

## **CTC AGM**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – 8pm**

### **Committee**

Richard Boyce (RB), Mark Everett, Aaron Goldstein (AAG), Tony Mays, Wayne McDonald, Colin Midson (CM), Lesley Nash, Lee Smith, Helen Wright

### **Attendees**

Jeremy Ageneau (JA), Bernie Breen, Julia Brooks, Liz Burch (LB), Mike Coster (MC), Lynda Cox, Steve Crocker, Pat Foster, Colin Hewett, Brian Linskey, Dennis Lissenden, Tina Lissenden, Julia Martin, Glenda Midson, Richard Phillips, Doug Pullinger, Mo Ramsden (MR), Gaynor Pryse, Sue Reynolds (SR), Edd Righton, Mike Salva, Jeremy Shindler, Dave Smith, Helen Venn, Bev White (BW), Ian Wilkie, Pauline Worby, Pete Worby (PW), Jenny Wright

### **Apologies**

Liz Beak, Kate Bray, Karen Gear, Tammy Kustow, Philippa Mays, Lynn Smith, Jon Taffel, Jackie Yardley

### **Agenda**

- AAG opened the meeting and welcome all. Advised that he would act as chair of the meeting
- 2015 CTC AGM minutes approved and accepted (proposed MR, seconded MC)
- Advised Committee Reports (incl. Treasurer's Report) had been circulated to membership before AGM and would not be read out during AGM. All reports accepted (proposed PW, seconded JA)
- Following reports, dealt with questions from PW (re: reduction in tennis ball costs year on year), LB (re: cost of tennis balls at Ladies Match Practice) and SR (re: litter at CTC)
- Re-elect Committee - accepted (proposed SR, seconded MC). AAG pointed out there is currently no chair and also the gender imbalance on the current Committee and CM pointed out there is no Junior Committee Member to represent younger members. No one came forward for either role, nominations are still welcome
- Committee asked for support in terms of social media, where CTC needs a greater presence. (Thanks to SR and BW for stepping forward.)
- Thanks – AAG thanked the following
  - o Colin Midson – Social
  - o Mike Coster, Dennis and Tina Lissenden, Edna and Emily Smith – Revels
  - o Richard Boyce and Jeremy Shindler – Membership
  - o Melvin Chin, Annie Coster, Mark Everett, Steve Peoples, Emily Smith – Website
  - o Tina Lissenden and Jerry Rudge – Finance

- Dennis and Tina Lissenden, Doug Pullinger, Edd Righton, Dave Smith – Grounds and clubhouse maintenance (Note suggestion that we run a couple of working parties per year to keep the grounds and clubhouse in good order)
- Liz Beak and Lee Smith – tournament organizers
- Colin Hewett – former chair
- All team captains
- All coaches

- Questions from the floor (pre-asked) were dealt with:

**Can courts be booked in a way that court 1 is last to be booked (for matches etc.) as it is the only court with the warm up wall?**

Where possible, we'll take this opportunity to ask members to be considerate of anyone wishing to use the warm up wall. Wall is part of Club Mark accreditation. We'll look at possible alternatives – e.g. rebound nets, back boards...will look at these. Portable devices. The online booking system doesn't have capacity to include this.

**How did we lose our social time on Sunday and could it be got back by using 9 to 10 for drills?**

Drill currently 10-11, informal social 11-12.

Prior to the drills starting, Sunday social was quiet, and the drills have brought bigger numbers.

Consensus based on majority and numbers has been that drills have been successful.

Drills only takes 3 or 4 courts (usually).

Please note there is also a Monday morning social session.

Survey - we will do a survey later in the year to evaluate members' needs / favoured times.

**Could Saturday social start at 9.00 or 9.30?**

Our social time will remain Sat 10-12. (Maintain a start time that the majority can make.) 10am start allows a window of opportunity for members to play pre-social. However, there are members who come earlier and we would encourage that as much as possible. The courts are there to be booked and used! Please use the online booking system to make sure you get a court. Members are very welcome to book courts pre-10am. We will do a survey later in the year to evaluate members' needs / favoured times. We'd go with the majority.

**Is there a plan in place for AstroTurf courts in the future?**

Not yet. But within scope as part of a long-term plan (5 to 10 year plan).

Current strategy is not AstroTurf right now.

There are benefits, but a considerable cost. Currently can't afford it without investment or funding.

As part of the 10 year plan, we are looking at any and all options to further the Club & its facilities.

It's not something we're doing right now. Not in our immediate plan. Any major change like this, we'd look at involving all members.

Don't have the money or the strategy right now.

The LTA prefers clubs to have a mixture of surfaces.

Clear advantage of AstroTurf is the surface is truly all weather.

**Why has the annual membership fee increased?**

Links into previous answer re: 5-10 year plan. Overseen now with Jerry Rudge. He models fees vs. m/ship to determine what's required to achieve funds to replace the principal facilities as they reach end of useful life. M/ship fees are lifeblood of the club, didn't want to stand still, so £5 full m/ship

increase. Felt it was not excessive to keep pace with the Club. Last year we held, so behind the plan. There were reasons at the time.

- AOB

- The Committee was very grateful to Wayne McDonald for saying some kind words about former club member India Lockhart. Everyone at CTC was saddened to hear of her death recently
- As in previous years, SR and RB reminded members to use <https://new.easyfundraising.org.uk> in order to generate extra income for CTC