

## **BRACKLEY TENNIS CLUB – MINUTES OF AGM**

Held, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017, 7:30pm

### **Present:**

List of members attending appended at the end of the minutes

### **Apologies:**

Art Kharlamov  
Michael Hodson  
Pauline Leftwich  
Robin Bone  
Di Gamble  
Ann Austin

The meeting was Chaired by Chris Skermer.

### **Welcome**

Chris welcomed everyone and was pleased to note the best turnout of members for years.  
Chris made a special thanks to Shirley Griffith for arriving early to set up the room and put on the heating.  
Thank you too to Carolyn Markham for providing the teas and refreshments.

Chris took apologies (noted above).

### **Last Meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and agreed. Sue Barrett proposed and Anne Brady seconded. Unanimously passed.

### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **Committee Report**

Chris read a report from the committee (appended to these minutes) in replacement of the normal Chair's report.

Andrew Bullock reported on current membership status:

99 members in total, c.f. last year 111

48 seniors

19 senior citizens

16 juniors

8 intermediates

5 parents

2 life members

1 social

5 temporary memberships which have now expired

Andrew reported that the renewal process last year was well received and in light of this success, suggested taking the same approach this year.

Members were encouraged to join the LTA by 17<sup>th</sup> of February to boost the allocation of Wimbledon tickets in the ballot.

The meeting had no questions for Chris or Andrew on the report to members.

### **Coaching**

Peter Cowley reported that a new coaching contract has been signed for four years and that he was looking forward to working with the new committee. The new contract includes a range of opportunities for children to get involved in a number of activities. Peter mentioned that in concluding the new contract, he and others had looked at the market and it has shifted: now harder to attract new people to tennis and more competitive vs other sports and other activities.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Accounts for the year-end were circulated to the meeting (appended to these minutes). Anne Brady offered to answer any questions, there were none. A proposal accepting the accounts was put to the meeting: Nigel Evans proposed; Stuart Freestone seconded. Proposal carried unanimously.

### **Membership Subscriptions**

The committee wanted to make a recommendation to the meeting that subscriptions should *not* be increased for the new season. However, Club rules (Rule 3.6) requires that "subscriptions shall be increased each year by not less than the rate of inflation, based on the Retail Price Index for the previous year to 31st December" which was a requirement given to the club by the LTA. As a compromise, it was proposed that: "the membership fee is raised for the forthcoming season by 1% and that the newly elected committee form a sub-committee to consider the dual question of fees (amount) and fees (types of membership). Any recommendation from the sub-committee will be put to a Special Meeting (EGM) convened under Rule 8.13."

### **Club Captains' Report**

Richard Carey reported on behalf of both men's and women's captains. It's been a challenging season, but managed to keep the same number of teams in competition. The mixed D team has been dropped, largely because there was no one to captain the team.

Floodlit mixed A & B teams were both relegated last winter, but mixed B team is now top of their division. Last Summer ladies A won division 2 in the Northampton league and the mixed A won division 2 in the Banbury league.

The club championship ran very smoothly and was enjoyed by all.

### **Election of Officers**

The following members stood for election and were uncontested and duly elected:

President – Carolyn Markham: Proposed Andrew Bullock; Seconded Jenny Robinson

Chair – Andrew Bullock: Proposed Carolyn Markham; Seconded Jenny Robinson

Treasurer – Anne Brady: Proposed Sue Barrett; Seconded Andrew Bullock

Men's captain – Richard Carey: Proposed Sue Barrett; Seconded Jenny Robinson  
Membership secretary – Mary Bullock: Proposed Jev Pemberthy; Seconded Sue Barrett  
Match secretary – Shirley Griffith: Proposed Andrew Bullock; Seconded Peter Cowley  
Committee members: Proposed Andrew Bullock; Seconded Carolyn Markham  
Janet Sandford  
Nigel Evans  
Chris Skermer  
Stuart Freestone  
Sue Barrett  
Steve Robinson  
Peter Cowley (Coaching matters)  
Jev Pemberthy  
Jenny Robinson

Two vacancies exist on the committee: Secretary and Ladies Captain.  
Craig Robertson was co-opted to the committee.

The meeting passed a vote of thanks to Chris Skermer and to Nigel Evans ensuring the continuation of the committee over the last year as members retired / resigned / changed positions.

#### **Election of Accountants**

It was proposed that the appointment of David Upstone as Accountant be continued for a further year.  
Proposed by Tony Worthington; Seconded by Brenda Worthington. Carried unanimously.

#### **Away Match Fees**

The committee put forward a recommendation to abolish Away Match Fees, starting in the new season.  
The meeting carried the recommendation unanimously.

#### **Any Other Business**

Art Kharlamov had sent in an email asking: "what are the club doing for juniors?" The meeting acknowledged Art's concern but noted that two seasons ago there was a competition for juniors and no one entered. With juniors ranging from 5years to 12years organizing a competition that bands them into viable groupings is difficult. The meeting suggested to the new committee that Art might be invited onto the committee with a special focus on developing fun competitions for juniors.

Moya offered Bob Hodson a huge vote of thanks for all his work around the grounds. Chris presented Bob with the Skermer trophy in recognition of his work. Also, the committee asked Bob to nominate his favourite railway so that the club could buy him some vouchers for a day out.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm.

#### *Present at the AGM were:*

Chris Skermer  
Phil Roberts  
Moya Burns  
Rosie Peel Yates  
Sue Barrett

Jev Pemberthy  
Mary Bullock  
Peter Cowley  
Craig Robertson  
Anne Brady  
Sue and Bob Hodson  
Brenda & Tony Worthington  
Geoff Dawson  
Richard Carey  
Shirley Griffith  
Janet Sandford  
Paul Henshaw  
Carolyn Markham  
Steve Robinson  
Nigel Evans  
Jane Ayris  
Stuart Freestone  
Andrew Bullock  
Mary Bullock  
Jenny Robinson

## **B.L.T.C. Committee Report 2017**

It has been a challenging year for the Committee as we have had several resignations during the year which has meant extra work for everyone. I would like to express our thanks to the Committee members who took on officer rolls, Anne Brady who took over as Treasurer, Carolyn Markham and Richard Carey who took on the Captains rolls and Anne Maskell the secretary. She has since resigned and Jenny Robinson has been filling the gap recently. Shirley has been very efficient sorting the matches and Andrew has been an excellent Membership Secretary.

Membership recruitment is still a concern but we have been upgrading our information leaflet and hope to distribute it to the new housing areas before the start of the new season.

We wish to thank the membership for their response to the questionnaire which we are working on.

Achievements this year are as follows:

The signs have been replaced, the courts cleaned and a new coaching contract signed.

As regards Wimbledon tickets, the registration was completed successfully and the LTA informed me we are eligible for tickets but the numbers depend on how many BTA members of the Club opted in by the required date.

We investigated a practice wall but after looking at several local ones and the amount of use they got we decided we couldn't justify the cost at present.

Courts.

The new plan for Brackley has been published and it is proposed to relocate all the Buckingham Road sports facilities to a new venue off Halse Road.

Steve Robinson and Sue Barrett have investigated our lease which still has considerable time to run and so we can't be turned off, however it could be beneficial to relocate. Until more details of the plan are released so we can see what facilities we are being offered, we have decided it is prudent not to spend large sums for resurfacing or new flood lights.

On a personal note; The Committee very kindly thought my services over the years to the Club merited an honorary membership and I was delighted to accept with many thanks.

