



**Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting  
Held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.00 pm at Upleadon Village Hall**

<b>Present:</b>	Graham Baum Roger Bennett John Giles Mike Manning	Kathy O’Keeffe Ann Russell Guy Savage Phill Primett
<b>In attendance:</b>	Matt Baum The Beagles Family Louise Bennett Tim Cook The Dawe Family Sue Giles	Robin Notley Garry O’Keeffe Sam Payne Nigel Russell Mark and Jane Spilsbury Liz Tillott

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

John welcomed everyone to the meeting. No apologies were received.

**2. Minutes of the 2015 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 Robin. All were in favour.

**3. Matters Arising - There were no matters arising.**

**4. Captain’s Report**

A team - No report was received but Roger said the team had finished last in the Premier Division and had been demoted to Division One.

B team - Phill reported the team had come within three points of finishing in second place and had won six matches, drawn six and lost three. Ten players had joined the team and they’d had a good season, Phill’s first as captain.

C team - Roger reported the team had finished second and were promoted to Division 3A - back to back promotions. It had been really close with two matches to go they could have gone up or down but they had won on points. They had used nine players, won seven matches, drawn three and lost two. Since the team was set up in 2012, they had come first twice, come second and third and been promoted three times. The team is now just one division below the B team and two behind the A team.

D Team - Mike said it had been a good year although after years of being beaten and having lost the first match 4-0 it looked like the trend would continue. Then after five matches they were top of the league. They were equal first or first and this went on till the last game which they won leaving the team in second place. They had to wait for the result of the last Frampton Match which ended in a draw and although both teams finished on the same number of points the D team lost because of one set difference. It was the best season ever for the team with ten players involved. Guy had won the club trophy for gaining the highest number of points in the league

Ladies Team - Liz said the team had played in division three and had an exciting end of the season which was down to the last match versus Oxstalls' B team for second place. It went down to a tie break, won by Caroline and Jo also giving the team back to back promotions, up to Division two this year. Liz thanked the team of Caroline, Jo, Kathy, Jayne and Karline. She said it was a very good year and the ladies have entered a B team so everything is on the up. There is also the benefit of having two new members joining the ladies A team.

Roger reported the three junior teams had done well, it was good experience for them and they finished in the middle. There will be two girls' and two boys' teams this year.

#### Mixed Winter League - A Team

Roger said the team had been promoted again to Division 2 after another close run race.

#### Mixed Winter League - B Team

Kathy said this was the winter mixed doubles B team's first year in the league and players included six men and eight ladies. They played ten matches, won three, drew two and came second in the other five which she said was a great achievement for a new team.

Although the weather was kind to them, she said it was still hard sometimes to get people to come out on a dark night and she thanked everyone who supported the B team in its inaugural season they were Tim, Mike, Olivia, Nigel, Ann, Libby, Roger, Paul, Karline and Jo. Special mentions went to Phill for playing so many of the matches and to Louise for stepping in at very short notice to ensure the match at Lydney wasn't cancelled.

The team came fifth, staying in Division 7 for the next winter season and she would be recruiting players in the autumn.

#### Club Competitions

Roger said the summer competitions would be drawn later that evening and 52 people were taking part this year, the highest number ever. He said the box leagues had struggled over the winter due to the weather and he was not going to run them again.

John thanked the captains for their reports.

### **5. Secretary's Report**

Kathy said it had been a busy year with six meetings, mainly discussing the pavilion and they had all been well attended by the committee but that had perhaps been down to holding them in the pub.

A number of social events were held, the highlights being the summer ball when live band Jagged Hands thoroughly entertained everyone following another delicious meal provided by Ann Russell. At the autumn quiz, there were nearly 80 people and Mike challenged everyone's little grey cells in his usual fashion. The fact that Dawn's team won was the subject of many discussions after the event but Mike assured her that he hadn't left the answers on the kitchen table on purpose, it was an accident! The puddings provided went down very well and she thanked everyone who had donated one.

She said it had been such a success that it had been decided to follow a similar theme for this autumn's event when Jagged Hands will be joining us again for an evening of live music and delicious desserts. Taking place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November at Redmarley Village Hall, there will be a bar and members will be asked again to donate puddings. She said it would be an opportunity to come along and dance, or just socialise whilst listening to some great live music and asked everyone to put the date in their diaries.

