

KENT ELMS TENNIS CLUB



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2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday 23rd March 2016

Venue: The Clubhouse, Kent Elms Tennis Club, Aviation Way, SS2 6UN

In Attendance

Pat Taylor (Acting Chair), Danny Lovett (Secretary), Peter Clark (Treasurer), Jo Hancock (Match Secretary), Phil Stevens, Terry Savage, Katy Cox, (Committee Members), together with 21 Full Members, 3 Off-Peak, 1 Social.

1. APOLOGIES

6 apologies were received from full members.

MEETING

Welcome

Pat extended a warm welcome to all in attendance for Kent Elms TC AGM in its 68th year and thanked all for making the effort to support your club this evening.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS AGM Minutes

Minutes were approved by the meeting and duly signed by the Acting Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None

4. ACTING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Honorary Memberships – At a recent committee meeting we decided to make Keith Collins & Malcolm Hancock Honorary Social Members in recognition of the contributions they have made to our club. Keith has audited the accounts for over thirty years, and Malcolm has been involved in many maintenance projects over the years. These contributions have been made in spite of the fact that they have never been members. Many thanks to them.

Committee – I'd like to thank the Committee who continue to drive the club forward; particularly Jo Hancock for her efforts in running the teams, and Pete Clark for his rather magnificent work on the accounts. Also I would like to mention Terry who came down on his own and redesigned the bar area to Brenda's specification. Could I also thank Gary Nichols who continues to allow us to use Swiftclean boardroom for our Committee Meetings, and Martin Powell who continues to maintain the club website.

Club Tennis – We'll be hearing about league tennis from Jo a bit later. I will say that social tennis has been poorly attended in recent weeks. Perhaps four sessions is too many? It always is a bit thin in winter and hopefully things will pick up a summer approaches. Off Peak social tennis has been ticking along very nicely.

Coaching – Washington has taken over from Gemma as head coach, and has been doing a good job. Our club has joined with the LTA and formed a new schools link with Edwards Hall School. This will involve Washington going into the school to coach the pupils and involving them in coaching at our club.

Social Events - Hope everyone has a copy of our Diary Of Events.

Music Quiz & Karaoke Night - 23 May 15 . . . Sat 14 May 2016.

Superstars Banquet - Sat 25 July 2015 . . . Saturday 23 July 2016.

Inter Tennis Club Golf - Thu 23 Jul 15 . . Thu 21 Jul 16. Thanks Pete

Quiz Night – Sat 31 October 2015 . . . Thanks Phil & Debby

McLellan-Perkins Finals - Sat 19 Mar 16. Thanks Jo & Pat Townsley

Christmas Party – Sat 19 Dec 2015 . . . Sat 17 December 2016.

A big thank you to Bren for her bar work. Bren comes down most evenings to open the bar. It means people who drop can socialise and are often given free food!

Reminders – Can I remind everyone of the many other tasks which they can do to help out at the club. Avoid using the first court where possible. Recover any balls that are hit over the fence. Try to avoid spilling drinks all over the seats. Wash up any cups or glasses. Remember that if you have to lock up make sure fires are off, lights are out, alarm set, door locked, padlock on front gate.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

We have currently a total of 92 members in various membership categories.

The committee had four formal meetings and a number of informal ones in order to ensure the club continues to be run efficiently, to agree and prioritise actions. Unfortunately, we had no support by our Off Peak representative and maybe they would like to nominate another representative.

I have continued to use email as our prime method of communicating with members. There have been few objections to this change and has saved postage costs.

Wimbledon ticket allocation for 2016 is 5 pairs of tickets on various days, this is the same as last year. I will again use the LTA automatic ballot to select lucky members, who will be informed directly.

I have been keeping a check on the proposed developments around our club. I have viewed the plans at Rochford Council to ensure we are not going to be adversely affected and will continue to do so. Currently plans are for work to commence in the third quarter of this year.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Thanks to Keith Collins for again carrying out the audit on this year's financial report,
 To Brenda for the effort she puts into purchasing stock and running the bar.
 To the team captains for collection of match fees and ensuring correct details are on the envelopes, this makes my job so much easier
 We are fortunate in having players willing to take on that responsibility as without them we would not have teams
 Again I would say it's up to players to pay and not wait to be asked.

