

Cringleford Tennis Club Committee – AGM 10th November 2018
The Red Lion, Eaton

1.Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Present:

Committee members: Chris Mitchell (Chair), Jane Hendriks, Jenny Hall, Nicki Mitchell, David Stephenson, Gini Anderson, Monny Roffey, Jenny Chambers, Rob Hall, Amanda Bailey

Members: Kate M, Andrew Y, Sue D, Tony D, Mike M, Stephen J, Nick B, Margaret R, David H, Jonathan S

Apologies for absence:

Fraser MacMillan, Stuart Malone, Nathan Dickinson, Ann Starky, Mike H, Sarah S, and Helen G sent her apologies with a note to thank the Club for their support and for organising Tony's plaque.

Many thanks to the Red Lion for the use of the meeting room.

2.Minutes of the AGM dated 4th November 2017 were approved, proposed by Monny Roffey and seconded by Gini Anderson.

3.Matters Arising:

- ⑩ Fraser MacMillan has the Winter tennis ladder in hand, he is looking to automate the system, further details in due course
- ⑩ A question was raised about the outcome of the incident involving a member hitting his head on the fencing as it was not clear what follow up action had been taken. Chris Mitchell said that this was followed through with the individual concerned, with an accident report, and experts had been out to look at the fencing but they could not come up with any meaningful preventative measures. The Club undertakes risk assessment robustly, however, members are also required to take individual care.

4.Chair's Report:

This was circulated to members by email and gave an overview of how the year went. Questions were invited.

A question was raised about giving thanks to Gill Ellis for the long standing support she has given to the Club. Chris Mitchell said that a letter of thanks was in hand together with her being nominated for an LTA Life Time Achievement Award.

5.Treasurer's Report:

Rob Hall went through the financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2018. The key points were that subscriptions were down on last year by just under £1,700 as membership numbers were down. Coaching income was down but in turn coaching costs were less. Last year's electricity cost was a rogue figure which distorts 2018 figure as some of the costs for 2017 have been put in for 2018. The quiz night raised a net profit of £675 but is not shown as a separate figure as currently this is in with other social events less the cost of running these. Rob said that he hoped to be able to work further on splitting out costs to make it clearer for future accounts.

A number of questions were raised as follows:-

-There was a query on the cost of maintaining the grass courts and it was pointed out that this was included in the Parish Council fees for the whole facility. Feedback on the grass courts has been very positive this year and a number of people enjoy playing on these in the Summer.

-There was discussion on the membership numbers being down and whether this was a cause for concern. Chris Mitchell said that whilst the Committee were not complacent on numbers these can fluctuate from year to year and there was a steady influx of new members. However, he said he recognised that junior membership had taken a hit on numbers which was largely down to less coaching at the school and the competition for juniors doing other things. He pointed out that Amanda

Bailey had joined the Committee and will be working with Lucy Brooks to look at the best way forward with juniors.

The Treasurer's report was approved, proposed by Mike M and seconded by Jenny Chambers.

6. Proposed Capital Project

Chris Mitchell had circulated a summary report on the proposal via email to members. Chris said that the Committee had discussed this at the Committee meeting earlier in the week and had agreed that the best option was to go ahead with flood lights on the top courts and in addition to look further into a practice wall. This will be subject to obtaining planning consent and to approval from the Parish Council in their role as landlord. Chris advised that when he met members of the Parish Council to discuss extending the lease he had advised floodlights were under consideration and had not received any negative feedback so hopefully a formal request will meet with approval. Chris said that he had prepared a 40 year maintenance plan for the Club which the Treasurer had reviewed to ensure that the facility could continue to be kept in excellent condition with adequate money in reserve.

Chris said that the AGM was an opportunity for members to give their feedback on the proposal. There was discussion on this and members were positive on the extra floodlighting proposal and see this as a step forward in promoting the Club and increasing membership. It was also felt that the practice wall would encourage younger members and should be investigated further.

The question was raised on how long it would take to get this done, Chris said that subject to planning consent being obtained the lead in time with the contractors should be only 4 – 6 weeks.

It was asked whether it was possible to have an easier system for obtaining floodlighting for social play instead of tokens as sometimes people played at short notice and it was difficult getting these tokens. This is something the Committee needs to look at for the future but in the meantime it was suggested that people stock up on tokens available from Nicki or David.

A question was asked about possible external routes for funding. Chris said that we have had discussions with LTA rep and the LTA funding is likely to be limited to a maximum of £5k grant and £5k loan with conditions which would mean LTA setting the agenda. It was highlighted that there may be community schemes such as those run by Aviva and Waitrose which could be explored to see if any funding was available.

7. Membership Fees for 2019/2020

Chris Mitchell said that the Committee had discussed fees for next year but decided it was appropriate to leave fees at the present level but the fee structure would be reviewed going forward taking in to account any improvements to the facility with a view to submitting a proposal to next years AGM.

8. Match Secretary's Report

The teams have had a very good year and the Match Secretary's report is shown on the Team Tennis page on the website and via a hyperlink in the Chair's report. Chris Mitchell said it was a very good read and encouraged members to have a look.

9. Election of Committee

- ⑩ Chris Mitchell asked for the re-election of committee members "en bloc" namely Chris Mitchell (Chair), Stuart Malone (Secretary), Rob Hall, Ann Starky, Jenny Hall, Jenny Chambers, Monica Roffey, David Stephenson, Gini Anderson, Nathan Dickinson, Nicki Mitchell, Fraser MacMillan, Amanda Bailey and Jane Hendriks. The re-election of these Committee members was approved; proposed by Margaret R and seconded by Mike M.

David Cartwright is able to continue as Auditor, this was approved, proposed by Nicki Mitchell and seconded by Jane Hendriks

10.100 Club Draw

The draw took place and the winners were: Paul & Catherine H, Michael H, Mel B, David C who receive £30 each.

11.AOB

-Chris Mitchell said that there was a fund raising "Beetle Drive" planned for 1st December. Tickets were now on sale available from Nicki and this promises to be a fun night.

-David Stephenson said that he had been approached by a member who was unable to attend the AGM but wanted to know whether another Club night could be put on. There was no justification for this at the present time and there is a capacity issue. However, with the future plans of floodlighting the top courts this would then allow more members to play on the two weekly Club nights currently run. He would not be able to organise more activities on more evenings as too burdensome without further volunteers/help.

-There was comment that there had been complaints about the Head tennis balls and the need for more moisture resistant balls. Nick B reported that the Slazenger hydroguard had performed well in the wetter weather and these were preferred.

12.The Next AGM – Saturday 9th November 2019 at 12 noon at Red Lion in Eaton.