

Cirencester Tennis Club – AGM 7 November 2018

Minutes

1. Welcome

Apologies: Heather and Charles Jefferies, Paula Reardon, Lillian O' Carol, Adrian Potter, Louise Horner-Baggs, Paul Hargreaves, Richard and Jean Rawlinson, Mike and Julie Taylor, Fraser Glennie, Paul Harris, Ros Emmet, Paul Jenkins.

Attendees: Jonathan Vickers, Rachel Snowball, Jeremy Smith, Ro Lyon, Lindsay Raphael, ETTY Wateridge, George Brooks, Britta Stephan, Adam Swan, Ray huxtable, Shane and Di Horsell, Midge and Graham Wellfair, Paul Denyer, Wendy Murphy, David Tonner, Zena Marchington, Ian Sagan, Anna Gell, Amanda Parkhurst, Steven Lambie, Jerry Elphick, Marjory Jarvis, Darren Ash, Jenny Hood, Mary Merricks, Lesley Houghton, Jackie Tarlton, Rosemund Foy, Charly Bamber, Maggie Flannigan, Oscar Snowball, Katie Ballard, Elaine Holwell.

2. 2017 minutes

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were approved by members and formally accepted by Anna Gell.

3. Finances

We ended the year with £79k in the bank. Significant changes were a reduction in membership income, however also a significant reduction in maintenance costs due to the new courts. We made the last payment on our previous loan, which enabled us to take out new loan to finance floodlights on the back courts (50% loan/grant and 50% financed by club) .

Jonathan introduced the 2018/19 budget:

Proposed by: Anna Gell

Seconded by: Jenny Hood

4. Committee members' summaries of the year

Membership: Rachel reported this on behalf of Mike: We were 40 members down on the previous year, mainly juniors and families, some of whom took advantage of St.Michael's Park's offer on family membership. We discussed this at lengths in committee meetings and will monitor it.

The committee proposed to freeze membership fees for 2019.

Proposed by: Jackie Tarlton

Seconded by: Anna Gell

We will establish a subcommittee in 2018 to review our membership fees and categories. Rachel opened this up to members who are invited to join the subcommittee alongside two committee members. The club made an effort to attract new members through our new beginners' course and other sessions, which have proven popular.

Chair: Being awarded "Club of the year 2017" was a nice recognition of the hard work committee members put in over the previous years.

Thanks to Martin Leay's generous donation, a highlight of the year was a visit from Judy Murray where we raised £2000 for UNICEF.

The LTA is in support of our development plan and we received 30k in a combination of loan and grant. This enabled us to install the new floodlights and it was nice to see so many people turn up when we cut the ribbon to officially switch them on.

Our club night attendance had been dropping over quite a long time. Drills have become very successful, lots of people are playing matches, so numbers dropped for overall positive reasons. However just a few years ago we had 6 or 7 courts going. We had a trial with moving the club night to Fridays, which went well in the beginning, then slowed down again. We could not make the decision to change back to Wednesdays any earlier due to match fixtures having had to be in very early, and we were unclear when the lights would be installed. Following a clear survey outcome, we have come up with an interim solution with club night being played on our back courts on Wednesdays. We are not expecting high numbers over the winter months anyway. Some people expressed that they did not want to renew their membership if club night moved to Wednesday, so it will run on Fridays and Wednesdays for now. There will be a distribution list for Fridays so members can ensure they have enough people to play.

Women's captain: The women's teams had a really good summer season. All 5 teams finished well with the C team promoted to division 1. A big thank you to the team captains. Not much rescheduling due to nice weather necessary.

We had 4 mixed teams in Sunday Stroud league. Thank you to the people who ran these teams. The B team was promoted to div 1. If you know anyone who is unsure whether to play, do encourage them.

Senior liaison: Ray joined the committee in February and enjoyed the monthly meetings. We had three seniors' mixed teams organized by Ray. A big thank you to everyone who helped with a special thanks to Mary, Graham and Adrian.

Doug called Ray every months when Ray was unable to play following his hip replacement and will be dearly missed.

Website and marketing: The online booking system seems to be working well and changes to the website are ongoing. Please contact Jeremy if you have any suggestions what should be on there.

Men's captain: Thank you to everybody who played matches, booked courts, getting balls, getting teams to matches etc. Men's A ended 3rd in the premier league with Adam 3rd in the Glos league stats. The men's B showed a strong performance in the 1st division. And Joe has become a father!

Both E and F teams were promoted in 2017 and went down in 2018. However all teams, men's and women's have improved thanks to coaching.

Juniors: A big thank you to Anna for her comprehensive hand-over. We currently have 109 children and juniors, some of who played a number of tournaments and made up 5 teams in team tennis (former Aegon). Unfortunately many other teams had to cancel or sent younger players, which was frustrating for our children and will be reviewed next year. Lindsay and Ety had a lot of positive feedback from tournaments.

12 players entered Road to Wimbledon. Will and Anya came 3rd in the county league, congratulations.

The Mirra tournament was fun, although we had a few drop outs at the last minute. Darcy and Max won this year's Penny Alberry Award; well done!

A big thank you to Adam, Jonno, Zak and Oscar for their help with tournaments and encouraging the children throughout the year.

Coaching: Thank you to our coaching team and Anna, whose help has been invaluable to Adam. Thank you also to Ray and all the roll-up team for their help during the summer.

We are trying to create an easy gateway into the club for adults, and Jonno is trying to do the same for juniors, especially girls.

Tournaments: Zena had great fun organizing tournaments and never had to cancel one because of bad weather. Numbers were down ever so slightly. 16 is a an ideal number of pairs to organize, however it would be fun to have more people playing, having lunch together and enjoy a lovely day. Keep encouraging people who normally don't play in tournaments. This year we introduced a £5 fee for tournaments. Apart from one player who suggested we got rid of prizes, there were no objections. Zena is now stopping and handing over to Shane and Di.

Facilities: "The place is looking in pretty good shape" (quote: George). Every time George asks for help people are willing to help out. All those little bits make looking

after the club easy and it's a lovely place to turn up at , which is the thanks to the spirit of the club.

5. Committee 2018-19 election of officers:

- Membership – Jeremy Smith to take over from Mike Taylor
Proposed by: Amanda Parkhurst
Seconded by: Wendy Murphy
- Secretary – Elaine Holwell to take over from Britta Stephan
Proposed by: Katie Ballard
Seconded by: Jackie Tarlton
- Tournaments – Di and Shane Horsell to take over from Zena Marchington
Proposed by: Jenny Hood
Seconded by: Elaine Holwell
- Proposal to keep the remaining committee in post:
Proposed by: Paul Denyer
Seconded by: Anna Gell

Auditor

- Appointment of Auditor - Paul Jenkins
Proposed by: Steve Lamble
Seconded by: Jerry Elphick

6. AOB

The next item on the club development agenda is the loo for which we have already set aside funds.

Rachel read out three lovely poems to thank Zena, Mike and Britta for their contribution to the club.

Jackie Tarlton asked if it was possible to have some way of advertising home matches as some members enjoyed watching them. The committee has since put up a black board showing the upcoming matches.

Ian Sagan wondered whether we could have a web cam to check conditions at the club from home. It was explained that the committee already looked into this, however it was difficult to implement due to safeguarding issues.