

DALTC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday 16th February 2022 7pm

Apologies and attendees are noted on the attendance sheet which is available in the Committee file in the Club house.

1. Chairman's report (Mike Eggleston)

Mike's report included the notification of some of the Club's Officers standing down from their role and thanking them for their service to the Club:

Rodney Thomas (Membership Secretary)

Alison Gilby (Club Secretary)

Christine Heppell (Head Coach until January 2022)

Mike thanked the table tennis group for raising £120 towards the defibrillator

Some dates / events to note for the forthcoming season:

Opening the season with Peacock Cup tournament

3rd June -Queens Jubilee – a fun sports day including BBQ

Gordon Clough (GC) asked about the plan for developing the LED floodlights at estimated cost of £10K. The Committee awaits a quote. GC asked if fees could be introduced for the use of the floodlights to prevent the recent abuse. David Dobson (DD) noted the charge was removed to create a benefit for the members after the removal of the complicated switching system previously used. It was agreed that Notices would be displayed on courts and in the Club house to reduce the abuse of the usage recently encountered (i.e. being used during daylight).

Christian Liddy asked if the court surface for the development of the grass court area could be confirmed. The Committee stated it was agreed to change the surface in principle and a 5 year plan to be put in place to develop the courts and the floodlight system. Court development will enable increased coaching facilities.

GC asked where the money for the court development will come from.

DD suggested that Sport England may have funds. However, most of the funding for this will come from membership fees and any other monies raised.

2. Treasurer's report (Stephen Elliott)

In conclusion the Club has fared well during the COVID pandemic. The biggest expenditures over the period were renewing the Courts and there is now a need to increase the 'coffers' to assist in achieving the development of the floodlight system to LEDs and the conversion of the grass court area.

3. Membership Secretary's report (Rodney Thomas)

An increase of 32.24% in membership to the highest membership the Club has seen currently 484 members.

Hilary Bradley (HB) asked if the Student membership could run from October to October as they aren't usually around during the Summer. This would cause complication regarding Membership administration.

An increase in the Membership fees was voted on with 13 of the 15 attendees in agreement of the increase.

Jenny Ulyatt asked why the juniors has a higher percentage increase. The rationale behind this was due to a lower number of Juniors and no increases for some time. Considerations for future to encourage Junior membership would be to charge local schools fees for using the Club facilities for Coaching- Anthony Reynolds can look to develop this option as the Club's new Head Coach.

Jenny Ulyatt and Sarah Hill will be taking on the role of Membership Secretary with a period of support from Rodney Thomas. It was felt important that this role was picked up as soon as possible as the start of the new season is approaching and their position was accepted by Committee.

4. Head Coach's report (Christine Heppell)

Apologies received from Anthony Reynolds but he will be attending all future Committee meetings. Christine summarised the Coaching year in her report.

5. Team Captain reports (Gordon Clough GC , Hilary Bradley HB)

GC gave a summary of the Mens pop up leagues operating through the COVID pandemic.

Congratulations to Alan Hopper 1st Team captain - they came runner up to Boldon in their pop up league.

The new season will see a change with 6 players – 4 sets only. There will be no fixtures meeting as the dates will be generated by the league secretary and Captains will negotiate any date changes.

There will no longer be Over 55s – only Over 45s and Over 65s for Veterans matches. Over 65s matches will be played during the daytime. The match structure is experimental for this season so feedback is appreciated.

HB gave summary of her report and thanked all the Team Captains.

Sebastien Gilment stated that the pre COVID Summer National league of 2021- Durham Archery came 4th out of 5.

6. Election of Club Officers for season 2022-23

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

Chairperson – Mike Eggleston

Treasurer – Stephen Elliott

Membership Secretary - Jenny Ulyatt assisted by Sarah Hill

Club Secretary – Prue Mackee

Head Coach- Anthony Reynolds

Club representatives – Christine Heppell, David Dobson, Christian Liddy

Club Groundsman -Mark Hodgson

Ladies Team Captain -Hilary Bradley

- David Dobson was proposed and seconded immediately post AGM to the Chair & Secretary.
- Mark & Hilary seconded post AGM to the Chair & Secretary

7. Any other business

- Members asked for the return of green screening between courts 1-3 and the grass courts for improved visibility of balls whilst in play
The metal fencing opposite courts 1-3 will be painted dark green.
- DD asked if the issue with the carpet lifting during the recent bad weather could be raised with the contractors. GC said a strip a glue on the edge might improve it. ME stated that the Club has a tub of the glue and will look into this.

- DD also mentioned that with the increase in fees he hoped that the social play would improve.
- Claire Baker asked if other facilities can be offered to members e.g. cardio tennis – Head Coach would need to be approached on this matter.
- Steve Goodhart stated Mens night was not well attended. It is hoped that with the start of a new season approaching designated Committee members would attend on Mens Night, Ladies Night & 1 Mixed night to encourage uptake of social play.
- DD asked if the Club Clean Up day could be reinstated as members were keen to tend to the garden areas and get the Club in a good state for start of the season. CH proposed a Saturday morning and an email to all members sent.