

# LYMPSTONE TENNIS CLUB

(affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association)

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Lympstone Village Hall @ 19.30

### Minutes

Those present: Will Harvey, Liz Griffiths, Sarah Forde, Paul Harradine, Simon Findel-Hawkins, Julie Rockey, Chris Bones and Jill Dixon

Apologies: Lisa Haar, Corinne Gimber, Sue Norman & Rob Hilton

### Chairman's Welcome

Will welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes of the 2022 AGM were agreed and duly signed as a true record of the 2022 AGM.

There were no matters arising.

### Chairman & Secretary's Report

Attached as appendix.

### Treasurer's Report & Accounts

Attached as appendix.

### Proposed Subscriptions for 2023/24

**Proposer: Will Harvey and seconded by Paul Harradine**

These are increased for the first time in many years and agreed to represent excellent value and highly competitive for our area. A hardship fund remains in place at the discretion of the Chair:

Adult £60

Student £36

Junior £24

7 and under - Free

### Election of Officers

Will Harvey was elected as Chair\*

Malcolm Lyon was re-elected as Treasurer

Liz Griffiths was re-elected as Secretary/Membership Secretary

\*Will announced that he is relocating to Australia later in the year but is happy to continue as Chair in the interim

**Proposer: Chris Bones and seconded by Jill Dixon**

### Election of Committee

Paul Harradine has resigned after over 20 years on the Committee.

The remaining existing committee was re-elected on block: Sarah Forde, Corinne Gimber, Julie Rockey, Lisa Haar, Ollie Sharpe, Simon Findel-Hawkins & Rob Hilton

**Proposer Malcolm Lyon and seconded by Will Harvey**

### Any Other Business

Court maintenance was briefly discussed:

Actions:

- 1) Agreed to continue to raise the nets throughout the year
- 2) Agreed to buy a spare net (when new room is ready)
- 3) Agreed to put the screen up in April
- 4) Agreed to look at a montage of club history for new club house

### APPENDICES (reports from the Chairman and Treasurer)

This has been my first year as Chair and it has been a busy 12 months. I am pleased to report that the club is in good health and there are positive changes ahead. Thank you to the Committee which is made up of long-standing members, with Simon Findel-Hawkins, Lisa Haar and Ollie Sharpe joining this year. The club could not operate without their collective willingness to volunteer. I would like to pay particular thanks to Liz Griffith who does so much unsung behind-the-scenes work to ensure we can enjoy the benefits of a well-run club. A particular gratitude should be made to Paul Harradine who has decided to stand down having given many years of service to the Committee. He will be sorely missed, especially for his intermediary role between the club and Village Hall. As a gesture of our appreciation, we have decided to make Paul an honorary member. Also thank you to Sue Norman who resigned from the Committee following her relocation.

We now have a set of club values, which reflect who we are and help to guide us in making decisions. Our mantra is: *"Fun and competitive tennis that promotes connection and wellbeing for the community."* As a club run by members, we want to encourage all members to think about how they might contribute to the running of the club, whether that is helping with court maintenance, hosting a club night, organising an event, or in whatever way you would be willing to contribute. What we would like to avoid is prescribing that every member needs do a particular activity, but we also want to reduce the burden on a small number of members running everything. We welcome your ideas and will look to introduce a new approach for the coming season.

Over the past year the club has migrated across to ClubSpark for membership and sign-ups for coaching and social events. It has not been without its technical challenges and I thank members for taking the time to register on the platform as it allows us to reduce the administration. We aim to have all members signed-up for the coming season and we can provide support if needed.

Our courts are in great condition because we continue to have them professionally cleaned every year. In the autumn they were slippery due to exceptional rainfall following the treatment. They now seem to be much better and members who play away matches report that our courts compare highly favourably compared to other local clubs. An ongoing problem is from fallen leaves which if left damage the court surface. Thank you to Chris Bones who has helped to maintain the courts throughout the season. We have requested that the cherry trees be pruned so this should help in the autumn. The floodlights have worked much better this season and we made the decision to move the light boxes outside the Village Hall to avoid having to enter the building to access them.

Junior tennis continues to thrive under coach Samantha Kenshole, with children aged 4-12 attending a series of Saturday morning programmes. She is now joined by Lisa Haar who is undertaking her coaching qualification and has many years of childcare experience. Adult coaching, Rusty racquets and cardio were also on offer with Ollie Sharpe, with take up a little reduced. We are delighted that Ollie has now qualified for Level 4. Well done, Ollie! We're lucky to have Samantha, Lisa and Ollie as our coaches and we'll work with them closely this year to ensure we can make the best of their time and organise the kinds of sessions that you would like.

Unfortunately, our proposed Chili Night, Club BBQ and Triples were all cancelled due to a lack of uptake, the passing of the Queen and icy weather. The new Committee will look to schedule events for 2023 to bring our tennis community together. Again, we are all ears if you have any suggestions...

For a small club it is a great achievement that we entered two Men's, two Ladies and three Mixed teams in the Summer League, and one Men's, two Ladies and three Mixed teams in the Winter. Thank you to all our Captains:

Rob Hilton, Sarah Forde, Jill Dixon, Corinne Gimber, Liz Griffiths, Steve Forde, Simon Findel-Hawkins and Chris Bones.

\* **Men's A** They had a successful year comfortably winning division 6 in the summer league with 100 points before finishing second in division 2 in the winter league. They narrowly missed out on winning both leagues to Budleigh by two points after a penalty for trying to rearrange a fixture. We have also expanded our squad this season attracting some new members to the club.

