



Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 19:30

**Present:** Peter Tanner, Paul Flatman, Graeme Jenner, Wendy Jenner, Mary Harris, Eng Barrett, Amir Amirahmadi, Roz Biddle, Caroline Alcock, Mary Bruno

**Apologies:** Jane Menzies, George Vaffiadis, Rob Thomas, Karen Cox, Liz Dunham, Arun Bagga, Bianca Barter

**Review of previous Minutes**

Nettings put up around courts. One complaint about height which has been resolved.

**Membership Report** – Graeme Jenner:

Seniors: 2019 41 members; increased in 2019 to 50 members.

Juniors: 2019 42 members; increased in 2020 to 54 members.

Graeme acknowledged increase in membership is down to the work Tim has been doing with both Junior and Senior members.

Committee and Club members expressed their grateful thanks Graeme Jenner for the great work over the previous years as he resigns as Membership Secretary.

Caroline Alcock is taking over as Membership Secretary and will be sending out membership renewals shortly.

**Captain's report:**

Women's team finished 1<sup>st</sup> of Division 4 and have been promoted to Division 3 – well done on a for a successful year.

Men's team will remain in Division 8 ending mid table

Mixed team will remain in Division 5

Discussion held around being part of the teams. Want to make it clear that away games need commitment to attend, not just home matches. Tim reiterated that club Captains must make it clear that those who commit to play away matches get to play home matches and not just say they are available for home matches.

Amir suggested when Captains send out dates to check availability they do so without confirmation whether home or away to avoid issue of players only being available for home games.

Captains decision to ensure those that play home games also play away games.

Senior matches if postponed due to weather are rearranged by the fixtures secretary.

**Junior report:** Nigel confirmed the group play in Bucks. League. Developing well HCTC/RP joint membership with 70 members. Expect a drop off at end of year, expect membership renewals to drop to 50 and increase throughout the summer. During Winter months arrangement with Mike to play in event room upstairs in club which also helps promote social side of the club with parents using the bar.

Tim: looking to host a club open day for the new season with a cardio tennis, BBQ one Saturday before league fixtures start.

Nigel is against organising Junior winter competition with a preference to play friendly local matches instead as distance to away matches can be too far.

Highlighted fixture clashes over summer. Need clarification once a match confirmed what to do if senior match cancelled, Captain must contact Peter/Helen to avoid clash on a date with Junior match.

Junior matches not re-arranged unless due to bad weather. Aware of limited number of players to select from so can be difficult.

Senior matches will no longer be re-arranged, unless due to bad weather. Captains to be made aware of this change.

Junior matches to be put on the Board for visibility. There are 7 Junior teams 5 Senior teams.

Search for Junior Fixtures Secretary – volunteer parent of a Junior player would be ideal, but appreciate that parents with no tennis knowledge can feel over-whelmed if asked about a tie break set – scoring crib sheet needed which may encourage participation.

Structure for Juniors good with on-going work - a good Junior membership feeds into Senior teams and anticipated within 3 years.

Junior social moved from Sunday to Friday and much better supported. Improved turn out and working out well. Mary B and Jay assisting with junior coaching – Tim acknowledged their help.

**Treasurer's Report:** Peter Tanner

Income increase in subs due to membership increase; increase number of tennis balls used, token usage due to more evening activities.

Decreases due to HTC less usage.

Capitation down as per last year as capitation fee decreased.

Tennis balls getting a good deal from Tennis Nuts, will continue to shop around.

Fees are up due to more coaching

Storm damage, dividing nets, renewed 3 nets, court washing – Expenditure

Broke even, hope to increase sinking fund over next year

2021 SLA (Red Row Leisure) 2% increase capitation increase to £3775

**Membership fees** increase 2.7% for all member except Junior and Associate membership remain the same. £931 per quarter capitation.

Mike highlighted if we want the courts open longer in the evenings will increase capitation by means of a surcharge.

Discussion on opening times/9pm closure. Paul and Peter will arrange a meeting with Mike to discuss further.

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> April all 4 courts will be cleaned: they will be jet washed and moss treated.

Mary raised the point of HTC members benefitting from reduced annual membership rate, and if others with a membership of another club also get a discount. This will be discussed and confirmed.

**Wimbledon draw** – names drawn as below for 7 pairs tickets: 3 first week, 4 second week

| <b>Court</b> | <b>Event Date</b>     |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| Centre       | 29 June               |
| Centre       | 4th July              |
| Centre       | 8 <sup>th</sup> July  |
| Number 1     | 4 <sup>th</sup> July  |
| Number 1     | 6 <sup>th</sup> July  |
| Number1      | 11 <sup>th</sup> July |
| Number2      | 6 <sup>th</sup> July  |

1. Nigel
2. Josh Burden
3. Maria Dominic
4. Mary Bruno
5. Laksmi Tanneri
6. Kirthi Tanneri
7. Rithvic Tanneri
8. Angie Deacon
9. Bianca Barter
10. Heidi Rook

## **Committee**

It was confirmed that the current Committee be re-elected for another year.

- Chair Paul Flatman
- Treasurer Peter Tanner
- Secretary Caroline McCormack
- Match Secretary: Helen Robertson
- Membership Secretary Caroline Alcock

Summer competitions: Peter will re-organise for 2020. Rather than tables it will be on a knockout basis. There will be a deadline by which game must be played by and if not played, will be knocked out. Peter will act as an arbitrator and will determine if there is to be a buy.

There will also be a Junior tennis day later in September.

Each Captain needs to enter details of score on LTA website and gets names of other team captain to organise matches.

RP Website: Graeme puts up scores, would like to have Captain of each team listed and add link to LTA website where contact details can be found – Karen Rook to provide this to Graeme.

**AOB:**

- Wendy Jenner raised a point from Angie Deacon – tennis refreshments will not cater for special dietary requirements.
- Bianca raised point about another WhatsApp group. Decided against but re-iterated the 3 current Whatsapp groups are enough but should be used for tennis matters only.
- Graham will investigate the cost of a ball machine.
- The Club and committee expressed their thanks to Mary Harris for a sterling job and many years of great service to Richings Park Tennis Club as Match Secretary.

No further business the meeting closed at 21:00.