

IVYBRIDGE TENNIS CLUB

Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 14th June 2016

Present:

Andy Copestick Ben Semmence Chris Childs Richard Soper Mike Trembath Peter Glanville Jennie Richardson Andy Coombs Annie Haigh Dominic Hall John Pope	Gina Hay Julie Hulett Colin Hulett Bernard Clarke Dianne Kellett Malcolm Bruce Sally Hitch Steve Hitch Julie Lee Alan Strowger Mark Owen	Diana Glanville Nicola White Angela Absalom Ben Knight Paul Butcher James Sexton Duncan Matthews Dave Brierley Barbara Parton Sarah Owen
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MINUTES OF MEETING		
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1.0	APOLOGIES: Penny Punch, Moira Baumbach, Verity Holdsworth, Alan Donaldson, Mike Tong, Annie Gherken, Brenda Sleeman, Amanda Sinclair, Sue Bradley, Graham Hay, Sue Birch, Nick Haigh, Robert Thomas, Dulcie Welland.	
2.0	MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING Proposed: John Pope Seconded: Andy Coombs All in favour	
3.0	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Proposed: Gina Hay Seconded: Barbara Parton All in favour	
4.0	TREASURER'S REPORT MO explained that there was a vast amount of things needing attention: but there is an active committee now, meeting regularly, working effectively. There is a need to make substantial changes to move the club forward. The 2015 Accounts were issued with the rest of the AGM documents and the Treasurer's Report and a 4 year comparison had been issued on 12 th June. Each year there has been either no surplus or small surplus after repayment of loans. As a club we are just about repaying loans and covering costs – nothing being put away for replacement of carpet. Suggestions for increasing court usage / attracting new members: Gina Hay – availability of court 1 at 6pm to attract working people. Mike Trembath suggestion to rent out court space. MO pointed out that a radically different approach needed to increase participation. Peter Glanville queried cost of Bank Charges, Accountant fees, Bookkeepers at nearly 10% of turnover. Subscriptions: John Pope suggested increase by 10% then 10% discount on prompt payment. John Pope offered to email out invoices in future. Andy Coombs offered to chase up non payers in future. Gina Hay offered help with admin. Idea to put out resume of committee meeting minutes to all members of club, identifying jobs for which members could volunteer without needing to be on Committee itself. Alan Strowger queried timing of AGM requesting it to be moved back to March. MO does not feel this of high importance but does not rule it out – a decision will be made by the Committee in due course.	

	Acceptance of report : Proposed: John Pope , Seconded: Colin Hulett All in favour. Direct debits: problem of stoppers brought up - members rather shocked. Duncan Matthews offered to chase up DD defaulters.	
5.0	APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS FOR 2016/2017 Chairman: Dominic Hall, Treasurer: Mark Owen, Membership Secretary: Sarah Owen Proposed: Steve Hitch Seconded: Julie Hullett All in favour	
6.0	APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE FOR 2016/2017 Dominic Hall, Mark Owen, Sarah Owen, Nicola White, Di Kellett, Andy Copestick, Verity Holdsworth, Duncan Matthews, Colin Hulett, John Pope Proposed: Bernard Clarke Seconded: Alan Strowger All in favour	
7.0	APPOINTMENT OF TEAM CAPTAINS FOR 2016/2017 P&D Duncan Matthews and Sarah Owen, South Devon: Mike O'Shaughnessy	
8.0	SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2016 Peter Glanville: suggesting less categories needed (others seemed to agree with this) and his view that day members not eligible for teams (others did not seem to agree with this). He also said that he knew of Day members playing in peak times. Committee will look at this. Subscription levels for 2016 were ratified by the meeting.	
9.0	<p>FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF CLUB</p> <p>Current running of club clearly not sustainable. Club not being managed adequately. Staff not being managed properly. Additional £15k per year of profit needed in order to replace carpet in due course.</p> <p>4 models for managing the club tried/explored</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Committee / chairman: too much to do, hasn't worked in recent years. 2. Manager, slight improvement and was supported by Devon LTA at the time . 3. TennisMad – expressed interest in managing. LTA may provide funding. Have had meeting with LTA. We are a problem for LTA, but we are an important centre for them. LTA current initiative is participation as the main thrust. LTA keen to help on short term basis as long as we are committed to increased participation and are ready to support us in employing TennisMad. 4. Turn over club to external provider such as GLL who may be interested in taking on this role. Would be complex transaction and would take at least a year to sort out, and there would be no going back as the contract would probably be for a long period. <p>Committee have decided to look at option 4 further over the next 6-9 months. In the mean time we intend to employ TennisMad and work very closely with them and the LTA over the next 9 months whilst we and they see if this will work as a long term solution. This gives us a breathing space to see if this is correct solution or whether an outside provider would be a better solution.</p> <p>There was some discussion over the set of services which TM will carry out – schedules have been drawn up and agreed with TM & LTA.</p> <p>It was emphasised again that substantial changes would need to take place and no guarantees could be given about e.g. syndicates being allowed to continue.</p> <p>Paul and Ben spoke briefly : looking forward to working with Committee, members, staff and volunteers and LTA.</p> <p>Very excited about future, and motivated to succeed: their aims in line with members'.</p> <p>Di Glanville expressed appreciation for the work done by TennisMad and their volunteers.</p> <p>Colin Hulett asked what initiatives were envisaged. Outdoor court usage – 'Park Courts' – family use, use of café.</p> <p>Martyn Johnson proposed that the Committee be authorized to proceed with negotiations with Tennis Mad for a contract to manage the club for the next 18 months. Seconded: Mike</p>	

	Trembath All in favour.	
10.0	COMPANY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016 Alan explained the background of the company and how the governance works. Alan happy to remain as Company Secretary despite his move to London, as most of the duties can be done online. 1) Apologies for Absence - as above 2) Minutes of the AGM 2015 3) Chairman's Report 4) Accounts – Report of Approved Accounts 5) Re-Appointment of Executive Committee - 3 new members 6) Re-Appointment of the Accountant Steve Hitch proposed, Julie Hulett seconded all in favour of acceptance. Dominic thanked Alan for all his work over many years.	
11.0	ANY OTHER BUSINESS Volunteers sought for the Active Ivybridge event on 17 th July. Club Champs, Jane Watson trophy events imminent – information out in next few days. Meeting ended at 9:10	