

Ivybridge Tennis Club

Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 17th March 2015 7.15pm

Present		
Alan Strowger Amanda Sinclair Andrew Copestick Andrew Hope Andy Coombs Annie Haigh Ben Semmence Bernard Clarke Bobbie Barclay Brian Simpson Carolyn Cox Chris Childs Clare Strain Colin Hulett	Dave Brierley Dulcie Wellard Francis Drake Gina Hay Helen Widlake James Sexton Jennie Richardson Julie Hulett Kamran Khan Martyn Johnson Michael Thong Nell Clotworthy (Chair) Nick Haigh Peter Glanville	Richard Soper Rob Thomas Ron Cole Sally Hitch Sarah Owen Steve Hitch Rhys Dunford Steve Cann Vanessa Walker Verity Holdsworth Dominic Hall Ollie Reid (observing)

Introduction: In the absence of a chairman Nell Clotworthy was proposed as chair of the meeting. proposed by Martyn Johnson, seconded by Jennie Richardson	
1.0	Apologies George Seager-Berry, Penny Punch, Mike Trembeth, Helen Cock, Mark Owen, Sandy Matthews, Clive Venables, Alan Donaldson, Geoff Parlby, Diana Glanville and Roger Stone
2.0	Minutes of the last meeting All agreed.
3.0	Treasurers Report (Items 3 and 4 switched) Relevant pages to refer to is page 9. All tennis activities are down. Income from 2014-2015 is £10,000 down. The LTA part fund the Club Manager role. The Management committee need to consider the budget going forward for capital expenditure and maintenance. Rob Thomas asked why the tournament income was down. Nell addressed this by explaining the agreement with the LTA and when they do and don't pay for courts. There is also an agreement with tennisMAD who run the tournaments and there is a split profit approach. Francis Drake asked whether any analysis had been done on use of courts as there is lower usage every month. Singles boxes are very successful but only the court fee is paid. Ron Cole commented asked where the visitor fee is shown , court fees includes visitor court fees but the walk on fee is recorded under visitor fees so not fully representative of the amount. Peter Glanville asked what ITC is worth. Cash in bank was £28k in 2013, £18k in 2014. Will Gurney to review rate setter as members were anxious that not touching the sinking fund.
4.0	Chairmans Report In the absence of a chairman, Will gurney introduced himself. Will has a degree in mathematics and is a chartered accountant, before moving to Devon 5 and a half

	<p>years ago Will was a maths teacher. Will has 3 boys and owns a ski business. See attachment for Wills presentation</p> <p>Clare Strain - Newbie membership is not featured in the way forward, would like the committee to consider what is on offer on Friday nights? were Newbie's consulted?</p> <p>Will responded that consideration had been given and all members communicated with. Newbies started as hit and hoppers but has continued without proper guidelines. Clare would have liked the community to have been considered when the proposals were put together.</p> <p>Andy Coombs wanted to comment the rationale set out in the way forward presentation.</p> <p>Alan Strowger would have liked to see more research in to other categories such as non members.</p> <p>SH asked to address the AGM with regards to his thoughts on the proposal, Alan Strowger suggested that Steve was given 10 minutes to make a presentation. seconded by Martyn Johnson.</p> <p>Steve addressed the members about his concern at the proposals. Referring to the parlous state of the Accounts with income down and expenditure up, he questioned the wisdom of effectively reducing the member's subscriptions and court rates, whilst raising the court fees for non members and visitors to punitive levels, in the hope that they will become members. Steve stated that he considered that this was a high risk strategy, and was worried that it would do nothing to attract novices or new members to the Club. With spare capacity on the courts, he maintained that the Club should retain the hybrid nature of the Club, as non members had proved to be a valuable source of income over the years. Otherwise he questioned whether the Club could remain sustainable.</p> <p>NC thanked Steve for his presentation and Brian Simpson commended Steve on the work he had done.</p> <p>It was suggested that the AGM moved to a vote for subscriptions</p>
5.0	<p>Subscriptions</p> <p>Majority in favour of the new subscriptions</p> <p>Alan Strowger proposed to accept the model with the proviso that the committee monitor non-member income.</p> <p>Peter Glanville did query whether the club could manage financially with pro rata subscriptions and perhaps there should be an EGM and review in November 2015.</p>
6.0	<p>Appointment of Officers</p> <p>Nell proposed Will Gurney as Chair, seconded by Julie Hulett. Majority in support Treasurer to be appointed, recommendations from members on a suitable candidate (qualified)</p>
7.0	<p>Appointment of Committee</p> <p>John Pope resigned from the committee. NC wanted to thank John Pope for his support</p> <p>Nicola White, Annie Haigh, Sarah Owen, Nell Clotworthy, Verity Holdsworth continuing on committee. Dominic Hall has now joined the committee</p>
8.0	<p>Appointment of team captains</p> <p>Mia Loye ladies captain, Rhys Dunford Men's captain. Proposed by Richard Soper, seconded by Dominic Hall.</p>

9.0	<p>Company AGM</p> <p>Alan explained the background of the company and how the governance works. A strowger happy to remain as Company Secretary but would like a replacement for the future.</p> <p>S Hitch suggested a vote of thanks to Alan for his years of support and requested that Alan be Honorary Vice President. Carried by all, round of applause.</p>
10.0	<p>AOB</p> <p>Helen Widlake wanted to flag up the issue of staff training, especially with new subscriptions. Jen agreed this would be something that would be dealt with very quickly.</p> <p>Sally Hitch asked about the club trophies...they should be presented at the next club championships Any outstanding trophies to be returned.</p> <p>Alan suggested vote of thanks to Nell, Will and the committee</p> <p>Nell closing remarks;</p> <p>Thanks for Julie and Mark for the organisation of the box leagues Thanks to tennisMAD Thanks to Jen and her work Thanks to the staff Thanks to Ben Semmence for the gardening and Richard Soper for handyman skills.</p> <p>Thanks and welcome to Will.</p> <p>Meeting closed 9.40pm</p>