

# Minutes of ND LTC AGM 10 July 2022

## **1. Report from the Chair**

Zac summed up a year of typical ups and downs for the club and thanked all those who have helped to make lots of great tennis and social activity to happen.

## **2. Financial report and accounts (ye 31st March 2022)**

Harry summed up the essential good health of the club's finances. Reported subscriptions income was down but only due to Covid closure-related rebates we gave to members, which loss of income was offset by govt grant.

Income from social events improved.

We made charitable donations to Charter School and to Ukraine.

Overall spending was up a little on last year but the main items were all fairly steady.

Rent up 5% as per the lease agreement which does well to protect us from higher rises.

Enough in the bank to finance the work needed on courts 1 and 2.

## **3. Adoption of accounts**

The meeting voted unanimously to adopt the accounts.

## **4. Election of Officers**

Zac expressed the gratitude of the committee and the club to those members of the committee who are standing down:

Harry Collins, Treasurer

Jo Morrison, Communities Liaison

Mark Rusher, Secretary

Lucy Pickles, Social Secretary

The rest of the Committee was re-elected and thanks expressed for their hard work on behalf of the club.

The following new members of the committee were proposed, seconded and accepted:

Treasurer: Olivia Paterson (proposed by Zac Campbell, seconded by Nigel Flay)

Secretary: Mike Almond (proposed by Gerry Atwell, seconded by Andy Price)

Social Secretary: Ian Hirst (proposed by Lucy Pickles, seconded by Zac Campbell)

Communities Liaison: Yen Lin Chong (proposed by Harry Collins, seconded by Steve Butterworth)

Juniors Rep: Kate Coughlin (proposed by Matt Cowie, seconded by Andy Carter)

It was also confirmed that Jackie Blackler is taking the co-opted role of Development Officer, to help us pursue avenues of external funding for work on the club.

Welcome and thank you to all of you for stepping up to help.

## **5. Approval of minutes of August 2021**

An objection was raised that the minutes of last year's AGM were not circulated prior to the meeting today and so it was agreed that those minutes would be circulated along with these 2022 AGM minutes and accounts. See the PDF attached to this message.

Members are requested to submit any comments on the 2021 minutes (or indeed on the 2022 minutes) to a member of the committee.

The minutes and accounts will also be posted in hard copy in the clubhouse.

## **6. AOB**

Court availability - a question was raised as to how much court time is being taken by teams and competitions. It was agreed that the club competition, now in round 3, is taking up less time from here on, but Jo and Andy would look at ending the two week advanced booking, and at whether Monday night team practice could revert (a) to being 6.30-8.30pm only and (b) term time only.

*[Some immediate feedback from the Tennis Manager is that advanced booking has already dropped off considerably but that we will anyway end the two week advanced booking on 24th July, when the competitions reach the quarter finals.*

*Also to clarify that Monday night team practice is in fact only 6.30-9.30 in term time, and is 6.30-8.30 in holiday time - so anyone can book an hour on Mondays at 8.30pm right now, whether for a tournament match or any other.*

*To maximise your chances of getting courts, two other tips: (1) make sure you're on AnyoneForTennis whatsapp group so you see notifications of courts being released, as occasionally happens on Mondays, and (2) set up Cancelled Courts Alert on your MyCourts account, for the days/times of your choice, and that way you'll hear about courts coming free from other members too.]*

As ever on the general topic of court use, a range of opinions was expressed on how much time goes to individual bookings vs social vs teams vs coaching vs schools. It was commented that the Committee does look at court usage data from time to time, and it was agreed that a recent review would be shared with members, to give everyone a better view of how court time is shared across all of our individual and collective activities. That review (which was done of the April-Sept 2021 period) is attached. The balance of court usage is also discussed in the Club AtoZ document, shared here again for members who might have missed previous emails sent to them.

Feedback on court usage and all other aspects of the club is always welcome and will always be reviewed by the committee. Speak to a committee member or email at [northdulwichtennis@yahoo.com](mailto:northdulwichtennis@yahoo.com) or [suggestionsndltc@gmail.com](mailto:suggestionsndltc@gmail.com).

A question was asked as to the club's main goals for this year, which were summarised as follows:

1. Resurfacing (still as hard courts) courts 1 and 2 - hopefully in Oct but possibly not until March.
2. Running repairs, eg to the bar floor
3. Electric heaters for the clubhouse
4. Wider refurbishment of the clubhouse still dependent on raising more funds
5. Upgrading to LED floodlights also still dependent on raising more funds

All members are asked to help with essential housekeeping like sweeping the courts and taking home some recycling or rubbish from the bar and kitchen.

A question was raised that the Charter School was often only using two of four courts of its 3.30-5.30 Friday slot, and that if fewer kids were coming perhaps some of those courts could be released for members. Matt agreed to look at this, including whether we might instead send a coach to Charter to do that session there.

Matt clarified that there would not be private coaching going on at the same time as the school holiday camps.

Questions were also asked about bringing guests to Social, which was not agreed, and about possibly reducing Weds evening Social to three courts only, which was also not agreed but would be kept under review.

Thanks to everyone who made the effort to attend the AGM.

### **In attendance**

Zac Campbell  
Harry Collins  
Andy Carter  
Yen Lin Chong  
Jo Morrison  
Roman Bednarz  
Gary Baker  
Ruth Bryan  
Martin Macpherson  
Lisa Muten  
Vathani Waran  
Matt Cowie  
Anthony Prangle  
Kirsty Saunders  
Becky Tyers  
Mike Almond  
Olivia Paterson  
Steve Butterworth  
Nigel Flay  
Jack Galloway  
Jack Davies  
Kevin Pratt  
Andy Cox  
Anand Damodaran  
Wei Sun

### **Apologies**

Linda Irwin  
Keith Ball  
Jo Morris  
Lucy Pickles  
Mark Rusher  
Kate Coughlin  
Ian Hirst  
Jackie Blackler  
Peter Wright  
Philippa Milward