

Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting
Held on Friday 17th April at 7.00 pm at Upleadon Village Hall

Present:	Graham Baum Roger Bennett John Giles Mike Manning	Kathy O'Keeffe Ann Russell Guy Savage Phill Primett
In attendance:	Vicky Baker Matt Baum The Beagle Family Louise Bennett The Dawe Family Sue Giles The Goulding Family	Rob Manning Sam Payne Nigel Russell Ted and Ann Shaw Mark and Jane Spilsbury Karen and Peter Hibberd

1. Welcome and Apologies

John welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Pete Gore, Garry O'Keeffe and Jo Clarke

2. Minutes of the 2014 AGM

The minutes of the last AGM had been posted on the website. Ted proposed they be accepted as a true record of the meeting and this was seconded by Mark.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Captain's Report

A team - Kathy delivered John Rowe's report. He said they had won nearly 90% of their matches, losing only five rubbers all season. Apart from Redmarley, the rest of the league was very balanced with their nearest challengers a massive 12 points adrift. He said the highlight was winning 4-0 at Gloucester Wotton, although three of the matches were decided on championship tiebreaks - so they could have easily lost 3-1.

John congratulated Ian Bennett on making the step up as an A Team regular and winning all but two of his matches. Matthew Baum was at his comedic best throughout the season giving nicknames to the opposition players. John from Chalford became "the screamer" for celebrating after winning a point and the largest player they came across from Minchinhampton became known as "the tank". The A team move into the Premier Division this year

B team - Captain David Peachey said the B team had once again maintained Division 2 status by winning the final point of the season to stay up for the second season in succession. Having lost Judas Bennett to the A team at the start of the season, big money signings Mark and Ben Spilsbury proved vital in the team's survival and without them the team would have almost certainly been relegated.

David said “following the end of the campaign it has become clear from the past two seasons that I am no longer good enough to guarantee my place in the side, therefore I shall be handing over the B team captaincy to Phil Primett and I wish him well for the 2015 season.”

David went on to thank everyone who had played for the B team during his three seasons as captain and he hoped 2015 would be another successful season.

C team - Roger said the team had won all ten of their matches and had used ten players, four juniors and six adults. It had been a brilliant season. The team was set up three years ago with the aim of getting to Division Four which they have now achieved.

D Team - Mike Manning reported that the 2014 season was a real ‘game of two halves’ as a football manager might say for the D team. Having had their best season ever in 2013, they managed to lose their first five games, scoring just three points and were rock bottom of the league. Then they pulled their collective fingers out, managing a win and two draws, but were still in the relegation zone. With some inspired team selection choices by the wily captain, they pulled off back to back victories to finish mid-table. In fact their last game on Monday 14th July 2014 will be mentioned for years to come, as the D team’s first ever 4 - 0 win!

In the ten games they used 14 different players and continued their successful policy of blending youth with experience. Their problem in the D team though, is that once they have the juniors playing well, Roger Bennett (now known as Fagin!) moves them on up to the C and even B team. Mike thanked all the players, especially the unfortunates who had to partner him and also thanked his unofficial vice-captain Nigel Russell for taking charge when Mike didn’t play.

Ladies Team - Kathy reported for Captain Jo Clarke. The ladies played in Division 4B and the team gave an amazing performance, winning nine matches and drawing one. At the end of the season they were eight points clear of their nearest rivals. Jo had thanked regulars Caroline, Liz and Kathy as well as Jayne Darrah, Karline Rose and Libby Bolton. Following the well-earned promotion the team looks forward to playing the coming season in Division 3A.

Winter League - Captain Jo Clarke had submitted a written report. She said the standard in the new league was certainly much higher but in good old Redmarley fashion the team met it head on. The match for second place was very tight and the team needed a win against Cirencester D team by 12 points to 4 to pip Cam and Dursley B team for promotion. John and Kathy, Matt and Liz managed a spectacular 14-2 win which meant promotion again this year into League two.

Jo thanked Roger for doing all the phoning round (but she said everyone knows he loves phoning about tennis). She also thanked players Matt, Liz, Caroline, John, Kathy, Phill, Duncan, Jayne and Libby. She hoped the team could dig deep and do League Two justice.

5. Secretary’s Report

Kathy advised that four meetings had been held during the last year as well as a number of sub-committee meetings to discuss the Pavilion. She said the social events had been well attended and thanked Graham for organising the Annual Dinner and the trip to Croyde Bay.

She outlined forthcoming social events including the 90th Anniversary Summer Ball on 18th July and asked for bookings. There will also be a schools tournament as part of the Great British Tennis Weekend in May, the Halloween Party on 7th November and a Local Quiz on 21st November, all at Redmarley Village Hall.

She said Club Sundays would start on 26th April and all dates were included in the events calendar, a copy of which will be circulated with the minutes and is available on the website.

6. Treasurer's Report

Roger reported that subscriptions were up by £555, with 15 members having joined throughout the year. Coaching fees were up to £1,700 following the increase in fees introduced last year. He said the club had received an LTA award for regularly competing juniors and a cheque for £150 had been received.

He said the accounts showed a surplus of £458 after £12,000 had been paid into the court sinking fund and £2,286 paid into the pavilion sinking fund. The working balance £924.

John thanked Roger for his report. Roger added that the accounts had yet to be audited.

7. Chairman's Report

John thanked everyone for their reports and the committee for their hard work. He said James Beagles has joined the committee and had knuckled down and got involved. He was the first recipient of the Junior of the Year Award which was presented at the Annual Dinner.

The pavilion is taking longer than the committee had wanted but John reminded everyone that the committee were volunteers. It was not possible to go out to tender until costed drawings were available but it was hoped to get to that position by the end of this month. John thanked the professionals for giving their time and expertise free, particularly Pete Gore, the architect who had designed the pavilion and Jocelyn Bennett who had drawn the landscaping plan.

Once tenders are in, funding applications will be made and John hoped that more news would be available soon.

He said the league success demonstrated the depth of the club's activities along with the club nights which had been well supported. He thanked Guy for organising the Oxstalls indoor sessions over the winter and he felt this had kept the club night momentum going throughout the year.

He said there were some places left for the trip to Croyde Bay and anyone interested in attending should let Graham know.

The Great British Tennis Weekend event this year will be held as a schools tournament on 10th May focusing on years 4, 5 and 6. Letters have been sent to all local schools inviting them to taking part.

John closed by saying a big thank you to everyone who made this club what it is.

8. Subscriptions

The Chair confirmed that subscriptions for 2015-16 would remain unchanged.

9. Coaching

The Treasurer confirmed that coaching costs for 2015-16 would remain unchanged.

10. Election of Officers and Committee

The existing committing members indicated they would be happy to continue. Ted proposed they be re-elected, Guy seconded this and all were in favour. John thanked everyone and confirmed the current committee members were John Giles, Roger Bennett, Kathy O'Keeffe, Graham Baum, Pete Gore, Ann Russell, Garry O'Keeffe, Mike Manning, Phill Primett, Guy Savage, Libby Bolton and James Beagles.

John asked if anyone else wished to become a member of the committee but there were no volunteers.

11. Any Other Business

Club Sundays

Committee members have been asked to host a Sunday each. The first one will take place on Sunday 26th April starting at 2.00 pm.

Mike said he would be running his bike event again on Sunday 31st May and said everyone would be welcome. All proceeds would go to the club and John thanked him for organising that.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 19.40 and was followed by a fish and chip supper and skittles.