

## **Cringleford Tennis Club Committee – AGM 9th November 2019**

### **The Red Lion, Eaton**

#### **1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

Present:

Committee members: Chris Mitchell (Chair), Jane Hendriks, Nicki Mitchell, David Stephenson, Jenny Chambers, Rob Hall, Amanda Bailey, Ann Starky, Stuart Malone, Fraser MacMillan

Members: Jane K, Mike H, Jonathan S, Ralph B, Margaret R, Nick B, Malcolm R and Francesca S

#### **Apologies for absence:**

Nathan Dickinson, Gini Anderson, Jenny Hall, Monny Roffey, Katie Brooks and Helen G.

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

**2. Minutes of the AGM** dated 10th November 2018 were approved, proposed by Stuart Malone and seconded by Fraser MacMillan.

#### **3. Matters Arising:**

- The winter tennis ladder has not been taken any further as we are looking to organise/automate such competitions using Club Spark which the club have access to however configuration with our own website is required. Jonathon S is currently investigating to assess the work involved in providing the necessary links to our website.
- The issue with the variable level of electricity costs is ongoing as the Parish Council are concerned with the accuracy of our sub-meter and have asked us to install a separate meter to resolve the issue. Chris Mitchell is currently liaising with the Parish Council to make the required arrangements noting there will be a charge of at least £500 relating to the new meter.
- With regard to floodlight tokens David Stephenson and LLoyd had a supply of tokens which could be purchased at club nights although none were actually sold. In addition Sally H has also agreed to hold a supply and members will be advised accordingly. **Action NM**
- Membership fees are dealt with in 6. below.

#### **4. Chair's Report:**

This was circulated to members by email prior to the meeting and introduced by the Chair who provided a brief summary of highlights and was very pleased to report on a successful year. There were no questions. A vote of thanks was given to Chris for his hard work regarding his project management of the installation of the new floodlights.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report:**

Rob Hall ran through the financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2019. Key points are that subscriptions are up as a result of an increase in membership numbers and social events continue to do well in supporting Club income. Expenses are up as a result of increased repairs/maintenance, coaching costs, insurance and legal fees. There was a timing issue regarding the high cost of league fees as effectively the cost for two years was paid out in a single year. It was pointed out that there is an ongoing liability for the floodlight costs at year end of £15,000 thereby reducing reserves accordingly from the figure shown at the end of our financial year.

Nick B queried the balance in the Secure Trust 120 savings account as he recollected it to be higher than the reported figure. Chris said that this would be clarified and he would report back (see addendum to minutes below). **Action CM**

The Treasurer's report was approved, proposed by Jenny Chambers and seconded by Stuart Malone.

#### **6. Membership Fees for 2020/2021**

The proposed increase in membership fees was circulated to members prior to the meeting. Chris Mitchell reported that in order to maintain the Club in excellent condition and with continuing rising costs it was important to maintain a healthy bank balance and the increase in fees was felt to be justified.

Chris also highlighted that the club had a 40 year maintenance plan in place which demonstrates that the club needs a healthy annual surplus to fund replacement of the facility. When benchmarked against other clubs our facilities offer very good value for money. Members were asked if they had any views or comments on this. Generally feedback was positive particularly in view of the fact that floodlights are now included in membership cost for Club nights.

There was one query/objection on the rise when it was felt that the Club already had healthy reserves.

A vote was taken and the motion carried.

### **7.Election of Committee**

- Monny Roffey will not be standing for reelection. We thank Monny for all her support.
- Chris Mitchell asked for the re-election of the following committee members “en bloc” namely Chris Mitchell (Chair), Stuart Malone (Secretary), Rob Hall (Treasurer), Ann Starky (Membership Secretary), Jenny Hall, Jenny Chambers, 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 Stuart Malone and seconded by Nick B. David Cartwright had confirmed he would be happy to continue as Auditor, this was approved, proposed by David Stephenson and seconded by Fraser MacMillan

### **8.AOB**

Feedback was given on the increased coaching fees for Friday ladies morning. There was concern from some members that no official notice was given and it seemed to be quite a jump for members on the block rate from £15 to £26. It was explained that non members pay twice the amount and that overall coaching does not make money and it still represented good value at £2 per session compared to elsewhere.

**9.The Next AGM** – Saturday 7th November 2020 at 12 noon at Red Lion in Eaton.

### **ADDENDUM:**

NB queried the level of the Secure Trust deposit account which he recollected previously being higher than the figure shown in the accounts. To clarify, in the year ending September 2017 funds were transferred from the Secure Trust savings account into the Barclays Bank Account. The Barclays Account was closed in August 2018 and the money in that account transferred into the HSBC current account. This action was taken to ensure sufficient working capital following resurfacing of the top courts and refurbishment of the bottom court floodlights.