

Minutes of 2020 AGM of Bothwell Lawn Tennis Club

(Held at the club on 20th August 2020)

Present: R. Buchan (Treasurer), J. Dickson (Secretary), R.D'Silva (AGM Chair), K. McCreary, A Wilson, J. Gribben, J. Dalziel

1. Apologies: B. Dickson, E. Logan, D. Walker, S&J. Fox, J Hunter, T. Haldane, M. Strang, N. Rennie, T. Hart

2. Resignations: None

3. Appointment of 2020 AGM Chairman: R. D'Silva was proposed as Chair of the meeting.

4. Approve Minutes of March 2019 AGM: The minutes were approved.

5. Secretary's Report (less content this year given AGM was re-arranged)

Membership (2019/2020 Season)

2019/2020 membership of the club was 112 paid members:

Family – 52, Individual – 57, Junior – 3

During the season 2019/2020 we had 13 new members; 11 non-renewals / resignations.

2020 Club Tournie

Appetite for a mixed out the hat tournie to run now, finishing on finals day: Date TBC but sometime next month (Sept). Spectators will be welcomed on finals day but no catering given current Covid restrictions on groups. Calum Strang is happy to organise and a trophy will be organised this year if it does go ahead.

Facilitating play amongst members who don't know each other:

Roy suggested organising a **whats app group** for those interested, as a way to pick up games across a wider mix of members. Some members play a limited number of games as they don't know other members; this will allow people to get to know each other, to make up a 4 etc. If interested in joining this group, please contact Roy directly: 07443 638 258 or email dsilvar70@gmail.com

It was also suggested there might be enough demand for a **ladies' social afternoon** to be set up, again to allow those who don't know many members a way to meet others. Details to follow if this progresses.

Coaching

Coaching (foc) is starting up again on Monday 24th August; 7.15-8.15 for juniors 9+; 8.15-9.15 for adults, running 'til early Oct. This will be led by Ian Cannon. Covid restrictions mean only 4 adults can attend (junior numbers unrestricted). We will use Club Spark as the booking platform to manage the numbers. We will also use the system for Junior bookings

as this will allow us to 'track and trace' attendees. For 2021/2022 season, we will scope out adding a younger group session too (e.g. red/orange ball). Separate email to follow this week with coaching booking details.

Bothwell Community Council Grant

We were successful in our application to the community council Micro Grant scheme which was sourced via South Lanarkshire Council's Renewable Energy Fund. We were awarded £380, and aim to use this to fund junior coaching, junior nets, lighting etc for junior coaching. We may be able to reapply in 2021. Our thanks go to the Bothwell Community Council.

Lawn Tennis Association (LTA)

The Club has renewed its annual membership of the Lawn Tennis Association and Tennis Scotland. As part of this 9 pairs of Wimbledon tickets were allocated to the subsequently cancelled tournament.

Communications

All communications from the club are conducted via email and members must inform the secretary as soon as possible of any email changes so that the database can be updated.

Court Bookings

It was agreed that we will revert to booking slots of 1.5hrs, given the court demand has dropped substantially in recent weeks. Please do not book 2 consecutive periods for singles as is happening now. As a reminder, Junior and under-18 family members have restricted playing access and cannot book weekends and after 6pm weekdays. They are welcome to use the court at those times if it is free.

6. Treasurer's Report

The 2018-2019 accounts were approved by the auditor. The Treasurer also presented the club's Profit and Loss account and Balance sheet for the year ended March 20. In the year the club had generated a surplus of £3716.93 with subscriptions increasing to £7,880 from £7,545 in 2018-2019. The club's balance stood at £xx as of 31 March 2020.

7. Election of Secretary and Treasurer: J. Dickson & R. Buchan re-elected.

8. AOB

- Thanks to Isabel Macmillan for auditing the accounts.
- Court Maintenance: K.McCreary & N.Rennie will continue to facilitate 2xp.a. visits from Ecosse.
- Fire extinguisher for club house (and annual maintenance): K.McCreary volunteered for this.

- New members' admission this season: was agreed that whilst court demand has significantly dropped, we won't admit new members this year as evenings are still under demand.
- Leaf clear: In October/November there is a lot of work involved in clearing leaves from the court. It was agreed an email will be circulated suggesting times for people to meet and do a group clear up in the autumn.
- Investigate LEDs: A.Wilson will investigate the cost of replacing the floodlights with LED floodlights.
- Additional committee member(s): Will be raised at 2021 AGM, but J.Dickson commented that there is a lot of work associated with the club that falls to the treasurer and secretary. It would be appreciated if we could have a couple more volunteers to help with things such as the fence/floodlights needing changed etc. Share the load a little.

9. Proposed Agenda Items for the 2021 AGM:

- a. Maintenance of Court and Facilities
- b. Expanding the Club Committee
- c. Setting of 2020-2021 Membership Fees – Family, Individual, Junior
- d. Payment of Subs Deadline and reconnection fee
- e. Membership Total Limit
- f. Waiting List
- g. Guest policy
- h. Club Spark booking system limitations
- i. Update Booking system requirements to reflect higher usage juniors, family bookings, consecutive bookings etc
- j. Club Nights
- k. Bothwell Community Grant – possible renewal and other available SLC grants
- l. Coaching Arrangements
- m. Date of Open Day/Club Tournament
- n. Tournament Trophies
- o. Wimbledon Ballot
- p. Adjacent Property Update (if relevant)
- q. AGM attendance
- r. Local Schools contact outcome
- s. Volunteers needed for possible:
 - Upgrade FOB system
 - New website pages
 - LED floodlights
 - Leaf clearance