

LYMPSTONE TENNIS CLUB

(affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association)

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 19th March 2024

LTC Club Room @ 19.00

Meeting Chair: Simon Findel-Hawkins

Minutes

Those present: Simon Findel-Hawkins Liz Griffiths, Julie Rockey, Malcolm Lyon, Corinne Gimber, Lisa Haar, Jill Dixon, Suki Commin, Mary Turner, Tean Hurley, Phil Hurley and Margaret Turgoose

Apologies: Sarah Forde, Sue Norman, Paul Ives, Wendy Smith, Wendy Hoare, Chris Bones and Ollie Sharpe

Chairman's Welcome

Simon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The minutes of the 2023 AGM were agreed and duly signed as a true record of the 2023 AGM.

There were no matters arising.

Proposer Jill Dixon and seconded by Simon Findel-Hawkins

Chairman & Secretary's Report

Attached as appendix.

Treasurer's Report & Accounts

Attached as appendix.

Proposed Subscriptions for 2023/24

Proposer Corinne Gimber and seconded by Margaret Turgoose

These are increased 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 £65

Student £36

Junior £25

7 and under - Free

Election of Officers

Simon Findel-Hawkins was elected as Chair*

Malcolm Lyon was re-elected as Treasurer

Liz Griffiths was re-elected as Secretary/Membership Secretary

*Simon will be in position until September when a new Chair will be sought.

Proposer Phil Hurley and seconded by Lisa Haar

Election of Committee

The remaining existing committee was re-elected on block: Sarah Forde, Corinne Gimber, Julie Rockey, Lisa Haar, Ollie Sharpe, Margaret Turgoose and Martyn Esau

Proposer Tean Hurley and seconded by Jill Dixon

Any Other Business

Court maintenance was discussed:

Actions:

- 1) Costs and planning requirements will be sought for the upgrade of lights to LED and this project was agreed to be a priority
- 2) Agreed to plan and complete the resurface of the courts ahead of deterioration so that members' experience is not compromised. The Committee will explore options for necessary finance including engaging with the LTA local support for advice and potential grants. They will also research options for the new court surface.
- 3) The Garden Club formally requested use of the Club Room in the morning of their annual show in August. Suki Commin to provide details in email to Liz Griffiths
- 5) The Club will look to capture more data for why members do not renew

APPENDICES (reports from the Chairman and Treasurer)

We open our meeting tonight by thanking two former Committee members, Will Harvey and Rob Hilton, both of whom have left not just the club, but the country for ventures new. We are very grateful for their leadership as Chair and their time and commitment which has enabled the club to go from strength to strength including this wonderful new club room. We miss them both on the courts and in the committee room.

The past year has been an exceptionally busy one for the club, and membership levels buoyant:

95 Adult members, 2 Students and 48 Mini and Juniors

Feedback for the Club Room has been very positive from our members and visitors. I'd like to thank Julie Rockey who helped furnish and kit out this fantastic facility and helps us look after it. Also to acknowledge the extra work this project created for Malcolm Lyon. The decision to provide access to all adult members has worked well to date, relying on members to clean as they go, lock up and return the keys to key safe after use. We also have a new shed which is in the process of minor repairs after storm damage.

The courts have stood up well despite the wet weather and we continue to schedule annual professional cleaning and treated to promote safe play. I would like to thank Club member Chris Bones who gives up his time to keep our courts in good condition. Looking forward we are due to sign our new lease for the courts in May and will need to resurface the courts and transition our lights to LED - probably within the next 5 years. The lights and court resurface will be a significant investment and we're in the process of costing them to help us with our financial management.

For a village club we punch well above our weight for competitive tennis. We now have 2 Men's, 2 Ladies and 3 Mixed teams playing in local leagues and we have new silverware in our trophy cabinet. This is a great achievement and so thank you to all the Captains who enable so many members to play competitively. We wish all our teams a very enjoyable and successful season.

We also try hard to provide other opportunities for members to participate. Club sessions are back and running so that members can attend twice weekly match play. These were paused during Covid and slow getting back up and running. Feedback from members highlighted how important they are, fulfilling the need for regular social match play. It needs a rota and willing members to fulfil club duty. I'd like to call out Jill Dixon for providing the rota and everyone who has volunteered for session duty. Topsy triples remains very popular, with summer and winter successful events aided by Pimms and Mulled Wine.

With regard to coaching we have continued to offer sessions to Adult and Junior members throughout the year. We now have four coaches in place welcoming back Samantha Kensole from her maternity leave and introducing Alfie Woodger who has just completed two Monday evening improver sessions. Not all sessions have been well attended so we need to understand more from members for what they would like from the club organised sessions.

We want everyone to have a positive tennis experience at our club. As part of our Venue Registration requirements, the club now has two trained Welfare Officers Corinne Gimber and Lisa Haar in place.

As part of our LTA membership we use Club Spark for membership and sign-ups for coaching and social events. It allows us to meet with compliance for insurance, GDPR and helps reduce the administration for the Membership Secretary and Treasurer. This year we added on court bookings as our previous provider, Skedda, introduced a fee. We are aware that Club Spark is not without its technical challenges and whilst the majority of members are actively using it there are others who have experienced problems. For renewal we will look to provide additional support if needed to enable members to get up and running on the platform and club booking app.

Renewals are due on 1 April and members will be sent a reminder shortly. We strive to manage our facilities in a way that pleases most members and allows more people to play more tennis. In line with our increasing costs we are proposing an increase for the upcoming season, however this is minimal and benchmarked against other local clubs, we believe they are excellent value.

Finally the Committee, as always, has been working very hard over the past year, to keep the club running smoothly. The committee for the past year, of whom are willing to continue, are myself, Malcolm Lyon, Simon Findel-Hawkins, Corinne Gimber, Sarah Forde, Lisa Haar, Julie Rockey and Ollie Sharpe. It's always good to have new members for the committee and we look forward to appointing Margaret Turgoose and Martyn Esau who I'm confident, along with a new Chair, will bring new ideas. We will vote on their appointments later in the meeting. If anyone feels they would like to join the committee, we always welcome new ideas.

Finally thank you to everyone for supporting LTC and in particular to all the Committee members who invest time to enable our club to thrive. Hot off the press, we have a ball machine and are working out how best to add this to our membership's offering. I'm also delighted to announce that the Summer Saturday Morning Junior Programme will be sponsored by Bradleys. This has been secured by Simon and will enable us to widen our offering so we can continue to introduce tennis to more Lymstone children.

Treasurers Report Accounts 2023 Final

Overview

In 2023 LTC invested with the Village Hall in creating the new dedicated Clubroom. In doing so this resulted in the Club drawing on our reserves to deliver this excellent facility. The bulk of the costs were shared 50/50 with the Village Hall while we paid for the furniture and other loose items or fittings. In total the Club expended £19,364 on the Clubroom which has resulted in an operating loss of £17,185.98 for 2023. However, the Club finances are still in good state with year-end reserves of £34,307.11. Stripping out the Clubroom investment costs we made a surplus of £2,178 in 2023 on our core income and expenditure profile.

Malcolm Lyon
Treasurer

21 January 2024			Income
Snapshot of Accounts 2023 (End Year)			
Source	2022	2023	Variance
Santander	33201.32	6011.73	
National Savings	18125.62	28125.62	
Petty Cash	158.21	169.76	
Total	51485.15	34,307.11	Expenditure

£11,192.69

£17,185.98

£28,378.67

THE MEETING FINISHED AT 7.50pm