

CHILHAM TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT 8PM ON 2 DECEMBER 2016 IN CHILHAM VILLAGE HALL

Present:

Officers: Geoff Dear (Chair), Darril Ling (Secretary), Richard Baker (Treasurer), Liz Dear (Membership Secretary), Penny Rickards, Pete Swan, Danny Wynne (committee members)

Members: Robin Gardiner, Linda Noble, William Hinckley, Katie Hinckley, Helen Blackwood, Gill Broughton.

1. Minutes of previous AGM on 4th December 2015

The meeting approved the minutes without amendment.

2. Matters Arising

The only actions to report on were club development options and there is an agenda item for this later.

3. Chairmans Report

It has been a busy year again.

On court the club has held an open day, 2 adult tournaments, a friendly tournament (The Ashes) against Bridge, and fielded mixed and ladies teams in Ashford & District League, and Mens teams in Kent and Dover & District (midweek) league. Danny continues to run popular and well attended coaching sessions for all age groups and through the LTA he offered a 6 week tennis for free course for 10 pupils from Chilham Primary School which we hope to repeat next year. He also ran 2 junior teams in the Aegon Kent Junior League. Mix in sessions were well attended, especially the Wednesday night club evening. We have also started mens and ladies doubles box leagues. There is increasing evidence that a third court is required.

Off the court the committee has once again retained its TennisMark accreditation. This is very important for the future the development of the club as it recognises good standards and best practice at tennis venues in Britain. It will enable the club to access funding that would otherwise not have been available and this will be important for the clubs future development. In the past we have been entirely self sufficient but to develop we need to supplement our own funds with grants that are available from the LTA, Sport England and other sources.

The club has also developed its plans to provide: 1) court side facility; 2) a third court; 3) 2 standalone mini - tennis courts, submitted scheme proposals to Chilham Parish Council, and been allocated just over £47k towards these schemes. The estimated cost of the 3 schemes is £114k so match funding will be required and the club plans to apply to Sport England, LTA, KCC and ABC to bridge the £67k shortfall. We will also need to re-surface, re-fence etc our existing courts within the next few years.

We have also implemented the ClubSpark online membership system. This has made simplified the membership admin and provided benefits to members at the same time. Thanks to Liz Dear for taking on the membership secretary role and making this a success. Membership has increased this year to 186 from 162.

Pete Swan ran another successful wine & wisdom with 15 teams entering. This provided another healthy boost to club funds as did the £800 donation we received from the Chilham Chase weekend in recognition of the number of members we provided as marshals during the weekend.

The club finances are looking very healthy.

4. Adoption of last years accounts

A summary of the accounts was presented by the treasurer and these were adopted by the meeting.

The following unchanged subscriptions were approved:- Family membership £85; Adult Membership £45; Junior Membership £25; Senior Membership £25.

It was noted that an increase in these fees would need to be considered for 2017/18.

5. Appointment of Honorary Auditor

Ernie Taylor was appointed.

6. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected for the 2016/17 year.

Chair – Geoff Dear

Secretary – Darril Ling

Treasurer – Richard Baker

Membership Secretary – Liz Dear

CPRGT Representative – Pete Swan

Welfare Officer – Penny Rickards

Mens Players Representative – to be filled by the committee

Ladies Players Representative – to be filled by the committee

Head Coach and Junior Representative – Danny Wynne

It was noted that the Head Coach is responsible for all coaching at the club.

7. Review of Club Objectives

The following unchanged objectives were confirmed by the meeting.

To provide a well maintained tennis facility that :-

a) is affordable to all in the parish

b) is maintained entirely through membership subscriptions, fund raising and grant applications

c) offers coaching through a qualified coach

d) offers competitive tennis in local leagues

e) provides improved facilities for members (eg a club house)

f) promotes an active junior section

g) provides social tournaments and non-tennis social events

h) maintains its TennisMark accreditation

The committee was authorised to pursue these as objectives for the 2016/17 year.

8. Review of Development Options

Pete Swan provided an update on the progress that had been made with the recreation ground committee with regard to the clubs wish list (ie: 1) court side facility; 2) a third court; 3) 2 standalone mini - tennis courts. On behalf of the club he was in discussion with the recreation ground with regard to the layout options to provide these extra facilities now that s106 funding had been allocated and these options were discussed.

The committee invited club members with skills that could assist in the achievement of these development plans (eg. fund raising, planning, construction).

It was agreed that the club should arrange a tennis-based fund raiser during the summer of 2017.

The meeting closed at 8:44pm.

9. Next meeting

Date to be agreed in November 2017.