

**Bishophthorpe Tennis Club**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting**  
**Wednesday 18 November 2015**

**Present**

Jo Bewley [Chair]; Jane Parkin; Julia Sykes; Ellie Page; Georgina MacKenzie; Sue Hanley, Katie Harvey; Kathryn Dickinson; David Moore; Laura Rhodes; Heather Fish; John Coop; John and Janet Petler.

**1. Apologies**

Graham Kennedy; Krysia Clack; Linda Moore; Marion Burgess; Sue Clayton; Justine Hamilton; James Parker; Sam Watson; Alan Wilkinson; Andrene Watson;

**2. Minutes from Meeting 19 November 2014**

Accepted as a true record

**3. Matters Arising**

It was confirmed that the subscriptions had not been increased in 2015

**4. Chairman's report**

Jo began her report describing the impact on us all of the sudden death of Helen Williams. Helen was a vibrant, active member of the club who took on many roles for the benefit of the club. She is, and will continue to be so sadly missed. On behalf of the club Jo wished to record our sincere condolences to Rob, Lucy and Joshua through this incredibly difficult time.

The group discussed how the club could remember Helen on a more permanent basis. Jo agreed to discuss this with Rob.

Regarding the tennis that had been played, Jo reported the successes of the club during the season, with three teams gaining promotion. The tournaments had also been successful, although it was acknowledged that these needed to be planned more in advance this coming year.

Thanks to Marion for arranging the ladies friendly matches on Saturday afternoons. Thanks also to Ellie for organising the Bubble sessions on a Sunday evening in the Autumn. Both had been well received.

Finally Jo thanked everyone who had helped out in any way with the club this year: to the Captains, to our Committee members and to everyone willing to do 'their bit' for the club

**5. Treasurer's report**

Jo thanked David Moore for agreeing to step into the role of Treasurer this year. David submitted the accounts for 2015, thanking Ellie for her support with these during this year and his son Alex's help in pulling the accounts together.

The unaudited accounts showed that receipts were slightly increased compared to 2014, although in part this was due to a one-off council grant which had supported additional coaching sessions. Whilst membership was the same as the previous

year, it was disappointing to note that receipts from adult coaching sessions were almost a third lower than 2014 [this is discussed later in the meeting]. However, there had been no significant spending this year, therefore overall assets had increased in the year.

It was acknowledged that further capital spending would be needed in future years. Alan had kindly agreed to pull together a plan for future likely spending.

## **6. Team Captain Reports**

- **Men's 1<sup>st</sup>. Captain: James Parker**  
It had been challenging in Division IV, but the team had been strong and had finished third. Thanks to Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> team for their support.
- **Men's 2<sup>nd</sup>. Captain: John Coop**  
Despite winning a couple of matches the team had finished at the bottom of their division. However, the fixtures had offered men the opportunity to get match practice, especially the younger players, and the team had still enjoyed their games.
- **Mixed 1<sup>st</sup>. Captain: Jane Parkin.**  
The team had gained promotion this year. Although they won 5 matches, it was not enough to prevent relegation to Division 3 next year. Jane paid tribute to Rob who had continued to play some matches during the year.
- **Mixed 2<sup>nd</sup>. Captain: Andrene Watson**  
Thanks to Andrene for taking on the Captaincy following Helen's untimely death. The team had managed to gain promotion by the end of the season.
- **Mixed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Captain: Alan Wilkinson**  
A good and enjoyable season
- **Mixed 4<sup>th</sup>. Captain: Paul Lewis**  
Thanks to everyone for their support during the season. The team gained promotion - on points! – at the end of the season.
- **Ladies 1<sup>st</sup>. Captain: Laura Rhodes.**  
It had been a good season where the team had had new players who had enjoyed the opportunity to play at a higher level. The team had gained promotion although had just missed out on the chance of becoming Division Champions. They look forward to Division 1 next year!
- **Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup>. Captain: Kathryn Dickinson**  
Kathryn notes the terrible shock the team had felt following the death of Helen Williams. This year the team had hoped for promotion but ended up in third regular, smaller squad. They looked forward to gaining promotion next year!
- **Friendlies.**  
Thanks to Marion for arranging these sessions. Although successful it was reported that fewer people were available to play towards the end of the season. It was agreed that we should continue to offer similar matches next year. One suggestion of 'tennis and tea' was very well supported. Suggested £2 fee

