

Bearsden Lawn Tennis Club

Minutes of Bearsden LTC Annual General Meeting on 7th November 2017

(Meeting held in the Clubhouse)

Present: John Beeley, Josie Beeley, Susan Burns, Jayne Gilkes, Andy Gordon (minutes), Sheila Gordon, Jane Lowis, Andy MacGregor, Valerie Morris, Joanne Quirk, Jan Shaw, Nikki Waterfield, Phil Waterfield, Gordon Wilson, Keith Wright.

Apologies: Fiona Dunlop, Karen Gorman, Caroline Gillen, Suzanne Lord, June McCann, Derek McKay, Rob Murdoch, John Perkins, Morag Proven, Fiona Quirk, Kate Ross, Paul Thomson, Emma Wright.

Welcome

The President Josie Beeley was in the chair and welcomed the assembled members to the club's 130th AGM. She remarked that a certain Roger Federer and Andy Murray were playing elsewhere in Glasgow tonight, and thanked people for choosing the excitement of the AGM instead!

Previous Year's Minute

The minutes of the 2016 AGM were circulated on the website prior to this meeting. (Proposed by Keith Wright, seconded by John Beeley.)

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report had been published on the website prior to the AGM. Points to note from Andy Gordon's report:

- 2017 saw the fitting of a lovely wooden floor in the clubhouse, plus some interior fitting-out of our changing rooms and the new clubhouse extension.
- There have been many social events during the year – the recent Awards Evening, BBQs, Mixed doubles tournament, pre-Wimbledon American tournament, Book Club, Pizza nights, etc.
- On court, the Ladies Vets 1st team won their division, and the Ladies 1st finished mid-table in a tough Division 1/2. The Girls U18 stay in the very tough Division 1!
- Tournaments – we had successful Invitation, Summer Series, and Drumchapel events, plus our own club championships.

Treasurer's Report

Accounts: Keith Wright presented the annual income and expenditure accounts, and thanked club members Ashley Donnelly and Michael Giovannetti for auditing them. Points to note included:

- The balance sheet shows a profit for the year of £19,227 (up from £15,083 in 2016)
- In Fixed Assets, the spending on completion of the extension this year has been £8,027, comprising of work to fit out the changing rooms, the flooring, and the final payment to our builder. The total cost of the extension to date is £69,000.
- Our total current capital is £58,151 in our current account, with £20,000 in our savings account (the sinking fund - this is £10,000 more than last year).
- The loan of £10,000 from a member last year has paid back now.

Income: Income is up slightly from last year, but we had extra expenditure on the clubhouse extension. Monies from subscription fees were up too, with lots of new members taking advantage of discounts to join during the year. Some bank interest is coming in too now. We received income of £600 this year from the 200 Club. Tournament income is healthier than last year. The entry in the accounts for Awards Night is for

the 2016 event (£856.75). Additional sources of income also include guest fees, court rental (more than £2,000 this year, plus a donation of £1,800 from a BLTC member towards our clubhouse flooring. There was the refund from Business Stream of £4,032.12 for backdated water charges. We also very kindly received a legacy from Barbara Adams' estate of £1,000.

Expenditure: Keith explained the incorporation of depreciation into the accounts, and noted some of the areas of expenditure this year. Spending on tennis balls was up due to an increase in prices. Tournament expenses (mainly trophies and engraving) were up to £616.77. Overall, we had a surplus of £19,226.70 for the year.

The Treasurer's report was proposed by Andy MacGregor and seconded by Susan Burns.

President's Report

Josie Beeley addressed the AGM and started by remarking that 2017 had been a mixed year. At the beginning of the year, she had looked forward to celebrating the opening of our clubhouse and getting our landscaping finished. Shortly into the year, she realised we had not applied for a Certificate of Completion from East Dunbartonshire Council for our clubhouse extension. Once applied for, and following a building inspection, our CoC was declined and we fell short on six points. EDC even said that we weren't to use the extension. Josie spent much of the year tackling these problem areas, which included the specification of the windows; the absence of required vents in the walls; the floor plan of the clubhouse; the non-compliance of the joining ramp between our path and patio. She was now happy to report that all six issues have been reasonably resolved, and our CoC has been applied for again. She thanked members Carol Hamilton and Bogdan Fodor for their help, and made special mention of Stuart Ingram, who had drawn up new plans to be submitted with our CoC. EDC will do a new inspection on November 17th.

