



**Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting
Held on Friday 28th April at 7.30 pm at Upleadon Village Hall**

Present:	Graham Baum Roger Bennett John Giles Mike Manning	Kathy O’Keeffe Ann Russell Guy Savage Nigel Warren
In attendance:	The Baker Family Margaret Baum The Charley Family The Beagles Family Louise Bennett The Dawe Family Karen and Peter Hibberd	Jo, Steve and Bertie Garry O’Keeffe Nigel Russell Mark and Jane Spilsbury Sue Giles The Voyce Family Hilary Warren

1. Welcome and Apologies

John welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Robin Notley, Phill Primett, John Rowe, Liz Tillott, Janet Epps, Veronica Pryce, Jill Bates and Flea Hulls.

2. Minutes of the 2016 AGM

The minutes of the last AGM had been posted on the website. Mike proposed they be accepted as a true record of the meeting, this was seconded by Guy. All were in favour.

3. Matters Arising - There were no matters arising.

4. Captain’s Reports

A team - Summer league 2016

John had reported via email that they had missed out on promotion back to the Premier league by one point. They won 24/40 rubbers and finished 2nd of six teams but actually had the best set win % and game win % of all the teams in the division. John said “I think the league is going to be tougher in 2017 because we have Cheltenham Civil Service in our division and they were very strong in the Winter league.”

B team - Phill reported that the B team finished top of division 2B gaining promotion to division 1. They had a slow start to the season and didn't win until the fourth match but then they won seven out of the last eight. They used nine players but had a settled squad throughout the season as they didn't have too many changes between matches. It will be tough in division 1 next year as they are one below the premier division.

C team - Roger said “The great thing about being the captain of the C team is that every year I just repeat what I said the previous year as every year we seem to punch above our weight and win promotion. Well I am pleased to report that in 2016 we finished up in a superb second position in division 3A, missing out on the title by two points to Frampton. We used a total of ten players over the season and we won seven, drew three and lost just two matches. We have been in existence for five years and have won four promotions winning two championships in the process.

I am passing the captain's armband onto David Peachey and wish the C team the best of luck in the dizzy heights of division 2B for the forthcoming season."

Junior Summer League - Roger reported that the club had entered four teams into different age groups in the summer leagues. A mixed team into the under 10s in which they came second out of four teams. In the under 12s boys they came third out of five teams and the girls under 12s mirrored the boys' performance also coming third out of five. Finally in the girls under 14s they were crowned champions in a division of five. The girls certainly were made to fight for it, their last three matches all went to the wire. This was the first time the club has won one of the Aegon leagues so a massive well done to the girls and to all the children who took part.

D Team - Mike said the D team had a great season, six wins, two draws and two losses was enough to take second place and a promotion to division 5. Considering that 11 different players were used, nearly always in different pairings, this was a great achievement after falling just short of promotion last season. A special mention for Guy, who turned out nine times and won 14 of his 18 games. With the formation of the new E team, Mike hands over the D team captaincy to Roger for this season and Mike looks forward to presenting the first ever E team report next year!

Ladies A Team - Liz Tillott reported via email that the ladies had an excellent year gaining promotion for a third year in a row and are now playing in Division 1. In 2016 they came second to Bredon by just one point. They won one extra rubber although our ladies won two more sets. Liz thanked everyone who played, the regular players were: Jo Clarke, Caroline Bennett, Jayne Darrah, Kathy O'Keeffe, Emma Rowe and Tiffany Watkins.

Ladies B Team

The team finished third out of five teams in their first year. However, one of the teams dropped out so they were promoted to division 5.

Mixed Winter League - A Team

Captain John Rowe said the team finished third out of seven teams in division 2. The league's top two representatives Cheltenham Civil Service and Painswick regularly fielded players with Premier league experience and were too strong for the A team. They won 55/96 sets which was a great result because they had only just avoided relegation on the final day of the previous season.

Mixed Winter League - B Team

Kathy said this was the team's second year in the league and players had included ten men and five ladies. They played ten matches, won four, drew three and came second in the other two. There was a good standard of tennis and the team came third, missing out on promotion by only two games and they stay in Division 7 for the next winter season.

They had managed to play all ten matches without weather disruption and there was never a shortage of people willing to take part. She thanked everyone who had supported the B team, they were Ann, Liz, Olivia, Sally, David, Fred, Mark, Mike, Nigel Russell, Nigel Warren, Phill, Roger and Tim.

Club Competitions

Roger said the summer competitions would be drawn later that evening.

John thanked the captains for their reports.

