

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE
BISHOP'S STORTFORD LAWN TENNIS CLUB HELD ON

TUESDAY 16th NOVEMBER, 2020 at 8pm

Present: Pete Harris, Natalie Dwyer, Inger Kisby, Chris Dunham, Kath McConnell, Matt Holland, Christo Caratossidis, Paco Reyes plus 21 Members

Apologies for absence: Richard Blakey, Nicky Darlington

***Minutes from 2020's AGM agreed by Steve Gallagher & Kath McConnell**

1) Chairman – Pete Harris

Chairman's Report read.

Q1: How much income are we receiving from ParkingEye

A1: 85% of Pay & Display

Q2: How much have ParkingEye received in fines so far?

A2: Exact amount unknown, £700 in October, we don't know if this is fines sent out or income received

2) Treasurer Report – Pete Harris (in Richard's absence)

Treasurer's Report read, no questions.

3) Membership Report – Inger Kisby

Membership Report read, no questions.

4) Ladies & Men's Team Captains

Report's read, no questions.

5) Lead Coach Reports

Report's read, no questions.

*Tony Kinloch extended his thanks to the Committee & Richard for organising the Sunday Club Tournament which was very successful.

6) Junior Report – Pete Harris

Report read, no questions.

7) Committee

Tanys Lancaster has stepped down, we thank her for the contributions she has made to the Committee. Matt Holland has stepped down as Club Secretary, Christo Caratossidis has volunteered to take his place. Proposer: Matt Holland, Agreed: Paco Reyes, Mary Davidson

8) Future Plans

Work will begin on the 2 new tennis courts in the Spring once planning conditions have been discharged. The appeals process is underway for the Padel courts.

The Committee have been approving a new structure to future-proof the Committee, detailing roles needed and aspects of each role.

9) AOB

Q1: How much will the new courts cost?

A1: Approx £250k

Q2: Have we considered adding sensors to the floodlights for when they are not in use?

Q2: The floodlights take 10-15 mins to warm up so would not work. LED's don't need to warm up and can be linked to Booker which would automatically turn them on before your booking starts. We can't convert the bubble floodlights to LEDs though as the light would not be strong enough to shine through the skin.

Q3: How much is our Levy?

A3: £18k

*ND to send out Trust AGM minutes to BSLTC members.

Q4: Why do we not have a female coach?

A4: When we last recruited we had a female coach apply but unfortunately she was not experienced enough for the role. There is also a huge shortage of female tennis coaches. We have 6 female assistants helping with coaching at present, one is Level 1 qualified, the rest are Tennis Leaders and Kaitlyn is on the Herts Inspires Programme.

Q5: Club – the numbers at the Sunday session are now good, what is happening with Tues/Fri? General feeling is that a mixture of Covid, Rungs and the court booking system have killed club.

A5: A survey was sent out, general feedback is that 5pm is too early to start if you work.

Q6: Do we feel that club sessions are only suitable for new members? Long established members have arranged fours to play with, don't need club, prefer to choose who they are playing with, not sit out etc.

A6: Possibly. We will look at a 6pm start time for Tues/Fri club and see if that helps numbers.

10) Thanks to...

- All members who stayed with us during all of the lockdowns, we very much appreciate your loyalty
- All Team Captains, it can be an arduous job organising teams and matches but without you they wouldn't happen!
- Junior Committee, for ensuring there are opportunities for junior to represent the club
- Committee Members, for giving up their time each month for meetings, and dealing with the complications brought on by Covid
- Kathy Hunt & Steve Smith - Welfare Officers
- Andy & Billy – groundsman

Congratulations to Terry Stevens and Hussain Shaida for their Wimbledon success.

Steve Gallagher thanked Pete Harris for his continued hard work and dedication as Chairman, and for dealing with issues on and off court.

11) Awards

Jean Zellner Award for Contributions to the Club – Margaret Power

Most Improved Junior – Luke Dunham

Junior of the Year – Kaitlyn Dwyer