

# Ham and Petersham Lawn Tennis Club

## Minutes from AGM – 22nd September 2016

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Attending: 24 members

### Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

Match results and teams now displayed in the Clubhouse.

Bonfire night not held due to Insurance restrictions

Trees have been cut back and a security light fitted to the gate to improve access to the Club.

### Coaching Report:

Mary Harper and James Kober provided a coaching report. Aegon teams were well represented and performed well overall – the club had 11 junior teams and 2 adult teams.

James added that the men's team had performed as follows:

Summer league 2015 – winners

Summer knockout Surrey – winners

Mixed summer leagues – winners

Team made up of Alex May, Niklas Weber, James Kober, Zino Arbane, Jake. Mixed team made up of James, Alex, Zino, Elizabeth Kober, and Sarah Jackson. All attending commented long may it continue. The men's team is in Division 10 Winter league in division 15 and summer league in division 9 – heading upwards but working with Surrey LTA to achieve faster promotion.

Ladies team, captained and organised by Marcia Stibora has joined the Winter Surrey league and did well in their first season. Both Men's and Ladies teams also plan to enter the Aegon league

*ACTION POINT:* James suggested that we have a trophy cabinet.

### Chairman Report:

Martin Adams provided a report. Sad news that Roy Law, a great friend of the Club has died. He was our Membership secretary and ran the web site. We are fortunate that Ralph Ford is now handling membership and Steve Hayes has created a redesigned and readily accessible web site.

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It has been an excellent year for the Club which will be covered by various reports. Our Head Coach JP stood down in January and has been replaced by Mary Harper, with James Kober as Head of Performance

Clive Clavering has continued to develop and manage the Clubhouse, with a new changing room section and bike racks. Clive has put forward some ideas for future development including portable or fitted floodlights. The grounds look excellent.

Sally Bruce has organised several American Tournaments and David Guest keeps a tight control over our finances

#### Finance Report:

DG provided with up to date accounts. Possible contingency for trees and roots, court repainting, nets replaced, deal with the tree by court 1. LTA repayment has 2 years left (£2k every 6 months) and if we offer Grade 6 tournaments – could take £350. Income £11940 Expenditure £9482 including £4000 to the LTA loan repayment.

Recommendation for subscriptions to remain the same, with a sliding scale if people joined midway in the year. 19-28 year olds were to be offered a special rate to encourage them to remain with the club. Change to the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March – was 1<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> April. Due to demands for courts the club could consider asking Grey Court School to use before 5pm if we had a justifiable reason – we need to be reasonable with our requests as they contribute 50% towards major maintenance costs

*ACTION POINTS:* Membership is at capacity so to be selective with membership – if becomes an issue to create a waiting list. GA requested a single adult and child rate.

#### Membership Secretary:

Numbers are slightly almost identical to last year: coaches are chasing for outstanding memberships – if not paid cannot enter Wimbledon Ballot draw.

#### Clubhouse:

Sid has helped with the grounds for the last year – huge asset. Consider either mini courts or 2 more courts to share with Grey Court School with available space. Other possible considerations are – fencing off the pavilion for security, cycle racks, veranda, changing area and signs. Now a large screen TV installed and licensed

*ACTION POINTS:* New fridge needed, also Solar lights for night time; alternative security for door and windows (depending on insurance); fresh coat of paint; trees cut back; score boards and replacing sofas (fire risk). Finally, look into WiFi.

Committee Voting and Election of Officers:

All current officers we re-elected:

Chair – Martin Adams

President – George Helyer

Secretary – Gill Arcane

Secretary Social – Sally Bruce

Secretary Membership – Ralph Ford

Treasurer – David Guest

Webmaster – Steve Hayes

All roles to be agreed and finalised at the next meeting

Any other business:

Barbara requested that there could be a guarantee on one court for members on a Sunday all day – i.e. protected members time – to be considered by the committee.

Could members could buy tennis balls through the club - it was agreed this could be arranged if needed. There are to be club balls for social tennis available and have a recycled box for tennis balls.

The meeting closed around 9.10pm