

**CHILHAM TENNIS CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT 8PM ON 30 NOVEMBER 2022 AT CHILHAM TENNIS CLUB**

Present:

Officers: Geoff Dear (Chair), Liz Dear (Membership Secretary), Rich Baker (Treasurer), Helen Blackwood, Pete Swan, Darril Ling, Danny Wynne.

Members: Andre Webb, Amber McHamish, Gill Broughton, Linda Noble, Marcus Fletcher, Paul Allain, Sue Henderson

1. Minutes of previous AGM on 27th April 2022

The meeting approved the minutes without amendment.

2. Matters Arising

The only action to report on:- Ernie Taylor has confirmed he will continue as auditor but has not yet audited our 2019/20 and 2020/21 accounts.

3. Chairmans Report

The club is financially sound with membership income generating sufficient funds to maintain facilities at an acceptable standard and also create the reserves we need to meet the future major expenditure we know will be needed to keep things this way.

On court, there are regular mixin sessions, our American tournaments are well attended, and we have fielded teams in the Kent League, the Ashford & District League, the Dover & District Midweek League and the East Kent League. Congratulations to Gregg and his team for winning their division in the Dover & District League. Danny continues to run popular and well attended coaching sessions for all age groups. Coaching for juniors on Tuesday and Friday is well attended and the Easter and summer camps were very popular. In September we also provided a coaching course for local primary school children (£5 for 4 one hour sessions with Danny) heavily subsidised by the money raised as a result of members helping out with car parking at the 'defibrillator' boot fairs run by the football club

Off the court the club once again retained its LTA Registration. 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. Members also entered a tennis themed tree for the Christmas Tree festival in Chilham Church and is doing so again this year.

The accounts for 2021/22 show a healthy reserve that will ensure the club can continue to maintain its facilities to the required standard.

The club continues to be sponsored by One Ashford Hospital, Taittinger, BTF, Shepherd Neame and Quinn Estates.

I would like to thank the committee for their continued hard work ensuring the club is in a very healthy position.

The club continues to provide a warm friendly and social atmosphere in which local people can enjoy the benefits of playing tennis without breaking the bank. I would also like to thank those members not on the committee that have pitched in to help in various ways contributing to the success of the club.

4. Adoption of last years accounts

A summary of the unaudited accounts was presented by the treasurer. These showed a healthy surplus and were adopted by the meeting on the basis they would be audited before the next AGM.

5. Appointment of Honorary Auditor

It was agreed that our existing auditor, Ernie Taylor should be asked to continue.

6. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected for the 2022/23 year:

Chair – Geoff Dear

Vice-chair – Pete Swan

Treasurer – Richard Baker

Membership Secretary – Liz Dear

Committee Members - Darril Ling, Helen Blackwood (Welfare Officer), Danny Wynne (Head Coach and Junior Representative)

7. Review of Membership Fees and Financial Plan

The club maintains a financial plan to ensure membership fees are set at levels that enable to meet its commitments to maintain facilities at the required standard.

The years from 2022/23 onwards show forecasts using the following rationale:

- 1) income is projected forward from 2020/21 levels using an estimated annual CPI%
- 2) regular annual expenditure is projected forward from 2020/21 levels using an estimated annual CPI%
- 3) irregular expenditure (eg fencing, repainting, resurfacing) is projected forward using estimated annual CPI% starting from latest estimates and included in the years when we forecast they will be incurred

The club policy is to update and review this plan each year when deciding on membership fee increases. With the September CPI% for 2022 at 10.1%, the following increases are proposed for April 2023:

Family: £105 to £115

Adult: £55 to £60

Senior: £35 to £40

Junior: £25 (no change)

Coaching: £300 to £330 (ie two 6mthly payments of £165)

If in the future income falls or expenditure rises compared to forecast we can tweak our membership fee increases to cater for this. There may also be the option of applying for grants which will further improve the position but we don't plan for these.

The meeting formally approved this financial plan.

8. 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
- f) promotes an active junior section
- g) provides social tournaments and non-tennis social events
- h) supports community events

The committee was authorised to pursue these as objectives for the 2022/23 year and also ask the court contractor whether anything could be done to reduce slipping when the courts were repainted in early 2023. A member expressed an interest in a ball machine and agreed to look into the likely options and cost

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

9. Next meeting

Tba in November 2023.