INCOME/EXPENDITURE

INCOME

Our major income is from subs being £13174, Bar profit @£1490, although match fees are a major income this is not profit (See Information under Tennis Balls)

But the collection of Match Fees (£1522.5) shows the importance of collecting the match fees

LTA Membership

As expected it has increased to £300 (£100 per court) but the reduced insurance more than compensates for this membership fee

2016/17 Membership Fees (Includes use of Tennis Balls and Floodlights at no additional cost)
 Due April 1st 2016 for existing members

Full Membership	£235.00 (£188.00 for age 70 plus)
Off Peak	£155.00 (£124.00 for age 70 Plus)
Student	£85.00
Privileged Junior	£50.00
Junior	£12.00
Social	£12.00

EXPENDITURE

Tennis Balls

Jo and Terry are still sorting old tennis balls and we are recycling them and receive 13p per ball giving us an additional income (minimum number of balls required is 300)

A lot of credit goes to Jo who sorts and labels all match cans etc and advises me when tennis balls need to be ordered another job we all take for granted

As stated last year each home game costs approximately £4.00 per pair, and we receive £3.00 per pair. But are in profit by £2.00 if the away match is played

Don't forget that out of this seemingly £2.00 profit, you are also contributing to the cost of floodlights for the winter matches

Insurance

We save approx £700 on our insurance by being members of the LTA, In addition we qualify for 6 Dozen Tennis balls an additional saving of £73.80

Repairs and Maintenance

6 off Floodlights were changed with thanks due to Jo and Katie's Husbands together with Gary for the loan of a Cherry Picker.

We have purchased 3 off new Tennis Nets and 2 Off Windbreaks

Lack of support at Work Parties meant that we were unable to install the new tennis nets

All 3 banks of Conifers and the Horse Chestnut have been 'Cut Back' and Trimmed

Tennis Courts have had 2 power sweeps and moss killer has been applied twice during the year.

The water supply and associated pipe work to the sink in the bar has now been removed; we were advised that as it was rarely used it could become a health hazard

Terry has carried out repairs to this area to allow a new fridge to be purchased / installed

Grass Cutting (John Tidy)

As per last year John Tidy has now taken over the weeding of the Bank adjacent to the third court and the path leading to the 3rd Court (this is due to poor response to work parties)

Airport Expansion

All is as last year; currently the latest drawings/plans now show our tennis courts which indicate that we will not be moving to new premises

This can change but it also states that the rugby club which is moving will have new facilities at least equal to the existing facilities.

This gives us confidence to continue improving our facilities

Future Projects

Future projects will come under discussion at our next committee meeting, **The committee welcomes any suggestions you may wish to put forward.**

Balance Sheet

The important figure for the treasurer is the Total Funds Available being £27,125

Our target for court refurbishment stands at £22,000, which leaves £5125.00 in credit

Finally, if we maintain the current level of membership I would suggest that financially things are looking pretty secure, and we have a bright future ahead of us.

7. MATCH SECRETARY'S RREPORT

Firstly, I would like to thank all the team captains for their help throughout the year.

I'll start with the results of last winter's cup matches. Both mixed 'A' and 'B' groups reached the finals but then, unfortunately, lost in the finals. The mens 'A' and Ladies 'B' groups both lost in their first rounds. The mens 'B' group lost in the semi-finals. The Ladies 'A' group reached the final and went on to win the final beating David Lloyd at home.

On Sunday 19th April the L & W tournament finals were held at David Lloyd. We had 3 pairs competing from our club. Martin Needs, with partner Sue Sergeant from Thorpe Bay, beat Nick Bohringer (Westcliff Hard) & Sophie Hart (Rayleigh) in 2 straight sets, 6-3, 7-5 in the mixed doubles. Debby & Craig played Emma & Matt in the mixed doubles plate final. Debby & Craig won in 2 straight sets, 6-2, 6-1.

Now to last summer's league positions:

Ladies 1 finished in 3rd place in division 1
Ladies 2 finished in 5th place in division 3

Mens 1 finished in 3rd place in division 2
Mens 2 & 3 finished in 5th place in divisions 3 & 4 respectively
Mens 4 finished in 4th place in division 6

Mixed 1 finished in 4th place in division 1
Mixed 2 finished bottom of division 2
Mixed 3 & 4 finished in 4th place in divisions 4 & 5 respectively.

In the summer cup matches both the men and ladies reached the semi-finals where they lost to Wickford and Westcliff Hard respectively. The mixed lost in the quarter finals to Westcliff Lawn.