5. Secretary's Report

Kathy said it was nice to see so many people in attendance, compared with her first AGM many years ago when there were just three non-committee members there! She said it had been another busy year with six meetings which had all been well attended by the committee.

A number of social events were planned but not all went according to plan. The scavenger hunt, aimed at families, was postponed the first time and cancelled the second due to lack of attendance. The mantle for organising junior events had since fallen to the Junior Committee and they'll report later. Mike's quiz was an excellent event as always and for the rest of the committee it's a very easy event to run thanks to the generosity of members who provided the delicious desserts.

The live band and supper planned for November had to be changed at the last minute owing to illness in the band and this was replaced by a disco which had cost less. Thanks to everyone who attended anyway, despite the change at the eleventh hour. Kathy saw the band recently and they were still apologising for letting us down!

This year's events will include Club Sundays, adults social tennis and afternoon tea which will take place on the first Sunday of every month. There'll be an event planned to tie in with the Wimbledon men's final in the summer and a Barn Dance on 18th November at Redmarley Village Hall - more details to follow.

6. Junior Committee Report

Laurel Baker reported as Chair on behalf of the Junior Committee. "We have only been running for about a year and have managed to accomplish many things. We arranged at Skittles here at Upleadon for the juniors and it was very successful as our first event. We then did a Winter event where everyone played some tennis at the courts and then we came back to the village hall and ate. We managed to do a social tennis every few Tuesdays at the courts last year and we are doing that again this year. Just recently we did an Easter Egg Hunt on the field and courts that turned out well and everybody ate a lot of chocolate. In the future, we are planning to have a Summer event which will happen at Graham's place where we will cook a few burgers and play some rounders, tennis and maybe golf. We are hoping that the committee will be just as successful in the years to come as it is now and we'd like to thank Garry and Phill for making the meetings such fun.

John presented two trophies: the Junior of Year Award was given to the junior committee for their great work in the first year. The award for most improved junior went to Olivia Charley.

7. Treasurer's Report

Roger distributed a copy of the accounts to every table. On the front sheet the income & expenditure was self-explanatory, the operating surplus was up by £451 to £4,753 and this had been allocated to the court sinking and the club hut provision fund. £18k is held in the funds.

The main reason for the increase in the operating surplus is due to an increase of subscriptions up by £541 to £4,306. Membership now stands at 144 members, made up of 91 adults and 53 juniors and split evenly 76 males and 68 females.

Richard Dawe proposed the accounts be adopted for 2016-17 this was seconded by Guy and everyone was in favour.

8. Chairman's Report

John said all members were included in the club and everyone was catered for whether they played for the leagues or not. He said the club is well respected in the county for that reason which was tremendous. He felt the committee had a lot to do with that but also the members and he thanked everyone for the parts they played. In stepping down from the committee he said he left it in safe hands.

The first proposal for the pavilion had been far too expensive and had been replaced by a much more affordable model, with a lot of work done by Guy and Robin. The planning had been resubmitted and once approved applications would be made for funding. He thanked member Peter Hibberd who had agreed to assist with the funding applications.

John said the funds were now open again and the specification was much more in line with the club's needs so hopefully this could move forward now.

In closing he wished everyone a happy season for 2017.

9. Subscriptions

The Committee confirmed that the subscriptions for 2017-18 would be held for another year:

- family cost would increase to £110 (£100 if paid before 31st May).
- adults would increase to £70 (£65 if paid before 31st May).
- junior fees would remain the same.
- there would be a 20% discount offered to new members on their first year - £80 for a family and £52 for an adult.

10. Coaching

The Treasurer confirmed that coaching costs for 2017-18 would remain unchanged.

11. Election of Officers and Committee

John said both he and Graham Baum were standing down from the committee but all other existing committee members had indicated they would be happy to continue. John said that Mike Manning would take over as Chair. He thanked everyone and confirmed the current committee members were Roger Bennett, Kathy O'Keeffe, Ann Russell, Mike Manning, Phill Primett, Guy Savage, Libby Bolton, James Beagles and Robin Notley and Nigel Warren who had agreed to join.

Vicky proposed the committee be re-elected and Jo seconded this, all were in favour.

Mike said that despite refusing the role when he was first asked, he would give it his best shot and he thanked Graham and Mike for their work.

John and Graham were given gifts in recognition of their support of the club and of their many years' service, 42 in Graham's case.

12. Wimbledon Draw

It was agreed the draw would take place after supper.

13. Any Other Business

Croyde - insufficient people had registered an interest in either date this year so it had been agreed to take a break and run the weekend again next year.

There was no further business and John thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10.