

**Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting
Held on Thursday 21st April at 7.30 pm at Newent Leisure Centre**

Present:

Graham Baum	Garry O'Keeffe
Roger Bennett	Kathy O'Keeffe
John Giles	Ann Russell
Mike Manning	Guy Savage

In attendance:

Leisl and James Beagles	Nigel Russell
Cherilyn, Tom and Dan Dawe	Neville Selwood
John Rowe	Ted Shaw

1. John welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Caroline Notley who had given her consent for further nomination prior to the meeting.

2. **Minutes of the 2010 AGM**

RB and CN had been present but were not recorded. John summarised the minutes of the last AGM. Roger proposed these were accepted as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Kathy.

3. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

4. **Captain's Report**

- Mike reported that the C team had drawn four games and introduced a lot of younger players to league tennis.
- Guy said the B team were promoted to Division 3 and had a strong team for this year.
- John Rowe said the A team had been promoted to the Premier League. There was a pool of only four players for the A team but B team players were happy to stand in.
- Kathy said the ladies team had won several matches and now had a large pool of players.
- The winter league men's team had finished top of the league and gained promotion.

The LTA had introduced prize money for the winners of the coming league but the amount available was dependent on the size of the club and John had registered his concern to the LTA that this was unfair. Graham to post details of all matches in the club hut and Kathy to put the details on the website.

**Graham
Kathy**

6. Secretary's Report

Kathy advised that seven meetings have been held during the last year, and said the committee was very proactive and were keen to help grow the club with everyone playing their part.

The social events had been very well received, especially the re-opening of the courts in June and the barn dance. She welcomed suggestions from members for other social events.

The ladies team had enjoyed the last season as well as the involvement in the winter mixed doubles. The team was looking forward to the coming season and it had been strengthened with additional players and she thanked Jo Clarke for continuing as Ladies Captain for a further year. Roger said the points difference between the clubs had been very close.

7. Treasurer's Report

Roger confirmed £2k had been put into the sinking fund as planned. Subscriptions were up by £500 on last year, partly because of the fee rise but still 7% up on last year.

Kathy proposed the audited accounts be accepted, this was seconded by Nigel and there were no objections. The Chair thanked the Treasurer for his report.

8. Chairman's Report

John said life looked very different for the club this year compared with last. Positive feedback has been received but he would be happy to hear any suggestions for future activities. He said the club was well recognised in the area, doing things for a wide selection of ages. It was regenerating itself and new members were bringing life to the club. John thanked all the committee members for what had been a busy year saying they had worked very hard and were very committed.

9. Subscriptions

A rise in subscriptions for 2011 was set at the 2010 AGM but there was no raise proposed for 2012. Leisl said the club was very cheap and felt parents would be happy to pay more but said the club was great. John said the fee had to reflect the facilities available but it was important to have the sink fund as he felt grants would no longer be available owing to cut backs. He said the committee was investigating future development of the club but members would be consulted.

10. Election of Officers and Committee

Everyone indicated they would be happy to remain on the committee. Mike proposed they be re-elected, Graham seconded this. John thanked them for their work on the committee over the past years.

The current committee members are John Giles, Roger Bennett, Kathy O'Keeffe, Graham Baum, Garry O'Keeffe, Caroline Notley, Ann Russell, Mike Manning, Phill Primett and Guy Savage. Libby Bolton agreed to stand and was accepted.

Kathy proposed the committee members be appointed which was seconded by Roger.

11. Yearly Programme

The programme had been circulated with the membership renewals and John thanked Kathy for producing it. He said the next event would be on Friday 29th April, the day of the Royal Wedding, with a social afternoon and evening of tennis at the club starting at 4pm. Everyone was welcome and John asked people to bring a plate of sandwiches or a cake along for tea.

Roger said the singles final on 18th September would have to be to 25th September as it clashed with the fun run being organised by Jo Clarke.

The away weekend in Croyde Bay had approximately 40 people attending, an increase on last year. Ann said it was a good sign of a friendly club which was about more than just the tennis.

12. Any Other Business

The Annual Dinner had been well received and was a good evening. Guy said Aston Ingham had suggested having a joint evening at the next event which would be discussed at a future meeting. Kathy thanked Graham for organising it.

Ted asked what the arrangement was with the hut as he had been unable to get in because of the football kit. Ann to let John have Matt Lee's number to sort this out. Nigel suggested the coach may be a better contact.

Guy asked what the situation was for the MUGA. John said a Parish Council Meeting was held on Tuesday but the minutes and outcome were not yet available. He had had robust conversations with the clerk of the Parish Council regarding the outstanding money from the Millennium Fund.

Joe Morris, the LTA Development Manager, had been contacted to see if a grant was available from the LTA. John applied formally and although they thought it might be favourable there were procedures to follow before a response would be given.

The sum outstanding was £650, a third of the yearly sink fund, and it was felt the club should continue to resist this request as it felt it had honoured it's side of the agreement.

John thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.25.