Finally she said another finals day will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September and she hoped it would be a nice day to bring along a picnic and watch some great tennis.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

Roger reported that subscriptions were up by £3,765, with 140 members having joined throughout the year, the highest number to date. He said the accounts showed a surplus of £4,300 against £3,859 last year. £1,200 had been made on social events up from £620 the previous year. Costs included two juniors, James Beagles and Josh Rule completing their level one coaching courses at a cost of £495 and the courts which had just been cleaned in readiness for repainting which would cost £4,800.

£3,750 had been transferred into the court sinking fund which now stood at £15,750 and £1,000 into the club house sinking fund which stood at £2,500. The total funds held were £18,800. Roger finished saying the accounts had been audited by Brian Parker.

John thanked Roger for his report. Guy proposed the accounts be accepted, this was seconded by Liz and all were in favour.

## **7. Chairman's Report**

John said it was amazing to see how much activity went on and how much tennis was played at the club. He said it came about because of the work people did behind the scenes and he thanked committee and particularly Roger and Kathy for their work.

He said the courts were being repainted on either Tuesday or Wednesday next week but play could resume the following Tuesday. As such the next Club Sunday would be postponed, the new date to be announced.

He said that applications had been made for a grant to repair Graham's court.

He announced the new logo which had been designed by John Rowe and which he said reflected the club's colours. This had been included on the revamped website which should be used as a notice board for the club's activities.

He said the club had always had a strong junior side and it had been decided to introduce a junior committee to represent their views and interests. This will be led by Phill and Garry.

John continued that at the last committee meeting a long discussion on continuity and succession planning for the future had taken place, particularly about the coaching side of things which he said was really important as it was the roots from which most things have grown.

Moving onto the club house, he said the committee had been rather taken aback by the figures received of around £250,000. As a result of that the committee had reverted to the initial thinking of a timber frame building, the cost of which had come back at £150,000. Grants are being sourced but unfortunately the main one, Inspired Facilities from Sports England was on hold at present which was a blow. John said the planning permission expires in November so he planned to ring Sport England to see what would be happening in future. He had also had an approach from Gloucestershire LTA with regard to help and was awaiting contact from their Facilities Manager. He said it would therefore be necessary to draw this to a conclusion in the near future.

In closing he wished everyone a happy season for 2016.

## **8. Subscriptions**

John said the committee had discussed this and felt that increases little and often were the way to go. He said the LTA recommended sinking fund for re-painting the courts hadn't covered the cost and the club couldn't rely on social events to raise funds so it was necessary to get some of the money from the tennis itself.

The Committee proposed the subscriptions for 2016-17 would be changed as follows:

- family cost would increase to £110 (£100 if paid before 31<sup>st</sup> May).
- adults would increase to £70 (£65 if paid before 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

John said comments had been received saying a member felt the rise in single membership was high in comparison with other fees, however, John said when taking advantage of the early payment discount, the single membership had not increased at all. He added that the family membership had gone up a little more than the adult fee.

Mark proposed the increase be accepted and Mike seconded this. It was agreed the fees were lower than a lot of other clubs but compared favourably with similar clubs without a club house. All were in favour and the increase was agreed.

## 9. Coaching

The Treasurer confirmed that coaching costs for 2016-17 would remain unchanged.

## 10. Election of Officers and Committee

John said Garry O'Keeffe was standing down from the committee but all other existing committee members had indicated they would be happy to continue. He thanked Garry for the work he'd done so far and for what he would do in the future with the Junior committee. John thanked everyone and Kathy confirmed the current committee members were John Giles, Roger Bennett, Kathy O'Keeffe, Graham Baum, Ann Russell, Mike Manning, Phill Primett, Guy Savage, Libby Bolton and James Beagles.

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

John asked if anyone else wished to become a member of the committee. Robin Notley volunteered and this was welcomed by the committee. John proposed Robin be accepted onto the committee and this was seconded by Guy. All were in favour and John thanked him and said he looked forward to working with him.

## 11. Wimbledon Draw

It was agreed the draw would take place after supper.

## 12. Any Other Business

John reminded everyone of the Croyde Bay weekend from 17 - 19<sup>th</sup> June saying places were still available.

He also reminded those present that Club Sundays would take place on the first Sunday of the month, however the next one on 1<sup>st</sup> May may have to be rescheduled if the courts are repainted. He said the calendar of events was available on website. *NB after the meeting the following dates were agreed for Club Sundays as previous dates had clashed with junior matches:*

22nd May  
26th June  
24th July

21st August  
25th September  
23rd October

There was no further business and John thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 19.38.