Thanks were made to the Selection Committee who had done a good job despite difficult decisions that had to be made. It was agreed that we should start the 2016 selection process earlier this next year. It was also agreed that any disagreements needed to be resolved before the start of the match season and get the pairings confirmed if possible in time for the match practice sessions.

## **7. Tournament Reports**

Thanks to Jane for taking on the coordination of many of these matches and to everyone else who helped run these sessions.

<b>Spring Cup:</b>	Ellie Page and Paul Lewis
<b>Floss Slack:</b>	Sarah Mawby and Tom Myers
<b>Fukaya Trophy:</b>	Ellie Page and Alan Wilkinson
<b>Senior/junior trophy</b>	Jackie Mason and Tim Brown
<b>Junior Trophy</b>	Dan Elliott
<b>Ian Mackie</b>	Lee Kirkland
[as chosen by coach Damian Galloway]	
<b>Men's Doubles:</b>	Sam Watson and David Moore
<b>Ladies Doubles:</b>	Ellie Page and Sue Clayton
<b>Ladies' Singles:</b>	Ellie Page
<b>Alternative ladies:</b>	Sarah Mawby.
<b>Men's Singles:</b>	Chris Sharples

## **8. Coaching**

### Junior Coaching

Thank you to Rob for taking on this responsibility at the start of the season. The juniors had welcomed the opportunity to have the 4<sup>th</sup> session available [which had been funded by the council's grant]. In reality it was only used by the experienced juniors. It was acknowledged that the third session had been very popular and ?over subscribed, but it was considered that this was still enjoyed by junior members. Some more specific focus on tennis skills would be appreciated.

No-one attending the meeting had received any feedback as to how well the 'icanplaytennis' coaching had been.

It was agreed that a 4<sup>th</sup> junior coaching session would not be planned this coming year.

### Adult Coaching

Disappointingly, the numbers attending the adult coaching sessions were considerably less than those in previous years. The reasons for this were unclear. Jo had put out a request for feedback from those who had used these sessions, as well as the junior coaching. Three people had replied and Jo would feed these comments back to Damian.

It was agreed that the coaching fee should be increased to £3 per session this year. The sessions should be 1.5 hours, running April to the beginning of July.

Those attending the match practice training sessions reported how well these had been valued. It was agreed that we could explore this option again in 2016.

## **9. Social Secretary's report**

The 2015 annual dinner was again a great success and thanks once again to Julia for organising. The date for the next dinner will be the 6<sup>th</sup> February.

## **10. Election of officials**

The following people were nominated and seconded in their roles:

Chair	Jo Bewley
Treasurer	David Moore.
Membership Secretary	Georgina MacKenzie
Minute Secretary	Jo Bewley
Match Secretary	Sam Watson
Social Secretary	Julia Sykes
Tournaments	To be agreed
Junior coaching coordinator	This role was still required
Committee members	Laura Rhodes
	Jane Parkin
	Alan Wilkinson
	James Parker

## **11. 2016 Annual Subscription**

It was agreed that fees should remain the same as 2014

It was reported that the new membership fee for 1 Adult and 2 children had been well received and that this would continue in 2016.

## **12. Any other business**

### **12.1 Bubble sessions**

Everyone has really appreciated having this option through the winter months. Thanks to Ellie for organising

### **12.2. Gardener**

The gardener we used to use had now retired. A new gardener would be sought.

### **12.3 Spring clean**

It was recognised that this had been a successful event this year and would be repeated prior to the start of next season.