

## **The Minutes of Caunton Tennis Club AGM held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th November 2017**

**Present:** Bob Maskill (Chairman), Chris Holder (Treasurer), Dawn Maskill, James Harding, Gill Siddall, Keith Stenhouse, Maria Cotton, , Caroline Brown, Nick Brown, Eleanor Johnson, Ruth Franks, Anne Cotton, Brian Cotton, Laura Hunter, Paul Hunter, Katie Botham, Jon Penney. (Rosie Watkins - taking minutes)

1. **Apologies** for absence were received from Ben Lynch, Wendy McCallin, Clare Cheetham, Fiona Mountford, Carol Warke, Rowan Booth, Toni Fernley, Helen Sturgess, Jane Stead, Sally White, Rosanna Marks and Greg Marks.
2. The minutes of the previous year's AGM were read and agreed. (Proposed by James Harding and seconded by Brian Cotton and agreed by all)
3. Matter arising - none
4. **Chairman's Report**

### Membership: -

Our total membership as of today stands at 328 which includes 152 adults and 176 juniors. Again we have offered a £29 Summer Family Membership for an 8-week period with 6 weeks of free coaching provided by Tennis 4 All. A total of 11 memberships with 37 individuals were taken up but only one adult, one junior and one family converted to full membership.

### Facilities and Maintenance: -

The clay court carpet was removed, and some touch-up paint will be applied to cover the white patches on the court, but apart from that, the court surface is brand new. Courts 4, 5 and 6 have been resurfaced and painted. Hedge trimming is ongoing.

### Social Events and Tournaments: -

Again, the ladies organised two open tournaments. The Christmas event raised £526 and the one in the Spring raised £575 – thanks to all concerned. Brian Cotton organised the annual Golf Day at Rufford Golf Club. This year the club hosted the Boys 12U County Cup in June and we sold food and drinks. Thanks to Caroline Brown for organising the food and the helpers which raised about £300 to club funds.

### Club Tournaments and League Matches: -

The club championships finals and Junior finals were held in June. We had some success in the Winter Leagues – our Mens first team were promoted to Division 3 and the Mens A team won Division 5. The Ladies first team won division 3 and our first Mixed team were promoted to Division 4. Not much change to report in the Summer Leagues.

### Coaching: -

Dawn retired this year and passed on her Tennis 4All coaching business to James who is now Head Coach. Some of the ladies organised a surprise retirement party at Rufford Golf Club and about 80 friends and colleagues attended – thanks also to James who said a few kind words. we again held an Open Day in May and Tennis 4 All provided mini tennis, adult and teenage and cardio sessions – this is where we signed up most of our summer memberships. The club ran several Masters Series Junior Open tournaments and the club received £2,819 for entry fees which resulted in a profit of just over £1700 over the year. Tennis4All ran numerous tennis festivals in various locations together with Easter and Summer tennis

camps and an October half term camp.

They also provide coaching in many schools in the area which has boosted our Junior Membership.

The Tots and Cardio sessions continue to be popular.

## **5. Financial Report**

Chris Holder presented the annual accounts, which showed that 2017 was a good year with income much the same as last. For the third year running, the committee managed to reduce expenditure again yielding a surplus of £7,500.

Now that courts 4-6 have been resurfaced and as courts 1-3 were done only 3yrs ago, the club is in a very good position, but needs to put £6K each year into our club sinking fund which is a fund set aside for the future maintenance of the courts and floodlighting and is a requirement of our registration with the LTA. This sinking fund will be kept in a separate bank account.

Subscription rates still need to increase each year to maintain our position.

Nick Brown proposed that the accounts be accepted; seconded by Ruth Franks and agreed by all.

## **6. Subscription Rates for 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2018- 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2018**

Concerns were raised about the lack of young adults at the club with Nick Brown proposing that a reduced rate for those aged 19-28yrs be applied. This was seconded by Brian Cotton and agreed unanimously.

The following subscription rates for 2018 were then proposed:-

Family from £360 to £370 (and from £380 to £390 for those paying after Jan 1st)

Young Adult (19-28yrs) £123

Adult (now 29 – 64 yrs) from £180 to £185 (and from £190 to £195 after Jan 1st)

65yrs plus from £120 to £123

Country from £85 to £87

All other rates to remain the same (Junior, Student and Social categories).

Nick Brown proposed that these subscription rates be accepted; seconded by Maria Cotton and agreed by all.

Further discussion followed re the means to encourage more young adults to join the club. Suggestions were made to include an evening session for young adults and James Harding is also looking at holding a corporate event inviting employees from the larger companies in Newark area.

It was agreed to discuss this again at the next committee meeting.

## **7. Election of Officers and Non-Executive Committee for 2018**

All existing committee members agreed to stand again.

## **8. A.O.B.**

a) Fiona Mountford (not present) asked the committee to consider building an artificial bowling green surface to maintain the membership for those that may find tennis too strenuous at some point. This would be a means of retaining the membership. Dawn Maskill also suggested that an indoor facility could be used for badminton, bowls, touch tennis and mini tennis and that this should be considered. It was agreed to discuss this again at the next committee meeting.

b) Ruth Franks suggested that the club may be running too many Ladies teams. To be discussed at next committee meeting.

b) Nick Brown (and also Wendy McCallin via email) proposed a vote of thanks to the committee for all their hard work over the year.

c) Paul Hunter suggested that the meeting send their best wishes to Paul Shorthouse for a speedy recovery following his recent cycling accident.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9pm and was followed by wine and cheese.

**Date of next committee meeting: Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at 7:30pm**