

Hanney Tennis Club
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Held on Monday 17 February 2020
In the Olde Hanney Room, Hanney Village Hall

Present: David Corps, Sarah Kitt, Jackie Simpson, Joe Winkley, Stephen Prew, Rich Strange, Bridget Taylor, Jim Gulliver, Jenny Corps, Oliver Cornish, Paul Haines, John Culley, Mike Hutchings, Helen Evans, Jan Lewtas, Gill Thompson, Rich Lonnon and the Newman family.

Apologies: Gill Parry, Clive Fewins, Trevor Russell, Tom Bradshaw and David Gahan.

Presentations

- **Junior Award.** Stephen Prew gave an update on coaching, which is currently going well, and then presented the Junior Award to Olivia Newman. Stephen praised Olivia for always giving 100 percent effort. He is grateful to the club for encouraging promising juniors to attend adult club sessions. Georgia Newman thanked Stephen on behalf of the junior players.
- The **Classic Player of the Year** was awarded to Gill Parry in recognition of her services to Cardio Tennis. David will present this award when Gill returns from holiday.
- The **Ted Carter Trophy** was presented to Joe Winkley.

Matters Arising from the Last AGM:

Any matters arising to be discussed further down this meeting's agenda.

Chairman's Report

David presented the Chair's report (attached to these minutes).

Treasurer's Report

Jackie provided a print-out of the current state of accounts (attached). She noted that there was a surplus of just over £5,000 and that there was enough in the funds to pay for resurfacing. Membership is static in terms of income. Income from Premier Tennis is high but this is because outstanding invoices from last year have now been paid. We have been running on estimated bills for electricity, but a meter reading has now been taken and the direct debit is now down to a more normal level. Expenditure for cardio tennis has gone up since Premier Tennis has taken over. We have always accepted that cardio tennis will run at a loss but it has been a good way of attracting new members. Expenditure on tennis balls is almost matched by payments we receive for recycling them.

Safeguarding Report

Jackie noted that there have been no issues this year. She has made contact with the Safeguarding Officer at Wantage Tennis Club and the two clubs are working in concert. Jackie is happy to continue as Safeguarding Officer for another year. She is more than happy to have some help but any volunteer would need to undergo LTA training.

Membership Report

Jackie presented her report on membership. Data management is much easier now that we are using Clubspark. We are currently running a dual system with a paper-based form. Membership has been static over the year. We currently have around 110 adult members but have problems monitoring the number of juniors because some are subsumed into family memberships. The committee is currently investigating the numbers of juniors.

Team Captain's Reports

John Culley, David Corps and Jenny Corps presented their reports (attached to these minutes). David encouraged anyone who wished to play in the teams to mention this at Sign-up Sunday.

Coaching

Stephen Prew covered coaching at the start of the meeting. It was noted that Ed Izard has taken over from Andy Aitken as Club Liaison Coach.

Club Sessions

Mike Hutchings' report is attached. The committee has already discussed putting on another club session in the summer because the Tuesday night session got very busy for six or so weeks last summer.

Friendly Match Report

Mike's report is attached to these minutes. It was noted that Mike is standing down as Friendly Match Coordinator, but would be happy to help out if required. There was some discussion about the popularity of friendlies. Many clubs don't appear to be so interested in taking part now.

Maintenance Report

Rich Lonnon presented his report (attached to these minutes).

Cardio Tennis Report

David Corps presented Gill Parry's report on Cardio Tennis (attached to these minutes).

At this point the committee stood down. Mike Hutchings is standing down as Vice Chair and all present thanked him for his work on the Committee. Jackie is standing down as Membership Secretary but is happy to continue as Treasurer and Safeguarding Officer. All other Committee Members were happy to stand for another year. Jenny Corps is happy to take over as Membership Secretary.

There was a vote on the proposed committee (**Proposed:** Mike Hutchings and **Seconded:** John Culley) which was agreed by all present

It was noted that the committee is now comprised as follows:

- David Corps - Chairman
- Jackie Simpson - Treasurer and Safeguarding Officer
- Jenny Corps - Membership Secretary
- Sarah Kitt - Secretary
- Richard Lonnon - Maintenance Lead and Tournament Director
- Tom Bradshaw - Clubspark Admin and Web Site

David stressed that the committee would welcome new members.