On the positive side, club membership has gone up. Thanks to newspaper reports about the club, and the schools leaflets that Gordon Wilson distributes through the schools, she feels the profile of club is quite high locally. We now have BLTC newsletters going out each month, and feedback from members has been encouraging. They have been especially well-received by our Day members, who have said they now feel more part of the club.

As for fundraising, she noted that the emphasis this year had shifted from getting club members to put their hands in their pockets, to various new fundraising schemes. She thanked Susan Burns (Fundraising and Sponsorship Convenor) for all her hard work this past year (organising our Co-op Local Cause and Waitrose schemes, etc.). The Buy-a-Brick scheme had finished, with Gift Aid being claimed back.

In the coming year, Josie thought our priorities should be to complete the landscaping, and to fit-out the clubhouse. The courts are the most important thing about the club though, and we are experiencing a high degree of flooding just now. It is likely we will need to do some rejuvenation activity urgently. The committee is addressing this, and more rigorous maintenance procedures need to be put in place.

She remarked on new tennis activities, including junior social tennis on Sunday mornings.

Noting the imminent retirements from the 200 Club, Josie thanked Jan Shaw and Jane Lewis (and indeed Keith Wright and Eileen Mills before them) for all their 200 Club endeavours over the past 24 years. The 200 Club has raised more than £10,000 over the years!

Josie also praised John Beeley for taking on Property Convenor duties during the year, at the same time as his Junior Convenor work. She thanked club members for their support throughout the year, and the 2017 committee too.

Coach's Report

Our coach Gordon Wilson had prepared a coaching report and addressed the AGM. He noted it had been a busy year again, and the coaching programme for juniors had gone from strength to strength – from January right through to December. It has been a wet year though! This makes coaching challenging, but they had made use of the extended clubhouse during wet weather, especially the table-tennis table. He hoped for more things in the clubhouse in the near future.

As for senior coaching, he remarked that the adults need to “up their game” in the wet weather! The Coffee Mornings tennis sessions are continuing to be very popular, and the Wednesday evening adult re-starters need to start attending social tennis now! He noted that the club has won a good number of new members that have come through the coaching programme.

Gordon has been more involved with local schools this year. The Bearsden Primary School sessions were great (taster sessions, and lots of new players). There were also some sessions where kids from BPS came down and used our courts mid-morning (with the head-teacher walking the children down from the school). It's a good way to encourage them to take up tennis. Gordon also appeared at a Mosshead Primary School event to promote the club. It had been an extremely wet day though, and Gordon was stationed outside in the playground, but it was still good to do. We had a stall at a Bearsden Academy event too, where we got good feedback from attendees (including some families who were former members and have since re-joined). A recent session with New Kilpatrick Nursery had been enjoyable for all taking part.

Nikki Waterfield asked about Cardio Tennis and if it might run again. Gordon said it really needed music and it was difficult at BLTC to provide music on the courts that was loud enough. Perhaps Cardio Tennis sessions at the Allander would be a possibility, but he felt that Saturdays at 1pm (when we used to run it) was probably not the best time.

Gordon said that coaching at BLTC was a big team effort and he thanked all the assistant coaches and helpers who had aided him throughout the year.

Josie led the meeting in a vote of thanks to Gordon, and noted the enthusiasm of all involved, especially considering the poor weather this year.

Awards

Josie introduced Valerie Morris to the meeting to present the Barry Morris Trophy for Most Improved Player. Valerie told us she had not visited the club for many years and had bumped into Josie recently - who invited her along to the AGM. Her late husband Barry had been a keen player at Bearsden, and she explained why she had decided to instigate the Most Improved Player award. They always used to remark on club members who were playing better and, after Barry died, she felt having an annual award was a great way to encourage improving players. Valerie then awarded this year's trophy to a very surprised Jayne Gilkes! Josie thanked Valerie for attending tonight.

Subscriptions

Our Membership Secretary Keith Wright then spoke to the meeting about next year's membership subscriptions. The committee felt that a 2% rise was justifiable, and broadly in line with inflation.

