

Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club AGM Tuesday 1 March 2016

Present:

Committee: Andy Eastgate (Chairman), Alison Jackson, David Helson, Meriel Lewis, Alan Murray, Rob Scriven, Duncan Todd

Members: Craig Amison-Smith, Adrian Carey, Jane Cranston, Paul Haines, Di O'Meara, John Page, Alice Parker (Acting Secretary)

Apologies: Jane Bowen-Morris, Mary Carey, Nicola and Paul Casey, Rochelle Eastgate, Vicki and Mike Jack, Peter Jackson, Liz and Chris LeFevre, Libby Willett

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** These were approved
2. **Chairman's report:** Andy reported on a successful year.

Key points were:

The lease had been finalised as part of the move away from the Parish Council

Planning permission had been granted for floodlights, with some conditions, we were waiting on the results of a grant application from WREN. If that was unsuccessful the alternative was to part fund from the Club's funds but also to apply for an interest free loan from the OLTA. The aim was to have them in place by winter 2016/17. Due consideration would need to be paid to neighbours.

Post meeting note: the bid was not successful

Club sessions continued to be very popular; the structure was welcoming and inclusive and meant no one sat off for too long.

Evening/after school coaching for the season would start in April, the ongoing Cardio sessions were running well.

Courts were due to be cleaned, resealed and repainted shortly which would keep them in good condition for another four years or so, at which point they would require resurfacing.

Other events/developments during the year were:

Rally for Bally

The Great British Tennis Weekend

Club Tournament

New website and Facebook page.

Andy thanked all those who had worked on the Committee and made the year so successful.

3. Treasurer's report

Alan presented the accounts, which showed a healthy operating surplus for the year. Income from membership had increased by around 10% despite a 2% increase in subscriptions. There was increased income from adult, junior and cardio coaching the BBQ and Finals day. The final instalment of the loan from OLTA for the club house had now been paid, which meant the club could now access the loan fund for other projects. The target was to have £22,000 in the sinking fund by 2020/21. Funds now available meant that if the grant application were not successful the club could fund the floodlights, supported by a loan from OLTA.

4. Match Secretary's report

In Libby's absence, David presented this.

For the second year the club had entered five teams in the summer and winter leagues. There had been no reports of complaints of non availability of court time.

The **winter** season had some way to go but at present:

Ladies A 3/15, with 4 to play

Ladies B 7/12 with 4 to play

Mens A 10/12 4 to play

Mens B 5/10 1 to play

Mens C 9/9

Summer

Ladies A 3/7

Ladies B 2/7

Mens A 7/8

Mens B 7/8

Mens C 3/8

The fixtures for the summer season had been agreed. There would be a small number of friendly fixtures on weekday evenings. For summer 2016 onwards the software in use was to be League Planner; this would require some differences in how teams were declared and results entered. Some revisions to scoring had been proposed by the OLTA , clubs were to discuss these.

5. Maintenance report

Andy thanked all those who had worked to keep the courts and clubhouse in good condition despite poor weather conditions. 13 people had attended the recent Maintenance Day. Recent regular tasks had included replacing the nets and the lock, moss killing, repainting the practice wall and emptying the cess pit. Andy had requested quotes from a number of companies for cleaning, resealing and repainting the courts, which was to be done shortly.

Andy had completed his term as maintenance officer and asked for a volunteer.

6. Election of officers

The new committee was voted in as

(All: Proposed by Jane Cranston, seconded by John Page)

Office	Name
Chairman	Andy Eastgate
Treasurer	Paul Haines
Secretary	Alice Parker
Coaching	Rob Scriven
Membership	Alan Murray
Match Secretary	David Helson
Publicity	Meriel Lewis
Maintenance	VACANT

Committee members	John Stedman
	Vicki Jack
	Libby Willett
	Alison Jackson

John Page and Adrian Willett both offered to hold membership forms and keys, so they could be additional points of contact for new members.

7. Subscriptions

Rates had risen by 2% the previous year, in accordance with the decision to have regular small increases.

The Committee recommended for 2016/17 (*last year's figures shown in italics*)

	2016/17	2015/16
	£	£
Family	122	<i>120</i>
Adult	58	<i>57</i>
Junior >12 and student >21	22	<i>21</i>
Junior <12	10	<i>10</i>

Proposed by Adrian Carey, seconded Paul Haines.

The rates were approved.

8. Any Other Business

- i. With the success of club sessions it was suggested the club introduce another, maybe on another night of the week, starting a little earlier to attract teenagers and those who were able to attend from late afternoon.

Committee to discuss.

- ii. The ongoing difficulties of attracting wider age range of members was raised. This was a problem faced by many clubs. Agreed to consider Quorn family doubles maybe for 2017.
- iii. Objection to BTM requesting mobile phone number, Alison to feed back
- iv. Options for outings: A few ideas had been raised: Roehampton, Nottingham and Edgebaston, Alison and Rob to investigate.
- v. Publicity and use of IT: Meriel asked for photos, Alan would set up a Dropbox. Membership form to include a question for adult members to confirm if they were happy to have photos used for publicity. Consider use of Google Docs or similar to hold key documents. Meriel to bring laptop to renewal night to encourage BTM membership. Consider using Facebook for posting messages to arrange friendly games.
- vi. Craig – could do with helper for youngest of the coaching sessions, Friday afternoons. Andy and Rob both to consider if they could help.
- vii. Items for next committee agenda: Great British Tennis weekend, Introduction of a second club night
- viii. Next meetings: Committee 7 April AGM tbc, similar date in 2017