Membership Fees

The committee proposed a 5 percent rise which, with the 2 percent charge for payments through Clubspark's Stripe system, will only amount to a 3 percent increase for the club. It was noted that the membership fees are broadly similar to those of neighbouring clubs. We need to ensure that we have an adequate sinking fund to cover running costs such as court painting etc. The proposed membership fees are as follows:

Family - from £140 to £147

Single Adult - from £65 to £68

Senior, Unemployed and Students - from £30 to £32

Juniors - from £22 to £23

Mini Juniors - from £12 to £13

Those present agreed the new fees (**Proposed:** Helen Evans and **Seconded:** Rich Lonnon).

Items for Discussion

Court Resurfacing

The finances were not in a healthy enough shape last year to contemplate resurfacing, but we can now look at resurfacing and retrofitting LED lights at the same time. As the latter will necessitate heavy plant being brought in, it makes sense to do the lighting first. David Corps will submit a planning enquiry for the lights. The aim is to get the courts resurfaced in September after the tournament. If the weather is not good enough for repainting then the courts would need temporary lines painted until the conditions permit the following year. There was some discussion as to whether the club might seek some kind of corporate sponsorship to help towards the resurfacing. It was noted that some club members are prepared to make interest free loans, but this would affect the sinking fund as the loans are repaid.

Energy

The possibility of switching to a green energy supplier was discussed. Jenny Corps volunteered to investigate. Jackie will supply Jenny with some recent bills for comparison. All present were in favour of switching to renewable energy. There was some discussion as to the need to consider how we clean the courts, but David said that the current soap-based method was not a cause for concern.

Tournament Date

The Committee proposed that finals day be on Sunday 6 September. It was felt that the first deadline for matches should be earlier than last year's so that matches don't run out of time towards the later stages. The cut off date for entries will be 17th April.

Dates for Next Year

- Sign Up Day - 29 March
- Adult/Junior Tournament - 5 April
- Tournament Entry deadline - 17 April
- Wimbledon and Club Tournament draw – 19 April
- Nature Valley British Tennis Weekend – 17 May
- American Tournament – 7 June
- Hedge Cutting – 19 or 26 July (if wet)
- Club Finals Day - 6 September
- Festive Club Night – 22 December
- Detox Club Session – 26 December 10am
- AGM - 15 February 2020

Membership Card

There was some discussion about whether the cards are now necessary. It was decided to print a few for those who still want one.

Any Other Business

There was some more discussion about the costs of resurfacing. Some present felt it might make the club financially vulnerable but others felt that we would be equally vulnerable by not resurfacing. Those present agreed that we should proceed with retrofitting the lights and resurfacing the courts (**Proposed:** Mike Hutchings and **Seconded:** Paul Haines).

Chair's Report for Hanney Tennis Club AGM 17th February 2020

I have now completed my first year as Chair and I'm glad to report that it has been a relatively uneventful year for Hanney Tennis Club. We will be hearing reports of our club activities shortly, so I won't dwell on those in my report, suffice to say the need to get our courts resurfaced is now pressing, with Court 2 showing signs of significant wear, I hope we will have sufficient funds this year to achieve this and also change our metal halide lighting to LED lighting which will be more environmentally friendly.

We took part in the Nature Valley Big Tennis Weekend on Sunday 2nd June. A big thank you to Andy Aitken and Stephen Prew who ran the coaching sessions throughout the morning that included; Family Fun, Junior Tennis, Adult Tennis and Cardio Tennis sessions. It proved to be very popular and attracted a number of new families and individuals, who have subsequently joined Hanney Tennis Club. I would like to express my gratitude to Mark Razzell for the wonderful selection of sandwiches and sausage rolls that he provided and to all the club members who provided cakes.

I would like to thank the committee for their support this year and particular thanks to Jackie Simpson who undertook the roles of Welfare Officer, Treasurer and Membership Secretary. Jackie has decided to stand down as membership secretary this year but to continue in her other roles. I would also like to thank Rich Lonnon for his patience as Tournament Director, and the thankless task he had chasing players to get their matches played. The Club Tournament in early September worked well, and the committee propose that we keep with the September Tournament for a further year. The date for your diaries is Finals Day on Sunday 6th September. Please do support the club tournament by entering the competition and coming along to support the finalists on Finals Day.

Rich Lonnon has also helped with club maintenance during the year, and the later than usual hedge trimming at the end of July worked well and the hedge still looks great – thank you to everyone who helped with the hedge trimming. The committee propose we continue with hedge trimming towards the end of July – another date for your diaries is Hedge Trimming on Sunday 19th July (or if wet Sunday 26th July).



