

IVYBRIDGE TENNIS CLUB
Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 8 December at 7pm
(Held Online – 36 Club members voted online prior to the meeting)

Present: **Committee and Managers only**

Andy Copestick, Mark Owen, Malcolm Bruce, Colin Hulett, Julie Hulett, Sue Bradley,
 Jeremy Beck, Sue Youens and Paul Butcher

Apologies: Nicola White, Lesley Crocker & Steve Hitch

MINUTES OF MEETING

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| 1 | Apologies: as listed above. | |
| 2 | Approval of minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 September 2019 were agreed as being accurate by those present and additionally 34 club members. 2 members who weren't present at the 2019 AGM abstained. | |
| 3 | Chairman's Report 2020: as attached in Appendix 1 | |
| 4 | Treasurer's Report and Accounts to 31 December 2019: as attached in Appendix 2. | |
| 5 | Ratification of Subscriptions for 2021: as attached in Appendix 3. Agreed by those present and additionally by 35 club members, 1 member voted against. | |
| 6 | Appointment of Officers: Agreed by 36 club members | |
| 7 | Appointment of Committee: Mark Owen, Andy Copestick, Colin Hulett, Julie Hulett, Nicola White, Jeremy Beck, Malcolm Bruce, Sue Bradley and Lesley Crocker. Agreed by 36 club members. | |
| 8 | <p>Review of questions by members:</p> <p>Question: 1. Have you looked at getting a "green" grant from somewhere to replace the lights (or at least the tubes) with diodes? These use less power, last much longer and come on instantly at full brightness. Were it not for the cash flow problem I would advocate making the change from club funds if necessary. If you had done this last time you wouldn't be re-tubing now.</p> <p>2. The Treasurer's report says we have changed to an accounting system which apparently cannot supply the analysis we want. I find it difficult to believe any competent accounting package cannot be set up to do this. Please elucidate.</p> <p>Answer: Q1 - When the court lighting was re-lamped and cleaned in 2017, we were informed that LED lamps could not be installed in those fittings. The price for fitting new LED fittings then was £49,000 with only a 26% power saving giving a 20 year payback so we didn't proceed. Three contractors are pricing for an LED system now and I await their quotes. Again, they all confirm we need new fittings but the prices will be less than 3 years ago and the power savings have improved so it could be a better time to do this. Once we get the prices, we will then need to investigate grant availability. We may need to ask for a volunteer to help look into this.</p> <p>Q2 - It is not our accounting package that has changed - our book-keeper use Sage. HM Williams have changed the software they use for all the accounting work they do for all their clients and I was referring to this. Of course, we have no involvement in or notice of that decision.</p> | |

Question: Please consider introducing a minimum standard of play for a member to be able to attend a Club Session.

Answer: As detailed in the Chairman's Report a review of Club Sessions will be done as soon as we are able to start playing them again.

Question : 2021 Subs

A. The £60 retrospective reduction for Club Session Supplement for 2020 should be applied to any Full Membership for 2021.

B. The £2 per month Direct Debit charge seems excessive.

Answer A : The committee have proposed reductions in both subscriptions (£46) and the bolt on supplement for club sessions (£60 - which is viewed as court fees in advance).

Answer B: There are additional costs incurred in collecting by direct debit namely charges, staff costs and cash-flow consequences.

Other Comments

2019 Accounts

Bank Charges - Can we find a Bank with cheaper charges?

Answer: We have tried to change banks a couple of years ago but the difficulties put in our way (from the new bank) meant that we abandoned the idea then. We have no evidence at present that a new bank would be cheaper so a study would need to be done. The volunteer committee are spending so much extra time on managing the club this year, that this will need to be a project for the future (unless a volunteer wants to carry out the necessary research in the near future).

The Future

Book Keeping. Is there the opportunity to consider a digital system that we can consider for the future which could reduce this expense?

Answer: - We already use a digital system called Sage. We have reduced the payments made for book-keeping in 2020 by in excess of £2,000pa.

IF WE STILL PAY VAT ON OUR SUBS: Take urgent steps to reinstate our right to NOT pay VAT on our subscriptions.

Answer: We have discussed this before. It is believed that to de-register for VAT, HMRC may be able to go back to 2002 and reclaim the VAT not paid on the new building. It could be very expensive to seek a formal opinion from a VAT expert unless any member knows someone who would do it free of charge.

Well done and Thank you to everyone who has kept our Club afloat!

Answer: Thank you.

Question: Have any decisions been made about court fees paid upfront for syndicates? Either reimbursement or being able to complete (when allowed) without further payment.

Answer: Any unused syndicate sessions will be carried forward into 2021 without further charge.

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| 9 | Any Other Business None raised. Meeting Closed. | |
| The meeting closed at 8.00 pm | | |

Appendix 1 Chairman's Report

http://sdtc.mycourts.co.uk/attach/68003_Chairmans_report_November_2020.pdf

Appendix 2 Treasurer's Report

http://sdtc.mycourts.co.uk/attach/68003_Treasurers_Report_November_20.pdf

Appendix 3 Subs Ratification

http://sdtc.mycourts.co.uk/attach/68003_Proposed_Subs_2021_for_ratification_.pdf