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2025 AGM minutes

Held on 16th June 2025 at 6:30pm

Present:

A Adams, P Ahir, M Biggs, P Biggs, B Boniewicz, J Brookes, N Butler, G Bunting, J Carruthers, M Carruthers, J Champkins, J Coleman, L Cooper, C Coulter, M Frier, D Hughes, G Hughes, C Hurst, Y Jarvis, J Luke, I Mack, E Merrison, C Moulds, S Pasiak, J Prasad-Smith, M Roskell, S South, S Torosyan-Compton, M Wakefield, K Walker, P Wanright, A Westray, R Westray, J Willis, T Wright

Apologies:

R Gildove, D Hacking, W Harrison, C Keightley, P Keightley, D Riddle, T Sage, A Smith, A Stapelberg, C Stott, J Sutherland, L Sutherland

The chair opened the meeting advising that we had enough members in attendance to continue with the meeting.

The last years minutes were approved by Margaret Roskell and seconded by Yvonne Jarvis

There was no need to talk about the reports submitted by the chairman, treasurer and the club captain as there were no questions submitted.

There was no need to discuss the constitution as there were no changes submitted.

The Management Committee,

The chair thanked the retiring management committee members and thanked them for their support over the last 2 years, namely Colin Stott (Vice Chair), Dee Hughes (Secretary) and Alison Westray (Treasurer)

The new Management Committee will comprise of:

Chair Gordon Hughes

Secretary Karen Walker

Club Captain Gillian Bunting

Court Co-Ordinator Bridget Longworth

Social Representative Matt Frier

The chair expressed disappointment that nobody had come forward for the treasurer and Vice Chair roles, pointing out it was important to have a full committee membership to create a balanced view, and it would be very difficult to hold management meeting with only two officers of the club, as it is part of the constitution that at least 2 officers of the club are present at each management committee meeting

We had a volunteer who expressed interest in the Vice Chair position, and a meeting would be arranged between the chair and the volunteer.

AOB

The following questions were submitted as part of the AOB and answers given.

Q&A

Q. What is happening about the willow tree?

A. The neighbour has agreed to pollard the tree, which is due to be carried out towards the end of June, this will also help with the pigeon issues.

Q. The issue with the trees behind the court?

A. We now have a cost to cut the trees down to the fence height, which will now be subject to funds available.

Q. Lack of investment in the club?

A. Investment can revolve around both capital and maintenance.

In the last few years, we have:

- Replaced the clubhouse bar.
- Repaired to clubhouse roof.
- Updated the lighting on the top courts.
- Refurbished and repainted to bottom courts.
- Continue to have regular maintenance on the top courts.
- External painting of the clubhouse with improved signage.
- Internal painting of the clubhouse.
- Sorted some potholes were filled in on the entry road.
- Replaced and refitted radiators and piping in the small members bar because of leaks.
- Replaced the carpet area in front of the members bar due to leaks.
- Repaired leaks in both ladies and men's toilet
- Replaced the shower in the ladies' changing rooms.
- Renewal electrics for the tennis court lighting to ensure electrical compliance for insurance.
- Introduced Pickleball into the club to improve revenue, with increasing membership.
- Refurbished the smoking hut.
- Replaced the car parking lines.

Most of these are general repairs, but they all contribute to an investment/cost made by the club.

Q. What are the committee planning to do to increase income and/or reduce expenditure so that profits can be used to invest in the club infrastructure?

A. Let's understand where our income comes from, only two main sources, the membership and the functions. We have tried to get funding and sponsorship to no avail.

Yes we took the decision to reduce the membership cost in order to retain our membership and give us the best way of increasing the membership, that part has worked, but has contributed to our losses, as you know we have increased the membership costs this year which should increase the revenue by around £3-£4k, we also recognise the best opportunity to increase the membership is moving forward with the likes of pickleball. The main revenue comes from the functions and we continue promote this as a prime location.

We are constantly reviewing our costs, but we like other clubs (a lot of who are no longer in place) are hit particularly with energy costs and of course we have had several repairs to deal with as already detailed.

General

As part of the AGM, we included a section for members to ask general questions of the Management Committee, the following questions were asked and answers given.

Question: Would it help to increase the prices of the alcoholic drinks.

Answer: We manage the prices on a regular basis based on the brewery costs and remain competitive

Question: Have we considered installing Padel?

Answer: We have looked at it several times, but the cost is around £80k to install one court

Question: Will we be doing more Tennis/Pickleball open days

Answer: Yes, we will, we have a Wimbledon special new membership deal

Questions: What is the plan to increase junior membership to the club

Answer: This rests with George at present, but we do need to assist in this, we are looking at holding some junior pickleball session and we will be talking to the local schools

Question: How long will the "Revite" of the top courts take?

Answer: When the willow tree has been cut, we will arrange the revite and expect it to take a day

Question: What is the long-term plan to resurface the top courts?

Answer: When needed the only option will be to take a loan to do this.

In addition to this a comment was made that we should all pull together to insure the growth of our club. The Chair thanks all those for attending the meeting.

The meeting ended at 19:37

Dee Hughes
HLTC Secretary