years and said that we had a club to be proud of. He had enjoyed the spell and wanted to leave the club to his successor with all outstanding jobs completed.

A vote of thanks was given by Mike Williams and a presentation made by the president.

Mike proposed Christine Kitchen to be captain seconded by Ellen Gregory.

## **Election of Officers**

The rest of the officers were re-elected and the committee on block.

President – Neville Buckley proposed by Mike Catlow seconded by Christine Kitchen

Secretary – Peter Kitchen proposed by Neville Buckley seconded by Mike Catlow

Treasurer – Jim Grundy proposed by Peter Kitchen seconded by Mike Catlow

Membership Secretary – Sue Shirley proposed by Peter Kitchen seconded by Paul Shirley

The committee now consists of :

Richard Swan, Mike Watson, Michael Bond, Mike Marsden, Sue Shirley, John Raven, Charles Gayle, Steve Reynolds and Mike Catlow

The new captain thanked everyone for electing her and said that it would be no easy task following Mike. She asked people to come and support events and help in anyway that they could such as helping with the bar or transporting juniors to matches. Junior coaching would start on March 20th and there would be four teams this year. A handicapped tournament would run throughout April organised by Steve Reynolds.

## **Wimbledon Tickets**

We will only receive 5 pairs of tickets this year. They may be on centre court or courts 1, 2 or 3. The prices are dearer than last year. Those people requesting tickets must be members of British Tennis.

## **AOB**

The charge for affiliation to the LTA had increased. The committee had discussed whether it was worth continuing but this was necessary to enable members to play in the National League and the various trophies and recommended staying affiliated.

The LTA at Wigan had said that we will be able to tap into their resources to provide some additional coaching for the stronger juniors and school links. It is not clear what they will actually provide but we shall find out in the coming weeks. This will be in addition to the Friday evening coaching supplied by Ian Maddison. Some suggestions were made that juniors should commit to say six week sessions rather than just paying on the evening. This would enable more continuity and structure to the lessons.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm