

**RICHINGS PARK LAWN TENNIS CLUB  
(Affiliated to the Buckinghamshire LTA)**



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD  
ON Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019**

**Present:** Graeme Jenner, Peter Tanner, Lis Dunham, Paul Flatman, Rob Thomas, Karen Cox, Nigel Orlans, Caroline McCormack, Ray Rann, Tim Blackman . Mary Bruno.

**Apologies:** Angie Deacon, Karen Rooke, Helen Robertson, Mary Harris, Amir Amirahmadi, Eng Barrett, Roz Biddle, Chris Hurst, Caroline Alcock.

**1 Matters arising from last year's minutes 2017**

Shoe Tags issued for 2018 will not be continued into 2019 season.

Minutes agreed

**2. Chairman's Report.**

Paul – Thanked Tim for all his efforts for the past season with increase in both junior and senior membership.

Since HCTC started with us last season they have been doing a form of pay and play. This has worked well on Thursday evenings for Men's night and Mixed night. This season looking to expand this to Friday night as turnout on social nights has increased with more RPLTC members attending.

Summer tournament should be continued for 2019 season , even though the mixed competition was not completed.

**3 Membership**

Graeme reported that the current membership stands as follows:

The present membership as January 2019 is as follows:

Adults = 40 increase from 32

Juniors = 41 from paid up members of 6

Associate Parents = 2

#### **4 Team Captains' Report**

Summer match results:

Ladies Div5 1 <sup>st</sup> with 12 pts	likely go up
Men's 1 Div. 8 3 <sup>rd</sup> with 9pts	likely stay
Men's 2 Div10 3 <sup>rd</sup> with 6pts	likely stay
Mixed Div. 5 8 <sup>th</sup> with 2pts	likely go down

#### **5 Junior Report/Coaching and seniors**

Tim- was pleased with the way things had gone but still room for improvement and was looking for junior membership to grow to about 60, LTA suggest 15 juniors per court.

Social nights have seen growth in attendees , especially the RPLTC members.

Has introduced men's and women's tournament at the beginning of each month, which has been well supported by RPLTC and HCTC members. This to continue through next season.

His next objective ( phase 2) is to increase senior membership and proposes an adult session similar to the junior open day he ran last season.

He announced that Nigel Orlans has joined his team as coach , and all present welcomed this appointment.

#### **6. Treasurer's Report**

Peter went through the accounts.

Drop in income due to the ceasing of the LTA rating competitions on Saturday

Capitation will drop to £3540 +January RPI rate, so expenditure will decrease, in line with this, the subs will be increased by same RPI figure.

Deposit on savings will decrease as Scottish Widows has ceased their special associations savings account. Peter will look for other savings accounts which support clubs and societies.

Tennis balls expenditure will increase in 2019 as Eton Sports has been taken over by a wholesaler named Stevens , who wanted to double the costs we currently pay. We now buy the same balls from Tennis Nuts (AMT) at a discounted price.

Eton sports price 89p per ball  
AMT price 110p per ball

Tim stated he might get a better deal as AMT give exclusive discounts to coaches of clubs.

Peter and Tim to liaise on this matter.

Sinking fund will be short of target ( LTA recommend £48K for 4 hard courts) , so at the end of the 10yr period we will have to look for grants or loans to renew the courts.

Rob questioned the figure of £1546 last year , this was for setting up the junior section with kit, this was a once off cost. Junior expenditure will be for balls at an estimated cost of £250 for 2019.

## **7 Subscriptions**

Next year subscriptions will be increased with the RPI January rate to get in line with the tennis club capitation figure. This is currently 2.7% .

Family	£450
Married Couple	£334
Pensioner >65	£123
Full member	£190
Full member <25	£98
Junior	£62
Associate parent	£33

The joining fee of £15 will not be applied for new members in 2019.

All junior subscriptions will be set at £62 for next season, and any junior joining will be a member of RPLTC and HCTC club, with free junior coaching every Sunday for an hour and a half.

Both senior and junior subs will apply for the period of April to September, then reduce month by month on a prorate basis from October to March.

## **8 Wimbledon Ticket Draw**

Only those who had signed up to British tennis membership and had opted in were eligible to be in the draw:

1. Peter Tanner
2. Caroline Alcock
3. Karen Cox
4. Paul Flatman
5. Bianca Barter
6. Rob Thomas

## **9. The Committee**

*Chairman:* Paul Flatman

*Treasurer:* Peter Tanner

*Secretary:* Peter( acting Sec)

*Membership secretary:* Graeme Jenner

RPLC reps for main club: Roz Biddle, Caroline Alcock

Vacant positions being Secretary and Fixtures secretary( Mary wants to stand down but continue until replacement found).

Caroline McCormack said she would stand as Secretary , proposed by Graeme and seconded by Liz.

The committee would seek to fill the other positions before the start of next season.

## **10 Summer Competition**

It was agreed that this would continue for 2019 , but there would be an entry fee to members who wanted to partake in the competition. The proposed fee would be £7 per person to cover all competitions.

The competitions would be on a table basis , but there would only be one overall table for each , and the 2 players with the maximum points prior to the final's week would go through to the finals. Peter would make the final choice if any ties.

Men's singles

Women's singles

Men's doubles

Women's doubles

Mixed doubles

Peter will publish the finals date and entry form at the start of the 2019 season.

## **11 AOB**

A Liz asked if courts could be changed around so there were 2 halves, each having 2 courts.

This has been investigated by committee and the findings were as follows:

Courts would fit the existing Tennis area but would not meet the LTA guidelines for court space at back of each court.

LTA recommendations

Back drop: max 6.40 metres  
Min 5.49 metres

Between crts max 4.27 metres  
min 3.66 metres

New court layouts:

Back drop 4.40 metres NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR SHIELD MATCHES  
Between crts 4.66 metres so meets the LTA requirements.

Estimated costs of doing such work would be £6K+

No further action to be taken.

B Net Curtain to be put between court 2 and court 3 , so Shield tennis matches, and coaching can take place when these are being played on same day, i.e. Saturday and Sunday.

Nigel has researched this with companies and has found a UK company which could supply such a net.

Estimated cost for the netting and fixings would be £1300+ , with labour costs for erection in addition.

Committee would review this matter as a matter of urgency.

C Netting still to be put up , this could ether be on bowls side at the back of courts 3 and 4 or used to stop wind coming around the main building onto court 1 . The netting is 4 sections long so would go up to the middle of court 1 on the side facing the houses.

Peter to set a date at the start of next season when weather a bit warmer.

The meeting then closed at 8.45pm.