

Kingsholm Square Lawn Tennis Club Annual General Meeting 2016

The 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Kingsholm Square Lawn Tennis Club was held on 24th April 2016 at 15 Kingsholm Square at 7.30pm.

Present

Rob and Fran MacKay
Tina Power
Bob Gardner-Medwin
Nick and Monica Harte
Emma Sayles
Becs Veals
Lizzie Meyer
Chris and Michaela Wales

Apologies

Frank Colls
Andrew & Diane Tyler
Adam & Tracey Lubanski
Gordon and Annice Powell
David Mackey
Karen Matchett

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Read by Nick and approved by all present.

Matters Arising

A plaque to commemorate John Anderson had been purchased, inscribed “in fond memory of John Anderson friend, neighbor and club chairman”.

It was noted that Adam Lubanski had asked that the question of the Club Trustees’ be raised and it was agreed that Andrew and Nick would speak to him separately at the earliest opportunity.

Treasurer's Report

Bob distributed copies of last year's accounts.

Subscriptions and donations amounted to just over £1200. Bank interest contributed the princely sum of £3.41. After outgoings - primarily insurance, Council City Rent and Lawn Tennis Club membership fees (which means our insurance cover is considerably cheaper) we had a surplus of £561.

This amount added to our current account balance means we ended the year with £3850 in the club account.

Nick made the point that it is important to remember that this surplus is essential to the continued running of the club and that to rely solely upon our subscriptions would mean that after the essential unavoidable costs (as above) we barely broke even most years. These funds means that we can ensure that when necessary we can replace the main lawnmower and keep the current mowers in good order to delay the need to replace for as long as possible.

The membership rate was discussed and it was agreed by all present to keep rates the same for 2015 but to encourage the giving of more wherever members felt able. No-one is thus denied access - with a generally affordable subscription - but we safeguard our future by merit of individual contributions.

Chairman's Report

Use of the courts was good last year with a number of newer members taking advantage of the facilities.

The maintenance of the ground has been good. By and large the mowing rota was observed and Adam kindly filled in when mowers were not available. Adam is coming off the rota this year and so we will not be able to rely upon his excellent hard work in future. He has kept the courts under control so far this year but sadly cannot continue to do so. A vote of thanks to Adam for his sterling service was recorded and it was noted that we will miss his contribution enormously.

Nick highlighted the importance of holding events in 2016. Traditionally we have had two in the summer and it was agreed to continue that, with this years events scheduled as follows:

Summer Party date: Saturday 2 nd July	6pm kick off
Late Summer Tea Party: Saturday 3 rd September	4pm kick off

Format:

The event in July is a barbecue and Nick will cook or supervise the burning of your offerings if you bring your own meats and stuff. People are encouraged to bring salads and nibbles and whatever else they would like to see (or eat) at a barbecue.

The September event is more of a tea party although in truth there is more alcohol than tea in evidence. The real difference is that there is no barbecue and you are encouraged to bring cakes and buns and savouries (quiches/pies/sausage rolls/potato/quinoa/rice salads, - let your imagination run wild - egg and cress sandwiches - whatever!)

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there and will send out reminders nearer the day.

Election of Officers

Chairman - Nick Harte
Treasurer - Bob Gardner-Medwin
Secretary - Andrew Tyler

All three officers were re-elected unopposed.

Election of Committee Members

Emma Sayles and Martin Hodges were re-elected as members.

Any Other Business

The matter of servicing the mowers this year was raised and we agreed to take Adam's advice on which machine needed it most and to look at setting up a rolling rotation of machine servicing.

A gardening weekend is needed for some general tidying up, Nick agreed to organize this for the 1st May. Nick and Monica also agreed to fund 2 green bins for the coming year as part of their contribution to maintaining the club funds.

Notice for a second gardening weekend later in the year will be issued and again all are encouraged to join in and do a little to help keep this lovely space

lovely, meet your neighbours and feel good about yourselves and our community.

Improved care of the tennis surfaces was discussed and Nick Agreed to purchase the necessary materials and ensure their proper use.

It was agreed that we should improve the access to the shed by means of a combination lock and Andrew will be asked to arrange this and communicate the number to those on the mowing rota.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm