

Wymondham Tennis Club Minutes of 50th AGM held on Tuesday 19th March 2024

Present: Roger Tudor, Sue Lord, Chris Harmer, Jerry Hazell, Simon Spanyol, Mary Howell, Katie Brooks, Jo Dyer, Malcolm Clarke, Claire Dixon, Lucy Nixon, Steve Wright, Martin McGrath, Glenn Earl, Nick Rodda, David Stevens, Mike Wonnacott

Guest: Mayor of Wymondham Suzanne Nuri- Nixon

Apologies received from: Callum King, Ali Tenant, Gill Read, Jasper Felton.

The minutes of the 49th AGM held on 15th February 2023 were agreed with one amendment on captaincy, Ali Tennant agreed to captain the mixed veterans league, as a true record, proposed by Chris Harmer, seconded by Sue Lord and were duly signed by the chairman.

Matters Arising

Club session balls –expected to improve with four summer teams and a new ball locker plus a recyclaball scheme
Mat installed at court entrance to remove mud from players shoes

Chairman's Report

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- Midweek daytime social tennis has been re-arranged to Mondays
- The Winter league team is likely to finish mid table in a very tight division.
- The Norfolk veterans (over 50) mixed league will again be entered this Summer
- A new welfare / safeguarding officer has been appointed – Jo Dyer and some further help is needed
- A combined new courts, new clubhouse & belated 50th birthday is planned for the summer

Treasurer's Report

The annual accounts for the club for the year ended 30th October 2023 were presented by Roger Tudor and approved.

- The council takes 50% of our household subs in lieu of rent.
- The money received for floodlights very closely matched that paid to the council
- The biggest driver of our income is the number of members hence the need to drive up membership
- The cash flow forecast shows that without the Norfolk LTA loan materialising in April our expected funds drop close to zero that month.
- Our tenancy is "at will" and Wymondham Town Council have agreed to work with us to formalise a more appropriate tenancy

Membership Secretary's Report

- The March 23 to March 24 numbers show an increase of 12 seniors to 56 and our junior membership has improved from 20 to 51 in the same timescale
- Our target is to get to over 100 senior members in the next 12 months which will satisfy both our and S. Norfolk Council's fiscal targets
- The website and Clubspark website are regularly updated; the club has a Facebook page & a private group page which are used for information & news
- All membership fees were kept at 2023 levels
- There was some debate about setting new guidelines for guest fees for which a proposal will be made
- Overall we aim to simplify and reduce the number of membership options and it was felt that the £90 for senior membership was both competitive and unlikely to be a barrier for most would be members as instalments are already available.

Coaching Report

- See attached document.
- Our new head coach Katie Brooks joined us from Cringleford in January
- We wish to thank Sam Howlett for all his hard work on behalf of the club during his tenure
- There are around 66 juniors playing per week, up from 16
- Cardio tennis requires a new coach to be found

Election of Officers

The following were re-elected

Sue Lord -	Chairperson & LTA liaison
Roger Tudor -	Treasurer & Membership Secretary
Simon Spanyol -	Secretary & South Norfolk / Ketts Park Dev Liaison
Callum King -	Member and Website
Chris Harmer -	Member
Jerry Hazel -	Member & maintenance liaison

The following attend committee:

Katie Brooks -	Member and Head Coach
Jo Dyer -	Safeguarding Officer

Two additional members were elected:

The chair proposed Eleanor Jones, seconded by Jo Dyer; Jerry Hazell proposed Malcolm Clarke, seconded by Chris Harmer

An additional safeguarding officer is desirable

Team/Leagues for 2024

The trial role of overall captain will be discontinued.

- There will be three men's and one ladies team in the summer league and a new veteran's mixed team
- In the winter league we expect to field one mixed team again later this year
- The Men's first team captain remains Steven Halls
- Jasper Felton is the men's second team captain
- Peter Elphick will captain the men's third team

- Mary Howell is the ladies and mixed teams captain.

Clubhouse

- The new clubhouse arrived in February and was positioned away from the courts to create an outdoor seating area as agreed at the EGM
- The wet weather has delayed to creation of a concrete apron between the clubhouse and courts and it is hoped to complete this as soon as the ground is dry enough.
- A seating bench with under seat storage is due to arrive end of April
- The key fob entry system will be commissioned shortly and key fob distribution arranged
- The football toilets are now available in the mornings when the main Ketts Park building is closed – thanks to Wymondham Town Council for achieving this

Items from members

Publicity:

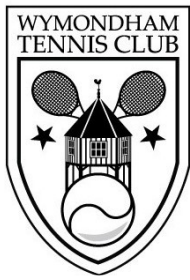
- The meeting with South Norfolk and the LTA (Tony Devenish) to review progress and the LTA marketing plan is now expected mid April
- Leaflets and posters were proposed but with limited funds using various local town magazines, Facebook pages and the new Wymondham website will be our first priority

Internal Competitions and Social Events

- Internal competitions– a singles league will begin with the help of Mike Wonnacott
- Martin & Nick have agreed to organise a summer BBQ
- We need to arrange and publicise tennis open days and the club birthday / opening bash

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CHAIR REPORT

50th AGM 19th March 2024

The club entered 2023 looking forward to a summer with new courts & an anticipated increase in membership plus progress being made to replace the clubhouse with a more pleasing structure.

Early in the spring club coach, Sam Howlett, informed us that he wished to step away from full time coaching & the process to find a replacement began. Unfortunately it took several months before we were able to announce that Katie Brooks would become head coach. I would like to use this report to both welcome Katie, her junior coaching programme has resulted in an upturn in junior members & thank Sam Howlett for the work he did at the club over his years as coach plus an extra thank you for keeping some coaching going while the club looked for his replacement.

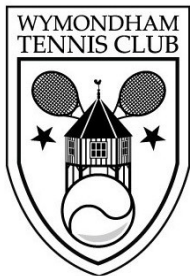
Away from the courts the important event has been the new clubhouse. First of all, I would like to extend a massive thank you to Simon Spanyol, club secretary, who has driven this project forward with considerable tenacity & dedication. As with all projects, there have been some bumps along the way; an EGM held in August to approve the purchase resulted in slightly re-siting the building which required a planning variation & now the wet weather is preventing the project being completed. After it being in discussion for 10 years or more to actually have a new building in place is a real positive for the club & it has been well received by members. It should be fully functional soon.

Membership numbers are increasing, albeit slowly, there has been an upward trajectory since the beginning of 2024, both juniors & full senior members. The committee will be focusing on membership this year; we ask members to get involved with suggestions for increasing & improving membership. A Monday morning club session has been added recently; other suggestions are some open sessions & regular Sunday tournaments, help to organise such events will be welcomed. The committee have been delighted with the level of attendance at club night sessions right through the winter months & thank the members for their support.

Our City League teams were happy to be back at Ketts Park in 2023 & visiting teams were pleased we had new courts! Once again there were 2 mens & a ladies team in action. The Men's A, having been promoted to Div 1 finished mid table; the Men's B came a creditable second in Div 6 & have been promoted to Division 5; the ladies also finished mid table, having been promoted. This year there will be a third mens team to allow more people the chance to play. Unfortunately the Veterans Mixed team were unable to complete their matches but the club is having another go this year & we are looking for someone to captain this. The Winter League team is again aiming to finish mid table & avoid relegation, not easy when often have to play strong teams aiming to climb the divisions. Thank you to all who ran a team.

Throughout the past year the committee have been a great support to me, giving their thoughts on many things & helping to keep the club running for which I thank them. Roger Tudor continues to oversee membership matters, lights, court bookings for club sessions & the money. Simon Spanyol has kept meetings on track with his minutes & liaises with South Norfolk Leisure as well being project manager for the clubhouse. Jerry Hazell has been on hand to deal with maintenance matters, Chris Harmer ran teams in 2023, Callum King continued to administer the website. Jo Dyer came on board as the welfare officer. Finally, volunteers are essential to clubs & we ask anyone interested in helping to let us know.

Sue Lord
17th March 2024



COACHING REPORT - SPRING TERM 2024

I started in my new role as Head Coach at Wymondham Tennis Club on the 16th January 2024.

The Junior Coaching Programme has grown significantly since I joined the Club. There were 16 children attending coaching sessions at the Club in January and there are now 66 children attending weekly coaching sessions.

Junior Membership numbers have dramatically increased, with 40 children joining as Junior Members of the Club over the last 2 months.

I have planned several events for the Easter Holidays including a girls-only 'LTA Girl, Set and Match' Fun Easter Morning and a 'Play Your Way to Wimbledon' tournament.

I had planned and I had hoped to organise adult group coaching sessions for this term, but the weather has been so terrible that I decided to postpone these sessions until the weather had improved! I am very keen to organise several adult group coaching courses for the Summer Term, including a weekly Ladies Morning session and various coaching groups catering for all abilities.

I would like to say an enormous thank you to all of the Committee Members for their help and support over the last couple of months and for making me feel so welcome at the Club.

I look forward to continuing to develop the coaching programme at WTC and I am also looking forward to meeting more of the members over the forthcoming weeks, when hopefully the sun will be shining!

Katie Brooks
Head Coach
18th March 2024