\* **Men's B** (Summer only) plenty of controversy and entertainment awash in this league. From threatening behaviour from a member of an opposition team to having their butts royally kicked one hot Saturday morning by a youthful bunch of Budleigh Salterton D team fellow-me-lads, three of which usually play at either county or national level (possibly not really div 8 players). They suffered from a general lack of commitment from several players who originally signed up to play which left them struggling to fulfil a number of fixtures with multiple player changes having to be made throughout the season, but they managed to meet all the matches albeit with weaker teams than they should have fielded on several occasions. They did however have to forfeit one match when one of the players failed to turn up (very frustrating). On a positive side, the variety of players used did enable them to spread the tennis love to all levels of player within the club and they had great commitment from some of the players in the team despite the difficult tasks faced. Steve lost count of the times Malc stepped in to help out despite only wanting a couple of matches! Overall they managed to have plenty of matches, and won three and drew two accumulating 39 points, forfeiting one match which they could have potentially won, ending up second from bottom. It's a very tough league and Steve can see that it will be difficult to get out of this league as there are five "new teams" entered for the 2023 season. This year he plans to select the teams more strategically and has asked for improved commitment and he's trying to build a team spirit. This will hopefully give them an improved chance of having something to play for at the end of the season. If they can get promoted from this league it will be a decent achievement.

\* **Ladies A** had a very successful summer 2022 season, finishing runners up in division 2 and have been promoted to division 1 for the coming season. We're expecting a tough season but we are looking forward to the challenge!

\* **Ladies B** found promotion to Division 3 a step too far. After successive promotions they found themselves competing against some very strong teams and were sadly relegated. However in the winter they finished a very respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Division 3 and did well to put together teams despite the challenges of so many rescheduled matches.

\* **Mixed A** enjoyed strong seasons in both the summer and winter league of Division 2 finishing 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively, only a few points off the winning team. Our star performer was Jess Johnson who only lost one match in eight. Good steady performances throughout the year sees Lypstone mixed A retain division two status.

\* **Mixed B** enjoyed a great team performance and commitment from all players resulting in an outstanding win of division 5, dropping just one match in the Summer. Here's to a successful continuation up the divisions in summer 2023. In the Winter League they built on the success of summer 2022 and continued winning ways in Division 4 however unfortunately along with Exwick!! The title race all hangs on their final match vs Exwick on 29/03 / 23 – so no pressure team but they currently sit 4 points behind Exwick. However a great fun winter season with not too many weather reschedules.

\* **Mixed C** had 15 players registered for the division 6 summer league, 6 ladies and 9 men; every player had at least one match. They finished 3/5, ahead of Kingsteignton and Teign Valley but a long way behind Newton Abbot and EGCC-D. In the Winter they had 7 ladies registered in the squad, 6 of whom had matches, and 10 men registered, 9 of whom had matches. They finished 5/7 in division 5, having been promoted from division 6 last season. They won 4, drew 3, and lost 4, so certainly held their own. At the time of writing, they have one match outstanding because it has been twice postponed due to adverse weather. They may be able to play this on 28<sup>th</sup> March.

In both seasons they had an imbalance between registered ladies and men, which made it impossible to maintain consistent pairings. This adversely affected results, but no matter, they play for fun, not promotion.

Work has started on converting the football changing rooms into a dedicated space for the club. This is a big plus for the club and the village hall. We will keep you up-to-date on the progress. There is also the potential to improve the outside area but this is subject to funding.

Finally, we are proposing to raise our membership fees at the AGM to ensure we have sound finances while also ensuring we provide fantastic value for money. We have a hardship fund to help support any prospective member who is struggling to pay the fees.

**As the spring and summer approaches, I look forward to seeing many of you on court.**

**LTC Snapshot of Accounts (Year end 2022)**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Santander</b>	31850.51	33201.32
<b>National Savings</b>	18123.81	18125.62
<b>Petty Cash</b>	149.27	158.21
<b>Total</b>	<b>50123.59</b>	<b>51485.15</b>
<b>Net Profit (A)</b>		<b>1361.56</b>

<b>Records for 2021</b>		<b>Cash Reconciliation</b>
<b>Income</b>		<b>Income</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>
<b>Net Profit (B)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>Surplus Owned to AL Surplus C^</b>

**Lympstone Tennis Club - Accounts 2022**

**Budget Tracking**

**Income**

Type	Budget	Actual	Variance
<b>Membership Subs</b>	4500	2365	-2135
<b>Admin/Misc</b>	100	71.5	-28.5
<b>Coaching</b>	0	1517	1517
<b>Matches</b>	800	492	-308
<b>Interest Savings</b>	2	1.81	-0.19
<b>Stripe</b>		4964.96	
<b>Social</b>	0	32	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>5402</b>	<b>9444.27</b>	<b>-922.69</b>

**Expenditure**

Type	Budget	Actual	Variance
<b>Annual Rent</b>	1000	1000	0
<b>LTA Subs</b>	240	240	0
<b>Utilities</b>	650	631.78	-18.22
<b>Admin</b>	250	380.5	130.5
<b>Coaching</b>	600	2972.5	2372.5
<b>Balls</b>	900	889.88	-10.12
<b>Maintenance/Equipment</b>	1750	1726.05	-23.95
<b>Community Fund</b>	6500	240	-6260
<b>Social</b>	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11890</b>	<b>8080.71</b>	<b>-3809.29</b>

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<b>Surplus 2022</b>	<b>9444.27</b>	<b>Income</b>
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	<b>-8080.71</b>	<b>ure</b>
	<b>1363.56</b>	<b>Surplus</b>