

Buxton Tennis Club: Annual General Meeting :
7.00pm Tuesday 6th April on Zoom

Present: Steve Thompson, Anne Thompson, Allan Ramsay, Kate Tagg, Carol Bassett, Sally Gould, Carol Taylor, Dan Osborne, Catherine Reeds, Mike Badman

1.0 Apologies

None

2.0 Minutes of 2020 AGM

Accepted without any matters arising

3.0 Reports of chair, secretary, membership secretary

Chair: things have looked healthy on the playing side when play has been allowed. Division of accounts into sinking fund in response to suggestions by Jek Jacobs.

Secretary: reported on a zoom with Kate King at which a number of clubs had reported increase in membership

Membership secretary: 76 senior members (29 new members last year) 36 juniors (same as last year). Shaun is carrying a range of activities including tennis camps, and has done a leaflet drop at local schools. Income from membership fees was static, presumably because we lost some full-fee members and compensated with new half-fee members. Mike Badman suggested running a Sunday afternoon club session for new members, potential members and people who are not yet confident about Saturday club sessions. Sessions will be run initially by MB.

4.0 Treasurer's report and presentation of accounts

Dan Osborne went briefly through the details of the accounts and in particular the sinking fund. The proposal that £7500 be transferred from the general account to the sinking fund was accepted by the meeting. There was a brief discussion of how long the courts would last before resurfacing, but no-one was sure. It was suggested by Anne Thompson that frequent cleaning is potentially detrimental and that regular moss cleaning is the most we should commit to. Steve Thompson noted that the umbrella club received a COVID-related support grant which meant that there is no need to pay the management fee this year.

5.0 Subscriptions 2021-22

It was agreed that fee levels should be as agreed at the 2020 AGM. There was an ad hoc decision during the year to reduce fee levels to take account of the time lost during lockdown, but the agreement was that the fees would be set at the level agreed at the previous AGM not at the reduced level that was actually applied. It was proposed and agreed that there should be a reduced rate for parents of primary school children who wanted to play with their children but were not ready to join as full members, and that juniors should have their fees reduced.

Standard adult: £100 (£110 if paid after 1 May)

New adult member: £50

Family: (2 adults+ any number of children under 18) £200 (£220 after 1 May)

New family: (2 adults and up to 3 children) £100

Concession (student 18-21 / unemployed) £40

Junior: (under 18 and still at school) £15

Country (available to members who live at least 10 miles from Buxton): £55

Visitor: £4.00 per visit (max 3 visits)

Parent of primary school children £15 to play just with their children

These fee levels include a reduction of the junior membership, to take account of the interruptions from COVID last year (the senior rate was cut for the year, but the junior rate was not). This reduction should be revisited at the next AGM.

6.0 Coaching

Catherine Reeds reported that junior coaching last year was successful and that parents were happy. Shaun is actively promoting junior tennis. Carol Taylor flagged that coaching sessions for new members were valuable for people who were taking the game up, at least partly because it allowed them to play with other new players.

7.0 Teams

There was a discussion of the appointment of the mixed captain, and it was agreed that team captains need to be actively playing on the teams and to be able to communicate via email or other electronic means. It was proposed that Kate Tagg would take on this role. Allan Ramsay will contact Lin Robinson to discuss this change. Sally Gould will be the ladies' captain, Andy Storer will be men's but only while teams have only two pairs.

8.0 Election of officers and committee for 2021-22

The officers were all re-elected (Steve Thompson chair, Dan Osborne treasurer, Allan Ramsay secretary, Anne Thompson membership secretary). The remaining members of the committee agreed to continue, and Carol Taylor and Carol Bassett also agreed to join.

There was some discussion of having junior members on the committee, but it was agreed that having committee members (Catherine Reeds, Carol Taylor, Mike Badman) who are in regular touch with junior members was a better way of paying attention to their requirements than forcing them to come to committee meetings.

9.0 Any other business

Sally Gould raised the question of bin collection. Allan Ramsay pointed out that our bin is emptied into the main bin at the pavilion and that having it collected directly would be extremely costly. Carol Taylor suggested having no bin, which was accepted by the AGM with the proviso that the current bin be kept in reserve.

Sally Gould suggested having a club tournament on the second Sunday of the month, which was again accepted by the AGM.