HANNEY TENNIS CLUB

Balance Sheet from 1 Feb 2019-31 Jan 2020

Current date 01/02/2020
 Funds b/fwd 1/2/2019 £24,777

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Membership Subs. & keys	5778	Clubhouse Maintenance	74
Matches	220	Court & Exterior Maintenance	21
Premier Tennis	1208	Electricity	1025
Tournament	45	Match Fees	30
Light Fees	165	Club Tournament	94
Guests	18	Rent & Rates	181
Donations/Grants	0	LTA Affiliation	220
Bank Interest	0	Cardio Tennis	425
Cardio	245	AGM Expenses	30
Admin & Transfers	0	Admin Expenses	99
Misc	98	Tennis Balls	145
Total	£7,777		£2,344

Surplus for year £5,433 30210

Cash 160
 Current a/c 30516
 Deposit a/c 40
 Carter Allen a/c 0

Current Funds £30,716

Mens Winter League Div 5 2018/2019

We played 9 games and we finished 7th out of 10 so just managed to avoid relegation. It was another season of mixed results as a result of not always being able to field our strongest team. Once again I would like to thank all those who played and especially those who stepped in at the last moment when I rang round on a Friday night still trying to find a player.

Mens Summer League Div 5 2019

We played 7 games and we finished 3rd. It is a pleasant change to report we actually battled at the top end of the table a first for a few years. This was a result of being able to field strong pairs for most games. We needed to win 6 sets in the last match against close rivals Kingston Bagpuise who also could of gained promotion if they beat us convincingly. Sadly we only managed to win 5-3 which was a great effort but not quite enough to gain the 3rd promotion spot. The frustrating fact was that we lost the promotion by 1 point which we had sadly been deducted for not being able to field two pairs in a previous match. Still it was a nice change to at least be competing at the right end of the table. Thanks as always to everyone who played.

Mens Winter League Div 5 2019/2020

We have played 7 games so far this season with 2 games to go. We are in 6th place at the moment with 26 points. Unfortunately we lost Darren in November with tennis elbow and he has not played since as he wants to be fit for his table tennis. Hopefully we will see him back soon. We should hopefully finish mid table. Thanks to all the players I have used this season.

John Culley

17/02/20

Team Reports for Hanney Tennis Club AGM 17th February 2020

Men's B Team – Winter League Div 6 2018/2019

10 different players played in 9 matches over the winter season, winning 1, drawing 1 and losing 5. We finished in 7th place out of 10, just avoiding relegation by 2 points.

Men's B Team – Summer League Div 11 2019

11 different players played in just 6 matches, winning 5 and drawing 1. We finished equal top with Cholsey – but by virtue of beating them in our first match of the season, we finished top of the division. A great result for the Men's B Team – more so because we had lost Joe Davis to the Men's A Team and Mick Evans, a stalwart of the Men's B Team for many years, retired from playing tennis.

Men's B Team – Winter Div 6 2019/2020

In contrast to last summer – we have encountered some very strong opposition this winter, plus some atrocious weather. Despite some very long and competitive matches we have failed to win many sets or tie breaks, and currently we are joint bottom with 17 points and just 2 matches left to play. Storm Dennis on Saturday resulted in one of these matches being postponed. There is an outside chance if we convincingly win the remaining 2 matches we could avoid relegation as there are 5 teams are within 7 points of us. But on present form this would seem unlikely; we have played 8 matches; won 1, drawn 1 and lost 6.

Mixed Team Div 8 Summer 2019

We played 6 matches, winning 3 and losing 3. We finished in a three way tie for 3rd place, missing out on promotion by a substantial 12 points. 5 men and 7 ladies played for the mixed team. With some new members having recently joined Hanney Tennis Club who are keen to play for the mixed team, I am hopeful the mixed team can challenge for promotion this summer.

Men's Midweek Winter League 2018/2019

We played 8 matches on Wednesday morning, winning just 2 and losing 6

Men's Midweek Summer League 2019

We played 6 matches, winning 1 and losing 5

Men's Midweek Winter League 2019/2020

We have currently played 4 matches and have won 1 and drawn 3, with one match left to play we are currently in second place. Thanks to Paul Haines and Adrian Willett for some great tennis and results.

David Corps, February 2020

Ladies' Team Report

It's been a mixed year for the Ladies Team!

In Winter 2018 / 19, we played in Division 6 (the bottom division) and finished 7th out of 10 teams

Last summer, we played in Division 9 (again the bottom division), but we finished 2nd and so gained promotion.

In Winter 2019/20 we are set to finish bottom of the bottom division – largely due to a penalty when we couldn't raise a team, but we would be pretty close to the bottom even without that.

