

NEWTON POPPLEFORD & HARPFORD TENNIS CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Held at The Cannon Inn

March 28th 2017, 7.30pm

Present

Steve Filer (Chairman), Jane Coleman (Vice Chairman), Mike Gunn (Treasurer, Membership Secretary), Andrew de Gruchy (Maintenance), Susan Redish (Club Captain), David Zirker (Secretary), Duncan James, Rosemary Zirker, Chris Burhop, Clive Staveley, Peter Manfield, Bill and Denise Palfrey.

It was declared that with 13 members present the AGM was Quorate.

Apologies

Bob Drinkwater, Veronica Bray, Alison Clatworthy, Sam Palfrey, Ann Kelly, Margaret Ryalls, Robert Hicks, Vicky Morgan
Fiona Gunn, Seb Gunn, John Whitfield

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Last year's meeting minutes were reviewed. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Andrew De Gruchy and seconded by Chris Burhop & agreed unanimously.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Chairman's Report

Steve Filer reported that the club had had a great year! The membership was very slightly down on last year. The social events had been very successful, particularly the Wimbledon Barn Dance and the Jazz Evening. Fundraising had achieved what was needed in spite of not having a social secretary. The turn out for club night had increased which was very pleasing. The coaching programme had gone well. Steve thanked Sue Redish and Jon Whitfield for all their hard work and support over the last year as they are standing down from the committee. He also thanked Mike Gunn for being the League Secretary as well as club Treasurer.

Captain's Report

Sue Redish reported that we had a very successful Winter League season, finishing in 3rd place out of 7 teams. This was one place higher than the previous year so we were going in the right direction. We played 12, won 8, drew 1 and lost only 3 matches, a record! Highlights were winning 8-0 against Okehampton and Woodbury. She thanked all the players for their availability (even when not particularly convenient) and said well done everybody! It is hoped that Eddy Kerr will take on the captaincy of the league teams.

Treasurer's Report

Mike Gunn presented the accounts for the year. The Surplus for the year was £2766. Income was up to £3,715 of which £2,725 was from membership fees. Very good social events/fundraising made a surplus of £846. There were no major expenditures in 2016 which totalled £949 this included LTA membership £220. We now have total cash in the bank of £12,862. The main expenditures for this coming year will be £4,000 on court maintenance to clean, moss kill, and repaint the courts. The accounts for the year were audited by Chris Noakes and found to be correct. In addition he is prepared to continue as auditor for the coming year. The meeting thanked him for his contribution and welcomed him as auditor for a further year.

Membership Fees

David Zirker told the meeting that the committee suggested that the subscription fees for Adults should be increased to £50 and Family membership should be £120, Junior membership should be decreased to £10. However Chris Burhop pointed out that Family membership at this cost was no advantage and it was therefore decided to keep this at £110. This was formally proposed, and seconded by CB and RZ, and unanimously carried.

Upcoming Social Events

The following events have been suggested, but firm dates have not yet been made:

Open Day with cream tea during a Great British Tennis Weekend
Wimbledon Barn Dance
Tennis afternoon followed by bring and share BBQ and desserts
Fun Tournament
Roving Supper
Jazz Evening with Meal in the autumn

Wimbledon Ticket Draw

David said we had been allocated 11 pairs of Wimbledon tickets including the Ladies Final. David had tried very hard to get 100% participation in the draw but at the deadline, only 80 eligible members had opted in.

Election of Committee

The new committee will be as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Steve Filer	Chairman	Chris Burhop	Bill Palfrey
Jane Colman	Vice Chair/Minutes Secretary	David Zirker	Sue Redish
David Zirker	Secretary	Chris Burhop	Andrew De Gruchy
Andy de Gruchy	Court Maintenance Co-ordinator	David Zirker	Sue Redish
Mike Gunn	Treasurer	Chris Burhop	Bill Palfrey
Ann Kelly	Child Protection Officer	Chris Burhop	Rosemary Zirker
Sue Redish	Social Secretary (July onwards)		
Clive Staveley		David Zirker	Mike Gunn

The election of Club Captain (probably Eddy Kerr) and Web site Co-ordinator (possibly Will Kerr) are to be deferred to the next committee meeting. Andrew De Gruchy will continue with the current web site provider until any decision is made.

There was a short break for refreshments(Many thanks to The Cannon).

Any Other Business

Andrew De Gruchy updated members on the clubhouse stating that the site is in the flood plain and any planning has to get passed by the Environment Agency. The EA have said that they would never approve a clubhouse but the District council could overrule for recreational reasons. We therefore need to mitigate the flood risk and in an informal conversation a Town Planner suggested going to an architect to plan a building on 1metre stilts.

Sue Redish suggested investigating an app called Teamer for social tennis, to make it more inclusive.

Clive Staveley suggested looking at the LTA Booking system for the courts.

Steve Filer suggested that we have our main internal competition in the summer again with 3 or 4 rounds. A memo will be sent to members asking if they want to participate, however this year one person will be designated as organiser for each match.

The meeting was then closed by Steve Filer at 9.10pm with thanks to everybody that attended.