

Faringdon Tennis Club A.G.M. 2020 via Zoom

Sunday 4 October 5pm.

Present: 16 members:

Juliane Spiers, Alan Elbourn, Sjoerd Vogt, Susanna Hunt, Mark and Max Mobey, Anne Sawyer, Adrian Noke, Steve Perry, Tom Francis, Dave Tuck, Steve Wright

Apologies:

Sam Bannister, Kate Haysman, Dave Crawley, Andy Sawyer.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the 2019 AGM had been circulated, taken as read and signed as a correct record.

One outstanding note from those minutes is that Sj is still investigating the possibility of signage to Folly Sports Park from the A420.

Financial Statement –Steve Perry:

The club is in a good financial situation, despite offering reduced membership fees this year due to Covid. Renewals are due end of Oct and we have received 240 payments already.

Copies of the balance sheet and revenue account were circulated and are available on the website. The reduction on the balance sheet is due to depreciation of the land.

We have a sinking fund for painting/resurfacing the courts and for floodlights for Courts 3 and 4.

Steve Wright asked about floodlights on Cts 3 and 4 and we do intend to put in an application to the planners but Sj suggested we wait a little for this as we have had complaints from residents regarding the light pollution.

Chairman's Report

Juliane's full report is on the website. She thanked the committee for implementing all the changes that were required due to Covid. A big thank you to Sjoerd for securing the club a £10k grant and thanks for Adrian for being Match Secretary and Steve for organising the Club Championships. The club currently has 330 members, the highest recorded.

Match Secretary (Summer and Winter) Report: Adrian Noke

Adrian read his report. Please see the website for more details.

Juliane asked how many matches total had been played at the club last year.

Adrian confirmed 102 matches were played.

The committee thanked Adrian for his superb organisation and spreadsheet, much appreciated by all the captains.

Coaching Reports:

Tom Francis: Junior coaching report is on the website

Tom and Dave have significantly increased the junior membership over the past year, despite Covid, and Holiday Camps have been well attended.

Newly introduced for this year is 'Tots Tennis', known as 'Blue' Tennis by LTA, for 3-5 year olds. Tom thanked Alan for his help with the Tots.

Tom highlighted one of their aims is to get Juniors to transition through to Seniors.

Steve Wright asked about the court availability on Friday evenings, now that floodlights are required. Alan and Dave Tuck explained that the Performance players are on court 6-7pm and the social tennis sessions will begin at 7pm so there is no clash.

Ladies Coaching: Susanna Hunt's report is on website.

One of the main changes to report was the changes to Ladies B and D teams. Ladies B now has a squad comprising 6 players, including 4 junior girls, who will all play doubles matches for us.

Ladies D team has new joint captains and a large squad of 18 players, many of whom will be representing the club for the first time this winter.

Subscriptions for 2020/2021

The subscriptions will remain the same as last year. These represent good value for money and are some of the lowest in the county.

Proposed by Steve Perry and Seconded by Steve Wright.

Sj explained that during Covid we had 64 new club members. There is great footfall around the courts due to the cycle park, rugby, cricket, runners and dog walkers, which means the courts are very visible.

Committee Election

Thank you to the following committee members who are all happy to continue for another year:

Sjoerd Vogt
Alan Elbourn
Kate Haysman
Sam Bannister
Dave Crawley

We also have a new committee member in Steve Wright who is a very welcome addition. Proposed by Juliane and Seconded by Sjoerd.

Appointment of Officers:

All three officers were voted in, proposed by Adrian Noke and Seconded by Anne Sawyer.

Chairman: Juliane Spiers
Secretary: Susanna Hunt
Treasurer: Steve Perry

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Steve Wright suggested that some members still find it difficult to book a court via Clubspark. Sjoerd has posted guidelines on the website and is always helpful with any difficulties any members have with the booking system. There is also the Booker App which can be downloaded onto your phone.

Juliane confirmed that Senior Netball are training on Courts 1 and 2 from 9-10pm on Wednesday evenings, just in the short term until they can resume their training indoors.

Malcolm Gee has checked the First Aid Kit in the Clubhouse, which is in order.