We now have a large squad of 13 players, which is excellent, but everyone is very busy and we are struggling to turn out a consistent squad. Nevertheless, we have had some really good matches: an epic 3½- hour battle against North Oxford and an excellent game with great rallies and a tense fight back against Abingdon E. So we are enjoying our tennis, we're in good heart and we're looking forward to moving up a division in the summer.

My thanks to all the squad: Liz, Gillan, Helen, Jude, Sarah, Jan, Katy, Pippa, Jackie, Bridget, Gillian and Charanya,

Jenny Corps

Club Session Report: 2019-20 Season. Hanney Tennis Club AGM, 17 February 2020

Club sessions, on Tuesday evenings and Sunday mornings, provide an opportunity for all members to be assured of a game of tennis! They also provide an opportunity for potential new members to come and try us out. Five-game sets are usually played with participants coming together on an ad hoc basis. Flood light costs are shared among those participants using the lights, and pay for the electricity used.

Attendance has generally been very good over the past year, averaging between 8 and 10 members, with up to 18 on a few fine summer evenings. Only a few sessions have been lost due to bad weather. However we have been challenged by several damp evenings when wet balls, wind, and uneven courts have added to the skilful spin put on by opposing players to make returning the ball a challenge! Again we use ex-match balls, of which now there are plenty, and we must make more of an effort to cast off those played with on more than two or three sessions.

As last year we have benefitted from more ladies participating. We have had the occasional accomplished junior join us, but we would welcome more to come along and keep us on our toes. The standard of play has continued to increase, thanks to regular coaching provided by Premier Coaching and Cardio. A pancake evening has added to the usual Christmas 'Silly Hats' and the Boxing Day 'detox' social session.

Mike Hutchings

Friendly Match Report: 2019-2020 Season. Hanney Tennis Club AGM, 17 February 2020

Only one friendly match was played during the 2019 Summer, against Wantage resulting in a draw. Again it was difficult to find members wanting to play in friendlies because five teams had been entered in the Oxfordshire Summer Leagues. Other local clubs also have found it difficult to raise teams for friendly matches.

Nevertheless friendlies with local clubs are an opportunity for younger players and those not regular team players to gain match experience and enjoy competition. Although competitive they are social matches, and are usually followed by sandwiches at a pub when we can chat to the opposition players about their club and how they organise their activities. We should therefore ascertain the feelings towards friendlies at the Feb. 2020 AGM, and the best way forward. A new volunteer to co-ordinate them would be very welcome as I shall stand down as co-ordinator - but still be willing to help.

Mike Hutchings,
Friendly Co-ordinator

Hanney Tennis Club

Maintenance Report 2019/20

1 . Hedge Cutting.

Originally planned for June but pushed back to end of July due to availability of volunteers.

I would like to give a big THANK YOU to all those who were able to attend the July date and give of their time, particular mention to David Gahan and his poor car which did a grand job transforming itself into a dumper truck for the afternoon.

As people have passed comment on the hedge staying seemingly tidier for the later part of the season and in the interest nesting birds we have decided to keep to the late July date.

2 . Clubhouse

Some minor repairs – new toilet door lock, front opening made easier with new door handle and trimming the base, missing tiles replaced on rear of bus shelter.

Work on the shared electrical supply for the Flood Shed completed without incident.

There is still some work to be done replacing some rotten external wall planks to the rear and north gable end after which a repaint would be in order.

I would like to thank all those who on an ad-hock basis lend their hand to cleaning the clubhouse.

3 . Courts

As has been discussed the intention is to resurface both courts this September. In the meantime I would like to thank all those who clear the courts of debris and leaves when required and especially David Corps who has spent some time chemically treating the courts to minimise moss and algal growth.

One of the central floodlight bulbs needs replacing. The light is sufficient from the remaining ones so provided no more fail before the proposed conversion to LED we plan not to replace for now.

Richard Lonnon

Cardio Tennis Report

Attendance this year has been more variable than usual and there has been a slight dip in the number of active players from eight at the end of last year to six at the end of this.

The weather caused six sessions to be cancelled and three more were cancelled due to coach illness or unavailability. All these were when Matt was the coach. All concerned were sorry to see him leave at end of the summer term to start his PGCE but we were pleased to be able to carry on the sessions under the guidance of Tom. His more tennis-based exercises, while very different to Tom's, has been well received and is popular with attendees.

In terms of numbers, the lowest attendance was one, the highest was 6 and the average was 4.3.

Gill Parry has stepped down as the poc for the cardio sessions. David Gahan has taken over the role.

*Gill Parry
February 2020*