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Dear «Forename»

2026 AGM minutes

Held on 11th June 2026 at 6:30pm

Present:

Anna Adams, Polly Ahir, Michael Biggs Penny Biggs, Bol Boniewicz, Janice Brookes, Graham Brown, Nicky Bulter, Gillian Bunting, James Champkins, John Coleman, Lynne Cooper, Mary Corvin, Cindy Coulter, Bruce Cox, Andy Edwards, Jill Haffenden, Emily Harrison, Will Harrison, Gordon Hughes, Yvonne Jatvis, Bridget Longswort, Jill Luke, Eileen Merrison, Stan Pasiak, Steph Pick, Margaret Roskell, Maggie Saunders, Sue South, Chris Stevens, Lesley Sunderland, Teresa Wrzyszc

Apologies:

Oli Berdej, Steve Bradbury, Joanne Draper-Moore, Barrie Farnsworth, Rosie Gildove, Christine Hirst, Davina Hughes, Alison Jones, Colin Molds, Elaine Ratcliffe, Dave Riddle, Tim Sage, Edwin Shufflebotham, Margaret Shufflebotham, Amanda Smith, Paul Smith, Colin Stott, Jim Sunderland, Mercia Wakefield, Karen Walker, Steve Walters, Robert Westray, Alison Westray, Jono Wills

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

One minute silence was held at the beginning of the meeting for those we have lost during last year

The chair advised that Janice Brookes would be taking the notes as Karen is not well.

The last year's minutes were approved by Michael Biggs and seconded by Margaret Roskell

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

There was a vote on a proposed constitution change being to amend section 10.1 to read

As follows:

The Management Committee should comprise of:

- The Chair
- The Vice Chair
- The Secretary
- The Treasurer
- The Club Captain
- The Tennis Captain

The Pickleball Captain
The Social Co-Ordinator

Those present agreed by majority to accept the change.

AOB

No AOBs were submitted.

Then followed a general Question and Answer session.

Question - What can we do to stop the rain flooding the courts 1, 2 and 3 from the car park to the back of the courts. Is the drain getting blocked which is therefore overflowing onto the courts?

Answer - GH - Tech Services have been asked for a review of the courts. They seem to think that there is still 6/7 years left in them. Perhaps a "revite" would be needed every year? In terms of the possible front drain blockage, it will be investigated.

Question - New Club Kit: Is this kit applicable to tennis and will there be any white kit for the Tennis?

Answer - Penny explained that there are two types of branding - one with Ham and Pickle a fun name for pickleball with the Hamilton logo and one without the Ham and Pickle for the tennis. There is open new kit evening on 3rd July whereby the kit will be available for people to try on. Penny is gathering all the samples.

Question – Finance: why are the accounts showing overall gain for the clubhouse and a loss for the tennis? Why are the figures shown that way given the club ethos?

Any potential new members seeing the loss on the tennis side may think that the club may not be viable concern in the future.

Answer - GH explained how the accounts used to be presented and there was confusion about how each section was performing, so the monthly account was split into clubhouse, Courts and general overheads which are split 70% clubhouse and 30% courts. The club drastically cut the membership cost and membership dipped significantly last year and we have no juniors. GH is reluctant to put up the fees and agreed that "one club" ethos is important.

GH will discuss at the management meeting whether maybe not to split the finances on the MC meeting minutes which are circulated to all the current members via email, pointing out we are always transparent about the finances. Trying to get funding has been very difficult. Karen has been applying for funding opportunities but so far to no avail.

Question - What can we do to encourage new membership?

General discussion re loss of membership, demographics, injuries etc as to why people have not rejoined. Difficult to get new tennis members but this is also prevalent with other clubs not just ours. Youngsters are not coming through; it can be an expensive sport and generally juniors go to university and don't come back till later years.

Pickleball has been our saviour.

We are fortunate to have a coach who does both.

It was also raised that now the summer is here can we promote / encourage schools to come and pay and play for a special price. Do people know what we offer re the pay and play. We need to advertise more about what we do.

Penny also explained that we are trying to sort out a family pickleball session although we need a volunteer to help with this.

Question - have we got any further with locking the courts?

Answer - GH - waiting for Matt to get the locks

Question - When will the lights on court be sorted?

Answer - GH - Waiting for Matt to sort.

Question - Any plans for junior coaching?

Answer - Not at this point.

The meeting ended at 19:13

Karen Walker
HLTC Secretary