

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Woodbridge Tennis Club  
(Incorporating Deben Junior Tennis Club)  
held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 at the Pavilion Cafe Kingston fields 7:15**

**1. Present**

Kurt Goddard (Chairman), James Yates(Administrator), David Eaton(Treasurer), Adrian Yates(Membership Secretary), Jon Mansfield(Playing Affairs), Duncan Ford, Linda Parsons (minutes), John White, Stephen Dunckley, Joan Crowson, Malcolm Collins, Ros Collins, Phoebe Goddard (Junior Voice) Jo Goddard, Steve Lemon, Anne Pryke, Claire Russell, Paul Rainer, Joan Crowsn, Sarah Leach, Glyn Evans,

**Apologies for Absence**

Dave O'Riordan, Max Pemberton, Margaret Pemberton, Mary Ritchie, Michela Parkin, Stan Baston, Ron Johnson, Sam Schuster, Sue Pulley,, Sally Cornwall,, Bill Weston, Rachel Peck, Brent Evans. Jenny Finch

**2. Minutes of the Previous AGM**

The 2015 minutes were unanimously agreed to be accurate and approved.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2013 AGM**

Pavilion Access

KG reported that this issue will be resolved by the installation of a roller shutter. (See further comments item 4)

**3. Chairman's Report (attached)**

*Lease*

KG presented his report. He explained that the meetings with Woodbridge Town council have been extremely positive and that the club have a new 28 year lease (with an option of 6 months notice which is to protect the club trustees). There has been no increase at present and future increases will be tied to RPI. KG expressed his thanks to Woodbridge Town Council for all their help.

KG also highlighted options for floodlights, sponsors, another successful Aegon U10 event and continued support of juniors. KG thanked the club coaches. Thanks especially to Jon Mansfield who ensured that WTC were one of the first to apply to be involved in the Davis Cup Legacy which will provide coaching to 'new- to -tennis' children. (See Playing Affairs Report.)

KG reiterated his thanks to coaches, the committee and club members for their continued support.

**4. Treasurer's Report (attached)**

The audited accounts and balance sheet had been circulated to all members in advance of the meeting. DE thanked John White for auditing the accounts.

DE highlighted higher surplus in 2015 due to the way bills fell and lower maintenance costs. Aim for £8000 surplus to build for projects such as lighting replacement. He also explained the position with regard to sponsorship and the club's hopes for continued sponsorship in the future.

In answer to questions from the floor DE explained that there was a one off council grant in 2014 towards fencing costs which would not appear in the 2015 accounts. Rates have gone up. The club qualifies for 80% relief but in 2015 no longer received the 20% additional discretionary relief.

In answer to questions about the cost of pavilion rental whilst there is no access in evenings, KG explained that Jeremy Nears (Pavilion Cafe) is paying an increased rent to the council. Although the current position is not perfect JN provides much help to the club. WTC only have control over the courts themselves. The area from the pavilion to the courtside is part of the pavilion. Since the break ins a number of possible solutions have been explored. It is expected that the shutters will be acceptable to JN's insurers and the situation will then be resolved.

The possibility of CCTV and the role of the police was raised. JY stated that the situation currently seems to be quiet. Consider writing to the local MP.

High electricity costs were noted. AY/DE explained that these should be lower in the event of replacement lights.

AY proposed that the accounts were accepted. SD seconded. Accounts unanimously approved.

#### **5. Junior Programme Representative's report**

#### **6. Playing Affairs' Representative's report**

#### **7. Club Coaches/Admin Report**

These three items were presented by JM and JY as one report. (See full report attached))

#### Teams

JM thanked all team captains. Summer success for men and mixed teams. Winter looking more promising for Ladies.

#### Juniors

Continue to provide competitive opportunities every 4 weeks.

Also a full complement of Aegon summer Team Tennis. Thanks to players and parents.

Boy under 12's won their division.

JM piloted a new LTA initiative and his ideas taken up by Tennis East Competitions Manager.

#### OpenDay/Great British Tennis Weekend

Successful. Will do again this year. Volunteers please contact Jon.

### Club Sessions

Addition of Tuesday morning has been very successful and will continue.

Sunday club sessions have moved to the morning and seen an increase in numbers. May move junior competitions to the afternoons.

Tuesday evening and winter David Lloyd sessions also continue.

### Club Tournament

Only event was the men's singles won by Henry Fletcher.

An open discussion about ideas for getting more people involved included moving the adult events to August. In September potential competitors not tied to school holidays are away and having a 'champion' for each event charged with encouraging participation.

### Davis Cup/Quorn Family Cup

Successful social tennis evening. JM will give more details of format in future. Trying to get the actual cup to WTC on its tour. The club will continue to arrange themed events linked to Davis Cup/U.S. Open amongst others. Promotional materials provided by LTA and their sponsors.

### Other

Links with other local clubs such as the singles ladder combined with Kesgrave and David Lloyd sessions with Saxmundham. Benefits all.

JM/JY hope to repeat the adult evening coaching sessions as last year.

JY noted that the club is aware that the biggest challenge is providing activity for adults not available during the day or playing in teams.

Stringing available through Martin Denny or Graham Rudge . See Facebook page.

JM has started a small club shop

## **8. Proposals for 2014–2015**

None

## **9. Election of Officers**

After many years of tireless work for the club Michela Parkin is standing down as a member of the committee. KG expressed thanks for all that she has contributed.

Steve Lemon was nominated by the club for the vacant position of Vice-Chair and he, along with the remaining officers, were returned unopposed.

Phoebe Goddard has been co-opted by the committee as a voice for the junior membership.

## **10. AOB**

Sarah Leech asked if the club received information about the Suffolk Tournament at Framlingham. Although individuals received information the club did not. JY will send out an email to all members passing on the relevant details.

KG thanked Jeremy Nears for providing The Pavilion as a venue for the meeting.

**10.Date of Next Meeting**

To be First Thursday in March 2017.

The meeting closed at 8pm