

**Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting
Held on Thursday 19th April 2013 at 7.00 pm at Newent**

Present:

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

In attendance:

Vicky Baker	Nigel Russell
Leisl, James and Anna Beagles	Ted and Ann Shaw
The Dawe Family	

1. John welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Mike Manning and Pete Gore who had given their consent for further nomination prior to the meeting.

2. **Minutes of the 2012 AGM**

John summarised the minutes of the last AGM. Guy proposed these were accepted as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Ann.

3. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

4. **Captain's Report**

- A team- Graham reported that the team had finished last but one in the league and had been relegated.
- B and C teams – Roger reported that both teams had won their divisions undefeated and both had been promoted.
- D Team – mike Manning submitted his report prior to the meeting:
"Once again the Redmarley D team were the strongest in the Gloucestershire leagues, holding all the other teams up by finishing bottom. However this last year was an outstanding effort, in that we had only our second ever win, in I think six years, an awesome 3-1 thrashing of Chalford (Woo Woo!!). We did manage three creditable 2-2 draw fixtures as well and finished the season with 11 points. As Nigel did point out once, if I was a football manager I'd have been sacked a long time ago, but I'm quite happy to carry on unless someone else wishes to take over!

For a small club I think it's an achievement to run a fourth men's team and as a springboard to move players up to the higher teams it is very useful. I've kept the youth policy going as much as possible with Luke Summers, James Beagles and Tom Dawe playing quite a few games and no doubt they will be moving on up soon.

A special mention must go to Mister Enthusiasm Dan Dawe who turned out for us twice and despite the major handicap of playing with me, managed a win in one of his games.

A big thank-you to everybody who played for the D team last year, I look forward to this summer's league games starting in early May and can I hope for a third ever win?"

- Junior's mini orange league - Graham reported three games had been played in Oxstalls and the team won one and lost two.
- Ladies team – Roger reported the Ladies had come third in the league, but were only two points behind the first team. Kathy thanked Jo Clarke for continuing as Ladies Captain.

5. Secretary's Report

Kathy advised that six meetings had been held during the last year. She said the committee was very proactive and keen to help grow the club with everyone playing their part. The social events had been well attended and she welcomed suggestions from members for other social events. The Annual Dinner had been well received again with an increase in numbers and she thanked Graham for organising it.

This year a Summer Ball will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 6th July. Tickets are £20 for a three course meal, live band and disco and are available from committee members.

6. Treasurer's Report

Roger reported that subscriptions were £3,269, down £130 on the previous year. Coaching had increased by £80. The result was a net loss of £946 but after £2,400 had been transferred to the court sinking fund which now stands at £7,200. A new sinking fund has been up for the pavilion and £1.5k has been transferred into that. The Quiz Night held in November had raised £241.

Kathy proposed the audited accounts be accepted, this was seconded by Garry and there were no objections. John thanked the Roger for his report and will write a letter of thanks to the auditors.

John

7. Chairman's Report

John thanked everyone who had participated in the organisation of the club this year and the members for the friendly atmosphere. He said the club was in its strongest position for a long time on all fronts. Utilisation of the courts is running at a very high level and Graham has kindly suggested the use of his court be formalised. The club will agree a 15 year lease which gives it the opportunity to apply for funding for re-surfacing.

The committee is actively looking at a proposal to provide a club pavilion and a lot of work has gone on into this. John thanked Guy Savage and Pete Gore in particular for the new design. The concept was presented to the Parish Council who supported the plan.

The design will take account of the unique position of the courts and will take full advantage of the vista but will also provide club facilities to store equipment, provide catering facilities for tournaments and visiting clubs and somewhere for members to sit whilst waiting to play. A lot of money will need to be raised, predominantly from grants, but the club will run fundraising events such as the ball. The next step will be to apply for planning permission, get estimates and look for funding.

8. Subscriptions

The Treasurer said the club was doing well and proposed the subscriptions for 2013-14 remain the same at £90 for a family, £60 for an individual and £16 for a junior, £8 for subsequent juniors.

- Leisl said the junior membership was very good value for money and some parents would be prepared to pay more. The Chair said a strong junior membership was considered favourably on grant applications.
- Garry said failure to increase the fees every year could result in quite a jump the next time a change was made. John agreed and these recommendations will be born in mind for next year's review.
- Vicky said the weekly coaching fees were good but she was wary of changing them as she said they drew a lot of people in.

Guy proposed the fees remain unchanged, this was seconded by Ann and it was carried unanimously.

9. Election of Officers and Committee

Caroline Notley had tendered her resignation from the committee prior to the meeting, saying she had very much enjoyed being part of it and wished the committee well for the future. John thanked her for all her work over the last five years and said the committee would be sorry to lose her.

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

10. Yearly Programme

The programme was circulated with the membership renewals and is available on the website. A list of the dates of all home matches is displayed at the court and on the website.

Ann said as there is such a strong junior membership, the committee should organise fund raising in which the juniors would want to be involved. The juniors present were asked to think of things they'd like to have organised especially for them.

11. Any Other Business

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 19.45.