

# **Kingsholm Square Lawn Tennis Club Annual General Meeting 2015**

The 2015 Annual General Meeting of the Kingsholm Square Lawn Tennis Club was held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 15 Kingsholm Square at 7.30pm.

## **Present**

Bob Gardener  
Nick Harte  
Dave Mackey  
Tina Power  
Emma Sayles  
Andrew Tyler  
Diane Tyler  
Mike Williams  
Adam Lubanski  
Chris Wales  
Michaela Fox  
Helen McComb  
Martin Hodges

## **Apologies**

Gordon and Annice Powell  
Paul and Ann Caiden  
Gary and Alison Pendell  
Claire and Richard Owen  
Tracey Lubanski  
Rob and Fran Mackay  
Rachael Donaldson  
Jonathan Sayles  
Frank Colls  
Katy Lawson  
Chris and Kerry Pritchard  
Monica Harte

## **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Read by Nick and approved by all present.

## **Matters Arising**

None

## **Treasurer's Report**

Mike distributed copies of last year's accounts. Subscriptions and contributions are down on last year. Most costs were the same as the previous year. The club is regarded as a small business by the council and we are therefore currently exempt from paying rates.

Nick proposed a vote of thanks to Mike for his many years of hard work.

Subscriptions were then discussed. Andrew explained that the club relies heavily on voluntary contributions, without them we would struggle financially. In 2014, approximately £620 was raised in membership fees and £320 in voluntary contributions, totaling £940. This compares to £800 membership fees and £450 contributions in 2013 - a drop of approximately 25%.

Club subscriptions are currently set at:

- £25 for family
- £17.50 for single player
- £10 for non-player

It was agreed that these should not change for 2015.

## **Chairman's Report**

The summer party was a success and well attended.

The gardening weekend didn't happen in 2014. Bob suggested Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May for line marking and some general gardening and tidying up. The courts will open that weekend.

The club didn't have a bonfire party in 2014 but Emma and Jonathan kindly held a private party at 13 Kingsholm Square.

The date for the summer party was agreed for Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June from 5pm; an alternative date will be proposed if the weather is bad. The tea party will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> August and a third event to coincide with the World Cup may take place.

A 'Pink Profusion' has been planted on the north border to court one.

The plaque to commemorate Dr. John Anderson has yet to be organized, Nick will arrange this.

## **Trustees for the Lease**

The following are trustees under the current lease:

- Nick Harte
- Andrew Tyler
- Adam Lubanski

## **Election of Officers**

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

## **Election of Committee Members**

- Emma Sayles
- Martin Hodges

## **Any Other Business**

Nick suggested that we should buy some feed and weed and treat the courts by hand. Adam explained that the treatments available to the general public are relatively weak. A professional treatment would be preferable, but would cost £1500 - £3000 a year, plus the correct top soil would be needed. We agreed that whilst the courts are in good condition, they are not intended to be professional playing surfaces. Nick will organise DIY treatment for September.

The courts were resurfaced in 2009 costing £800 - it was agreed that for this year we leave things as they are and review the need for resurfacing in September. Andrew and Nick will deal with this.

Adam talked through the current mowers and raised concerns over the use of the cylinder mower by anyone who doesn't have experience with it. He offered to help any new users. The Hayter rotary mower is 11 years old and may soon need replacing.

The mowing rota was then discussed. Andrew questioned the need for a rota but the general consensus was that it is necessary. Diane suggested that more than one person could offer to mow each weekend to make the job easier and quicker. Andrew will send out a weekly email reminder to the mower for the following week. Adam won't be on the rota this year but will cylinder mow, and has offered to stand-in if anyone needs help or can't make it.

The following volunteered to mow this year:

- Bob
- Nick
- Martin
- Emma
- Andrew
- Chris

Emma suggested that if anyone can't mow on their turn, they need to find someone else they can swap with or who can cover for them. Andrew will canvass additional support for the mowing rota over the next two weeks.

Dates for 2015 functions agreed:

- Summer Party - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June
- Tea Party - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August

It was agreed that we continue our membership of the Lawn Tennis Association and the use of their insurance policy.

Andrew reminded everyone of how useful the Facebook page is for club events and general security information. Martin suggested that to boost interest in membership, the club could be used to share tools and garden equipment. Facebook was agreed to be the best place to host this. Chris suggested we advertise the Facebook page on the gate, along with a QR code, Andrew and Bob agreed to organise this.

Andrew will be emailing and leaflet-dropping every property in Edwy Parade and Kingsholm Square this week.

**Meeting closed at 8.30pm**