

LYMPSTONE TENNIS CLUB

(affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association)

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Friday 7 March 2014
Village Hall Committee Room, 7.30pm

Minutes

Those present: Marleen Johnson, Dawn Chapman, John and Margaret Bennett, Ann & Clive Hurley, Liz Griffiths, Wendy Smith, Paul Harradine, Barrie Bisset, Jonathan Bisset, , Karen & Tony Gratton, Adrian Barton, Andrew Lorenc, Jill Dixon, James Isaacs

Apologies: Jef & Jackie Forshaw, John & Joy Eustace, Corinne Gimber, Margaret Turgoose, Sarah Forde, Wendy Hoare, Keith & Norma Excelby, Tony Smith, Suki Commin

Jill welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes of the 2013 AGM were distributed to those present and agreed (proposed Paul Harradine, seconded John Bennett). They were duly signed as a true record of the 2013 AGM. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Chairman's Report:

Jill highlighted the resurfacing of the courts and thanked Andrew for his sound financial planning that enabled the club to resurface the courts and buy new nets and posts. To have done this without outside fundig is something we should be very proud of.

The membership of the club is slightly down year on year. This follows national trends and Jill acknowledged the challenge facing the club to keep our junior membership high in the face of competition from other clubs and activities. She mentioned our commitment to taking part in the The Great British Tennis Weekend in May and suggested a new focus on family participation.

Attendance at club sessions has been lower than in previous years and whilst we attracted novice players to coaching we have not been successful at encouraging them onto the club sessions despite putting on some special transitional sessions for these members.

Jill reflected that members' expectations of the club are changing and we shouldn't believe our club is in decline but acknowledge that for many tennis is one of many activities they take part in.

The Men's A team were Division 4 winners and have been promoted to Division 3. Jonathan Bissett, the captain was congratulated. The Ladies finished 3rd in Division 4 which was acknowledged as a good result in a competitive league. Unfortunately the Men's B team suffered through injury and were relegated from Division 6. A decision had been made not to enter a Men's B team this season and arrange friendly matches until this situation changes. The mixed team finished mid table in the East Devon League.. Jill thanked everyone who helped organise the teams and represented the club.

On the social side there was disappointment that the proposed band and hog roast evening was cancelled due to poor ticket sales. Jill made the point that we do rely on fund raising as part of our obligation to the Village Hall and urged members to suggest new ideas. The cheese and wine evening that followed was more successful selling 96 tickets.

Jill thanked the committee members for their efforts. She thanked Wendy Smith who has resigned, for all her work and support especially for the club rota.

Jill also thanked James Isaacs who is stepping down. As junior coach over the past years James has organised coaching for up to 70 juniors in a season. Jill thanked James for all that he achieved with the club juniors and gave him a small token of appreciation on behalf of the club.

Treasurer's Report:

Andrew reported a surplus of £3044 over the past year. There was the major expenditure of the court resurfacing but the anticipated money required for the lights wasn't needed. There are sufficient funds in reserve in case the lights fail. The assets stand at £12061 but he stressed the importance of building a sinking fund for future work on the courts. Junior coaching fees this year just covered the costs. Because of our financial position.

Andrew proposed a small increase in adult subscriptions, with junior and student subscriptions remaining the same. For 2014 the subscriptions will be: Adult £55, Joint £83, Student £28, Junior £14

Members voted to accept these new rates from 1 April 2014.

League Teams for 2014

We have entered 3 teams in the League this summer – 1 ladies, 1 men's and 1 mixed. Adrian will continue to act as Team Co-ordinator in the selection process and squads will elect their own captain for the season.

Coaching Report:

Jill announced that she is confident that she has found a new junior coach. More details will follow. .

Social Events:

A cheese and wine evening is booked for Saturday 22 March.

Election of Officers and Committee:

Jill, Andrew and Liz offered to remain in their posts. New members, Sarah Forde and Dawn Chapman were proposed by Tony Gratton and seconded by Jonathan Bisset. The remaining members are Paul Harradine, Karen Gratton and Barrie Bisset.

Any Other Business:

Wendy thanked everyone who took part in the club rota last season. She has agreed to organise one last one for the club but mentioned that it is harder to get cover in the winter months. She also asked that whoever is passing on the keys should check with the next contact before dropping them off to avoid problems.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10 m and was followed by cheese and wine refreshments.