On 20th September the L & W summer tournament finals were held jointly at Invicta, Crowstone & Leigh Road Baptist clubs. We had two pairs from our club in the finals. Martin Needs, with partner Sue Sergeant, and Debby & Craig. Martin & Sue were in two finals. The first being the veterans mixed doubles but were given a walkover due to the opposition being injured. The 2nd match was the mixed doubles, main event. They played Nick Bohringer (Westcliff Hard) & Sophie Hart (Rayleigh). Nick & Sophie won in 2 straight sets, 7-5, 6-3. Debby & Craig played Joel Falken-Smith & Sarah Skinner of Invicta in the mixed doubles plate event. Unfortunately our pair lost in 2 straight sets.

Now to the final positions of this winter's leagues:

Ladies 1 & 2 both finished in 2nd place in divisions 1 & 3 respectively

Mens 1 finished in 5th position in division 2
Mens 2 & 4 finished bottom of their respective divisions of 3 & 7
Mens 3 finished in 3rd position in division 5
Mixed 1 & 3 finished 2nd in divisions 1 & 5 respectively
Mixed 2 & 4 finished 4th in divisions 3 & 6 respectively and finally
Mixed 5 finished top of division 7

The winter cup matches have already begun:

Ladies 'B', Mens 'A' & 'B', are already out of the contest. Ladies 'A' and Mixed 'B' are through to the semi-finals. Mixed 'A' has still to play.

The McLellan/Perkins tournament.

We had 16 entries this year. The finals were held last Saturday, 19th March. Emma Mellish & Matt Freeman played Martin Powell & Sue Taylor in the plate event. Emma & Matt won in 2. In the main event Martin Needs & Sue Sergeant (Thorpe Bay) played Rebecca & Neil Attwood from Westcliff Lawn. Martin & Sue won in 2.

The L & W AGM was held last Thursday, 17th, at Southend Lawn t.c. It was Dave Lincoln's farewell as League Secretary. Rebecca Attwood was voted in as the new league secretary. Also Chris Ashton stepped down as tournament secretary. Sam Wood is taking over. Also 2 other

new people were voted on to the committee. Pat Taylor, with Pat Rogers help, are taking over the running of the Senior league, which had been previously run by Alan Young.

Finally, the L & W winter tournament finals is being held at Rochford t.c. on Sunday 17th April.

8. COMMITTEE ELECTION

The committee election was carried out in accordance with section 3 of the club constitution. No nominations were received for the position of Chairman.

Outcome of the KETC committee election for 2016/17

The club received 7 expressions of interest that were proposed and seconded as per the club constitution. There were no expressions of interest for the position of Chairman from the floor on the night so will remain vacant. Pat Taylor has volunteered to continue as acting Chairman for committee meetings.

Pat Taylor offered to give up his position on the Selection Committee as he is no longer playing. Martin Needs volunteered for this position and was unanimously elected.

As a consequence of the ballot the following were elected;

Committee & Officer Roles

Chair – Position vacant
 Peter Clark – Re- Elected & Treasurer
 Danny Lovett – Re-Elected & Secretary
 Jo Hancock – Re- Elected & Match Secretary
 Pat Taylor – Re-Elected
 Katy Cox – Re -Elected
 Terry Savage – Re-Elected
 Phil Stevens – Re-Elected

Selection Committee

Jo Hancock – Re-Elected
 Phil Stevens – Re- Elected
 Martin Needs - Elected

9. AOB

The following subjects were discussed and members updated.

Tennis 24 Charity Event

Andy Pond gave a presentation on the proposed Tennis24 charity event he is organising for the 26th/27th August. Official launch will take place after social tennis on 2nd April.

Absent Friends

It is proposed that brass plaques will be added to the benches in memory of members who have passed away.

Singles Tournament

Pat Taylor confirmed that he will be organising a singles tournament for this summer after L&W league matches have completed.

McLellan/Perkins tournament

Debby Lincoln, Kylie Barrett, Emma Mellish and Katy Cox volunteered to take over the running of the McLellan/Perkins tournament for next season.

L&W Seniors League

Following the loss of Alan Young earlier this year, Pat Taylor and Pat Rogers will be running the L&W Seniors League later this summer.

MEETING ENDED

Pat called a close to the meeting at 21:00 Hours.