The subscriptions for season 2018 will be as follows:

	2018 Subscription	(2017)
Senior	£196	£192
Reduced Senior (1992-2000)	£98	£96
Day	£93	£91
Junior (2001-2005)	£92	£89
Junior (2006-2009)	£54	£53

Mini (2010-2013)	£34	£33
Mini Tots (2013-2015)	£19	£18
Family (for 3 members resident at same address)	£399 (+ £15 for each additional child)	£393 (+15)
Non-playing member	£10	

The committee approved the revised subscriptions (Jane Lewis proposed, and seconded by Andy MacGregor).

Election of Office Bearers

President	Josie Beeley	proposed Keith Wright, seconded Andy MacGregor
Vice President	Phil Waterfield	proposed Andy Gordon, seconded Jan Shaw
Treasurer	Keith Wright	proposed Josie Beeley, seconded Jayne Gilkes
Secretary	Andy Gordon	proposed Susan Burns, seconded Jan Shaw
Honorary President	John Beeley	proposed Keith Wright, seconded Andy MacGregor
Honorary Vice President		(left vacant for the time being)

Committee Members Joanne Quirk, Andy MacGregor, Susan Burns have agreed to stand again this year. The following new members were welcomed to the committee:

John Perkins	proposed Josie Beeley, seconded Andy Gordon
Suzanne Lord	proposed Susan Burns, seconded Joanne Quirk
Rob Murdoch	proposed Andy MacGregor, seconded Jan Shaw

Election of Team Captains

The match secretaries/team captains were elected as follows (with most confirmed after the AGM):

Mens 1 st	Paul Mazoyer	Ladies 1 st	Joanne Quirk
Mens 2 nd	Phil Waterfield	Ladies 2 nd	Esther Morgan
Mens 3 rd	Andy MacGregor	Ladies 3 rd	Caroline Gillen
Mens 4 th	John Perkins	Ladies 4 th	Brenda Proud
Senior Mens 1 st	Phil Waterfield	Senior Ladies 1 st	Ashley Donnelly
Senior Mens 2 nd	John Perkins	Senior Ladies 2 nd	Esther Morgan
Mens 60+	Keith Wright	Senior Ladies 3 rd	Fiona Berlouis
		Senior Ladies 4 th	Fiona Jones
		Ladies 60+	Dorothy Gordon

We are planning on having a Mens 4th team in the summer leagues, and a Mens Vets 2nd team in the autumn too. For the 2018/19 Winter leagues, Keith Wright will continue to do the Monday Floodlight team, but a new organiser for the Sunday Afternoon league is needed. Our Clydesdale Cup team will be organised by Joanne Quirk this year.

Election of Auditors

Ashley Donnelly has agreed to be an auditor of the club's accounts again next year, along with Michael Giovannetti.

Questions

Jan Shaw asked about the photos that were on the walls of the clubhouse before the building work. Josie said there are some at Josie's house and some at Keith's house. They will be brought back to clubhouse after EDC inspection (much to the delight of Keith's wife!). The problems with our CoC meant we had not completed the fitting-out of the clubhouse interior.

AOCB

Clubhouse Security - Keith spoke about our ongoing issues with clubhouse security – and mentioned that we have a security rota in operation just now (with someone coming down to the club each evening and checking everything is off, and that no people are hanging about). Lights have been left on, and heaters too. He hoped for some more volunteers to add to rota, and he urged members to please check that everything is off before they leave the clubhouse.

200 Club – This club operates under its own separate constitution, (for CASC-compliance purposes) and donates money to BLTC. Jan Shaw and Jane Lewis are standing down at the end of March 2018, after running the 200 Club for many years. We need some volunteers to take on the operation of the club, and we need club members to support it. Keith thanked Jan and Jane again for all their years of hard work with the 200 Club. Jan Shaw said that someone is needed to “nicely pester” people (as she described it!) to pay up their 200 Club subscriptions at start of year.

Tennis Balls – Phil Waterfield mentioned the number of tennis balls lying around the club now, and how Derek McKay (our previous Ball Convenor) had been fed up with people's abuse of the balls. He asked if we should bother providing social tennis balls anymore, so this will be considered at a future committee meeting.

Pizza night – Josie mentioned that our next social event would be a Pizza Night on November 22nd in the clubhouse.

The End

Josie thanked everyone for their attendance, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.