

**DALTC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Minutes**

**Tuesday 21st February 2023**

**Apologies for Absence**

Hilary Bradley, Sarah Hill

**Matters Arising from the Minutes of last AGM**

Gordon Clough enquired if the committee would be re-instating the Clean Up Day before the beginning of the new season. Mike Eggleston said yes it would be. Date will be finalised at the next committee meeting.

1. **Chairman’s Report (Michael Eggleston)**

Mike Eggleston presented his Chairman’s Report, including a brief overview of the 2022/23 season and team successes. He thanked Anthony Reynolds (Head Coach), Christine and John for the coaching programme at the Club and attracting new members.

The 2023/24 season officially starts with the Peacock Cup. The date will be circulated shortly.

The car park had been re-gravelled.

The defibrillator had been moved to the outside of the Clubhouse. Mike thanked John Mason for his donation of £250 towards the defibrillator, along with the table tennis group, who also contributed.

The carpet on courts 1, 2 and 3 had been glued down and the storm damaged fence posts replaced.

Quotes had been sourced to update parts of the Clubhouse.

LED floodlighting was being considered for courts 1, 2 and 3, although the replacement of the grass courts remains our top priority.

1. **Treasurer’s Report (Stephen Elliot)**

Stephen Elliot presented a comprehensive Treasurer’s Report. Total monies in the bank totalled £87,724, which was an increase from the year end of 2021. The numbered notes attached to the report explain the expenses for each category.

Mike Eggleston thanked Stephen on behalf of the committee for his hard work and production of the financial report.

1. **Membership Secretary’s Report (Sarah Hill and Jenny Ulyatt)**

Jenny Ulyatt presented the Membership Report for the 2022/23 season. The Club had 450 members which was 30 less than last year, although membership income had increased by £10,000.

The number of mini members had significantly increased, thanks to Anthony’s coaching sessions. It is hoped that these young players will continue at the Club as older juniors and eventually adult members.

The main issue Sarah and Jenny had been looking into was the method of payment of membership fees. It is hoped to use the LTA Clubspark system from April 1st 2023, in order to make joining the Club and payment of fees more streamlined and easier to manage.

40% of the membership were new members in the 2022/23 season.

The new fee structure for 2023/24 was voted on and agreed:

Adult £200

Family £380

Benefits £100

Students £100 (limited to the first 50 – undergraduates only)

Juniors (12 – 18 years) £75

Juniors (9 – 12 years) £65

Mini members £20

Guardian £50 (only allowed to play with their child)

[Adult fee increase to £200 – 9 in favour, 3 against]

[Mini member fee increase to £20 – 11 in favour, 1 abstention]

Gordon Clough enquired if the adult fee was comparable with other clubs. Mike Eggleston said yes. Ian Mackenzie explained that the idea was to raise money for new courts and any clubhouse refurbishments required.

Trudy Barr said it would be interesting to know how many guardian members eventually converted to the full membership.

Gordon Clough asked if there was any intention of having a cap on the membership numbers. Mike Eggleston explained that the committee were against this. A discussion ensued, as there was limited court availability during certain times of the day, particularly in the summer months.

Anthony Reynolds said that his coaching programme is full, and that the vast majority of new members only take out a membership in order to receive coaching. This would potentially create a natural capping point. AR said that the only solution would be to get new courts.

David Dobson asked for (and received) clarification that the ceiling on the number of students who can join at the reduced rate of £100, is 50.

1. **Head Coach’s Report (Anthony Reynolds)**

Anthony Reynolds summarised the coaching year in his report. He was in the process of splitting the programme into Development and Performance Squads, to hopefully keep players at the Club, strengthen squads and feed players into the adult teams.

Durham School had renewed their yearly contract with DALTC from 1st September 2022 until 31st August 2023, after which it would be renewed again hopefully.

Michael Eggleston thanked Anthony and said that he is very much appreciated.

1. **Team Captain’s Report (Gordon Clough, Hilary Bradley)**

Gordon Clough presented the Men’s Captain’s Report which included the results of the teams competing in the Northumberland and Durham League. For the upcoming 2023 season, fixtures to be centrally generated by the League and clubs instructed not to postpone games if requested by the opposition. Decision on whether to provide after match refreshments still to be decided by the League Executive. All players to be LTA Advantage members. The over 65s category to be changed to over 60. Over 45 category as before but both men and ladies to be 45.

A special mention to Sebastian Gilment for setting up the new single league within the Club.

Prue Mackee read out the Ladies Captain’s Report in the absence of Hilary. Ladies 1st and 2nd teams did not fair so well, coming bottom of their respective leagues. The 3rd team came second. The Ladies Vets 3rd team gained promotion and the other vets teams did reasonably well finishing mid table.

1. **Election of Club Officers for Season 2023-24**

The following elected Officers were proposed and seconded to represent the members on Durham Archery Lawn Tennis Club Committee.

Chairperson Michael Eggleston

Treasurer Stephen Elliot

Hon Secretary Christine Heppell

Membership Secretary Sarah Hill, Jenny Ulyatt

Head Coach Anthony Reynolds

Club Groundsman Mark Hodgson

Club Representatives Prue Mackee (Club Registration), David Dobson, Christian Liddy

Ladies Team Captain Hilary Bradley

Junior Representative Tom Richardson

1. **Any Other Business**

David Dobson voiced concern about the Club’s website being out of date and therefore limiting the ability to communicate with the membership properly. Anthony Reynolds explained that he had started updating various aspects of the website. Jenny Ulyatt said it was not user friendly, and that hopefully in the future the we would move to Clubspark which is easier to manage.

Claire Baker asked if social media, facebook/Instagram/twitter could be used to communicate with members more frequently.

Gordon Clough requested that the Honours Boards in the clubhouse be updated. He also enquired about the timescale and any potential funding for the replacement of the grass courts. ME and SE said that the Club was not looking to borrow any money for this. Currently a 4 – 5 year plan.

Prue Mackee said that the LTA provided interest free loans for LED lights. SE explained that it would take around 20 years to re-coup any expenditure related to installation costs.

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm