

Minutes of the 117th Annual General Meeting held at Fulwood Tennis Club

Wednesday, 10 March 2010

Apologies for Absence

12 members were present. Apologies were received from Dave and Di Kelshaw, Mike Watson, Pete Bradley, Charles Gayle and Judith Cowburn..

The minutes from the previous AGM were summarised and accepted - proposer Mike Marsden and seconder Richard Swan.

Secretary's Report

The secretary reported that we had had another excellent year with a thriving club. Apart from appalling weather from November until the end of January there had been lots of social play and teams had restarted practicing. Last summer we had eight adult and four junior teams. The numbers of juniors had increased at the club and the 6 o'clock and 7 o'clock coaching sessions were still well attended up to the last ones at the end of October. Ian ran excellent on-going tournaments and a mini tennis tournament in September that was well supported with many parents helping.

We held a handicapped tournament early in the season and the open tournament in September. Holding these events separately has been of benefit and was easier to accommodate within the social tennis evenings. This will be repeated this season but with a fixed finals day in September for the open tournament.

In June the Preston Tournament finals were held at the club. These too were tremendously well supported on a glorious day and comments were made that these had been the best finals day in terms of overall support and atmosphere. Many thanks were made to everyone who had helped on the day.

Membership was much the same as the previous year with more than 170 adult and junior members.

At this time last year there was a list of jobs that were needed. The benches provided by Joyce Sanderson were inaugurated, the worst pot holes in the car park were filled in, much of the netting was replaced and the gaps in the hedge stopped up.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer passed round the accounts and showed that a small deficit of £790 had been made this year. Thwaites sponsorship money was owing. Money from subscriptions was down as was bar income and room hire but expenditure was lower even taking into account one-off payments of £4000 for new fencing and £1200 for the car park.

It was envisaged that in 2011 the LTA levy would be based on the number of courts at £100 per court rather than a charge for each member. That would make great savings of £700.

Captain's Report

The captain thanked everyone for coming to the AGM and mentioned the large number of little jobs that necessitated a visit to the club. Examples were the glass washer servicing, pestokill ensuring that there had been no rats and meeting the groundsman to point out jobs that were

required. He had done an excellent job maintaining the courts, brushing leaves, treating the moss and removing mud following the heavy rain in November.

We had had a break in at the club where two windows had been smashed and entry forced into the bar. Fortunately there was no money stolen as it was all secured in the safe in the cellar. Repairs did cost £130.

We had recruited Jacqui Lowe to provide 6 weeks additional free coaching for anyone interested in being considered for a team including the stronger juniors. As all three ladies' teams had been relegated it was hoped that this would improve their standing next season! The men's teams were congratulated particularly as we now had two teams in division 1 and one in division 2.

There would be two junior teams in the Ribble League (U16 and U14) and a girl's team in the Fylde League. Everyone was thanked for the work that they had done in particular Jim, Sue, Mike Bond and Tracey, Mike Catlow, Jim and Charlotte for organizing or transporting the juniors.

The bar is open every Thursday. Dave and Val are still running their salsa classes. That and some forthcoming events are a great source of income. The captain would be asking for volunteers to help. The funds are vital to keeping subscriptions at a sustainable level.

Subscriptions for 2009

Over the years it had been necessary to add and make changes to membership categories. Similarly bar hire charges had to reflect the market compared with other clubs and pubs.

The limited play category allowing a parent just to be able to play with a son or daughter at quiet times had been successful and would be adopted as would the ten mile limit for country membership. It was accepted that we may lose income from the ten mile limit but it was felt that the priority was getting new members to join.

All membership rates would be the same as last year and greater discretion could be made for families and discounts. These were proposed by Sue Shirley and seconded by Neville Buckley.

Election of Officers

The officers	President – Neville Buckley
	Captain – Christine Kitchen
	Treasurer – Jim Grundy
	Secretary – Peter Kitchen
	Membership Secretary – Sue Shirley

and the committee consisting of: Richard Swan, Mike Watson, Michael Bond, Mike Marsden, Sue Shirley, John Raven, Charles Gayle and Steve Reynolds were proposed by Mike Williams, seconded by Ellen Gregory and elected on block.

AOB

We will receive 5 pairs of Wimbledon tickets again this year. As more people have requested tickets that are available we will have a ballot. The first person drawn will have first choice of tickets followed by the second drawn etc.

It was requested that we contact various lapsed members – who had not rejoined over the last couple of years. The secretary will telephone some who are known not to have moved area.

The meeting closed at 20.45