

Minutes of Oadby (Granville) Tennis and Social Club's 73rd Annual General Meeting held on Monday 28th October 2019 at 7.00 p.m. in the clubhouse

Present : Simon Leavy (Chairman), Martin Burch (Vice Chair), Sue Lester (Secretary), Paul Handford (Treasurer), Gary van der Byl (Membership), Louise Mehmet (Social), George Milne (Juniors), Alex Brown (Projects), Niall Bruce (Tennis Secretary), Derek Buchanon (Clubhouse), John Welsford (Bar), Ben Minski (Head Coach), Zaheed Essof (Assistant Coach), Richard Bell, Sue Bell, Angela Bewick, Pippa Braint, Harish Chauhan, Sheila Colver, Paula Cummings, Katie England, Jenni Lucas, Mike Minski, Adrian Pawsey, Jayne Stephenson, Chris Turner, Steph Wood.

1. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman, Simon Leavy, welcomed members to the AGM.

2. Apologies for absence

Dick and Chris Belcher, John Braint, Geoff Cramp, Alison Cryer, Diane Zarins.

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 2018 AGM

Proposed by Adrian Pawsey, Seconded by Paul Heighton Towers.
The Minutes were accepted.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes

5. Chairman's Report

Simon Leavy presented his report to the meeting (copy filed)

6. Committee Reports

The reports had been made available to members ahead of the AGM.
There were no questions.

7. Acceptance of Accounts

A question was asked about the Tennis Leicestershire fee. Paul Handford explained that this is for affiliation to the LTA (based on an amount per court) plus a fee for entering all OGTC senior/junior teams.

A question was asked about the slight reduction in fund raising. Louise Mehmet replied that there had been fewer events this year/reduced income from catering at the club tournament.

A question was asked about whether income from the 2 Ratings Tournaments went into Tennis rather than Fundraising. This was confirmed.

The acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Martin Burch, seconded by Katie England. Accounts accepted.

8. Election of committee for 2019/20

Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Martin Burch	Chris Turner	James McKechnie
Vice Chair	Adrian Pawsey	James McKechnie	Chris Turner
Secretary	Sue Lester	Jenny Howse	Rakesh Bali
Treasurer	Paul Handford	Steve Colver	Mike Addison
Tennis Secretary	Niall Bruce	Katie England	Sheila Colver
Membership	Gary van der Byl	Ben O'Connor Minski	Zaheed Essof
Social	Louise Mehmet	Jayne Stephenson	Gail Pick
Juniors	George Milne	Erin Langham	Rosie Horne
Grounds	Paul H-Towers	Jo Burch	Ben Minski
Clubhouse	Derek Buchanon	Martin Burch	Ben Minski
Bar	John Welsford	Katie England	Chris Turner
Projects/Funding	Alex Brown	Ben Minski	Zaheed Essof

The election of the committee en bloc was proposed by Jacquie Greenwood, seconded by Tim Greenwood. The new committee was duly elected.

Sue Lester thanked Simon Leavy for all his work doing his 2 years as Chairman.

9. Handover to new committee

The new Chairman, Martin Burch, then took over the meeting.

10. Election of team captains for 2020

The following nominations had been received: -

Summer League: Men's/Ladies' teams

Team	Captain	Proposed	Seconded
Men's 1st	Ben Minski	Zaheed Essof	Gary van der Byl
Men's 2nd			
Men's 3rd			

Men's 4th			
Men's 5th			
Ladies' 1st			
Ladies' 2nd			
Ladies' 3rds	Gail Pick	Jenni Lucas	Sue Lester
Ladies' 4ths	Di Zarins	Sue Platt	Jo Burch
Ladies' 5ths			

Mixed, Team (Aegon) & Vets Teams

Team	Captain	Proposed	Seconded
Mixed 1			
Mixed 2	Jenny Howse	Gary van der Byl	
Mixed 3			
Men's Vets 1	John Braint	Gary van der Byl	Martin Burch
Men's Vets 2	Paul Heighton - Towers	Martin Burch	John Welsford
Super Vets			
Ladies' Vets 1	Steph Wood	Sheila Colver	
Ladies' Vets 2			
Team Tennis			
Men's 1			
Men's 2			
Ladies' 1			

The acceptance of the nominated captains was proposed by Katie England, seconded by Jacquie Greenwood.

11. Any other business

The first matter raised was why, given the lack of interest in team tennis (suggested by the low number of nominations for captains), does the club have so many teams? This had been asked previously in an email, but it was felt that a proper answer had not been received. The Constitution states that no one player has court priority, so why should team players? There was also concern about members having to move courts for matches. The £2 for court hire for coaching was questioned. Team players don't pay a hire fee/are being subsidised. This was felt to be unfair. Courts for matches meant that one fixed four player/group had lost 20% of court time during the match season.

Martin Burch replied that there were several separate points raised. In response, firstly, Alex Brown has offered to update the Constitution. He agreed that moving courts needs to be done in a reasonable and decent manner. The allocation of courts for matches has been already discussed by the committee and is mentioned in the Tennis Secretary's committee report.

One long standing member said teams are often over-subscribed/captaincy vacancies at this point in the year. There was a comment that, over the years, there have often been requests for extra teams. More court space has been created on Tuesday/Thursday evenings by the current Match Secretary than in previous years. Sue Lester reported that she had spoken to the member referred to regarding fixed four bookings. George Milne reported that the £2 court hire payment was required by HMRC as evidence as self-employment. Coaches decide the client fee.

There was a suggestion that there should be fewer teams and more box leagues. Singles box leagues are already in operation, but Ben would try a doubles box league as well. It was commented that there was a decline in social tennis. One member felt that any club affiliated to the LTA would be expected to provide courts for matches at no charge to those playing. It was commented that Leicestershire TC have 15 teams and 18 courts. In response, it was mentioned that other local clubs are smaller and more apt comparisons. If there were fewer teams, members might go elsewhere.

Martin Burch said the Committee would inform members of match dates as early as possible. Sue Lester mentioned that the committee had carried out a full analysis of court allocation May-August and gave examples from this. Gary van der Byl will check match fees/ball costs alongside Tennis Leicestershire league entry fees.

It was commented that non team events had been popular/there were non team options. Returning to an earlier point, Martin Burch explained that were occasionally cancellations of matches at the last minute. In addition, it was added that clubs don't always inform us if there aren't bringing a full team/there are sometimes last minute issues affecting players being able to get to a match. Niall Bruce explained that the club used to leave Mondays/Wednesdays free because of social mix ins but now all 4 days are being used. During the working day it isn't always possible to unbook a court if there is a cancellation. There will always be high demand Monday-Thursday evenings due to the club having 10 men's/ladies' teams. Vets/Mixed team matches

have more flexibility (weekends or evenings), so more courts can be left free in July/August. Courts are generally available on Saturday/Sunday for fixed fours if flexibility is possible. It was asked why other teams can't play at a weekend. It was explained that men's/ladies' league matches must be played Monday – Friday evenings, according to Tennis Leicestershire rules.

Sue Lester reported that an apology was given to the member whose court was cancelled. She was only aware of 3 occasions when there had been any issue re courts. With 26 teams playing home/away matches, a considerable amount of administration is required. It was commented that there had been issues on more than 3 occasions. One member questioned whether there was really a problem. She felt the Committee managed court allocation during the match season very well and thanked them for the time and effort they all put into managing the club as volunteers.

The AGM closed at 7.55

An informal forum followed.