**Brackley Tennis Club**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
For the year ended 31 October 2016

**GENERAL FUND**

	<b>2015</b>				
	£	£		£	£
			<b>INCOME</b>		
12,281			Members subscriptions		11,857.00
1,598			Match fees		1,353.60
155			Club championship & tournaments fees		268.50
22			Guests' & visitors' fees		99.95
65			Social activities		83.00
5,934			Coaching fees		5,847.99
100			Sale of used tennis balls		136.00
30			Sundry income		-
2,230			Bank interest		1,853.06
<u>22,415</u>					<u>21,499.10</u>
			<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
		26	Rent	33.00	
		1,000	Water	-	
		775	Insurance	799.76	
		4,981	Court services & maintenance	8,438.93	
		3,137	Clubhouse cleaning & maintenance	1,152.24	
		922	Purchase of tennis balls	700.00	
		504	LTA affiliation fees	550.00	
		416	League fees	329.00	
		98	Trophies	110.00	
		-	Coaching	150.00	
		151	Sundry items & petty cash payments	465.38	
		235	Independent examiner's fee	200.00	
		1,688	Amortisation & depreciation of assets	1,996.19	
14,379		<u>446</u>	Corporation tax on bank interest	<u>370.99</u>	15,295.49
			EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE - transferred to Court Renewal fund		<u>6,203.61</u>
<u>8,036</u>					

**FLOODLIGHT FUND**

			<b>INCOME</b>		
2,402			Sale of tokens		1,730.55
			<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
3,383			Electricity		2,218.51
<u>(981)</u>			EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME		<u>(487.96)</u>

**Brackley Tennis Club  
BALANCE SHEET  
as at 31 October 2016**

2015					
£	£	£		£	£
75,297			<b>FIXED ASSETS</b> - per attached schedule		73,301.05
325			STOCK OF BALLS		360.00
463			PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE		-
	74,426		CASH AT BANK & IN HAND		
	85,043		Barclays Bank (court renewals)	75,098.30	
	1,716		Julian Hodge Bank (court renewals)	86,536.61	
	6,081		Lloyds Bank (key deposits)	1,760.74	
	20,398		Lloyds Bank (floodlights)	5,885.75	
			Lloyds Bank (treasurer's)	26,421.40	
<u>187,667</u>	<u>3</u>		Petty Cash	<u>47.33</u>	<u>195,750.13</u>
263,752					269,411.18
			<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
	<u>7,073</u>		SUNDRY CREDITORS		<u>7,016.21</u>
<u>256,679</u>			<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>262,394.97</u>
			<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>		
	89,353		General fund at 1 November 2015		89,352.49
		151,881	Court renewals at 1 November 2015	159,917.18	
	159,917	<u>8,036</u>	Add general fund surplus for year	<u>6,203.61</u>	166,120.79
		6,799	Floodlight fund at 1 November 2015	5,818.46	
	5,818	<u>(981)</u>	Less deficit for year	<u>(487.96)</u>	5,330.50
<u>256,679</u>	<u>1,591</u>		Keys fund at 1 November 2015		<u>1,591.19</u>
					<u>262,394.97</u>

**Brackley Tennis Club**  
**FIXED ASSETS**  
**as at 31 October 2016**

Asset	Cost £	Yrs	Bal b/fwd £	Deprn charge for year £	Balance £
Club House	29,568.00	64	21,252.00	462.00	20,790.00
New Patio	6,420.00	60	5,290.00	107.00	5,183.00
Water supply & surrounds			1.00		1.00
Artificial grass courts	28,864.00	64	19,926.00	451.00	19,475.00
Court 5 & floodlights	17,984.00	64	13,069.00	281.00	12,788.00
Furniture			1.00		1.00
New tables & chairs			1.00		1.00
Kitchen fridge			1.00		1.00
Honda brusher			1.00		1.00
Honda hover mower			1.00		1.00
Cleaning mat			1.00		1.00
Strimmer	179.00		1.00		1.00
STIHL BG 56C blower	217.00		65.00	31.00	34.00
Vacuum cleaner	94.00		19.60	18.60	1.00
Agrifab 85LB Push Spreader	90.00		51.84	24.84	27.00
Viking MB248 mower	134.00		77.18	36.98	40.20
Car park resurfacing	14,022.00	64	13,569.54	223.07	13,346.47
Floor mats	203.93		130.52	48.95	81.57
Kitchen water heater	276.00		240.43	93.23	147.20
Mailbox	45.99		39.09	9.20	29.89
Cleansweep brush	405.60		385.32	81.12	304.20
Signage	96.00		92.80	19.20	73.60
Decorating club house	1,090.00	10	1,080.92	109.00	971.92
	<u>99,689.52</u>		<u>75,297.24</u>	<u>1,996.19</u>	<u>73,301.05</u>