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**Masham Sports Association – Tennis Club Annual General Meeting**

**12th March 2025**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Michelle Clyde (MC), Simon Kitching (SK), Meg Munn (MM), Oriel Kenny (OK), Phil Bowe (PB), Steve Hopkins (SH), Jo Cooke (JC), Chris (CN), Lesley Jones (LJ), Steve Hopkins (SH).

1. **Apologies**

Neil Hutchinson (NH), Vanessa Greenwood (VG), Nicky Hignett (NH)

Kenton Christie (KC), David Miller (DM).

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1. **Approval of Minutes AGM 27th February 2024**

The minutes were read and approved; Proposed by (MM), seconded by (SK).

1. **Chairs Report**

Nothing to report, (OK) has only been in role 2 weeks so did not have any matters to bring to our attention.

1. **Accounts Overview 2024**

(PB) reported - Cash positive year with most of the income coming from membership fees. The mandated £180 per month was saved into the court resurfacing fund, there was no major expenditure in the year so more could be placed into the court fund. If we keep exceeding the mandate in approximately 5 years the fund should be up to a value where we can resurface the courts.

1. **Election of Officers**

Chair – Oriel Kenny proposed by (MM), seconded by (SH)

Treasurer – Phil Bowe proposed by (MM), seconded by (SH)

Secretary – Michelle Clyde proposed by (OK), seconded by (MM)

Other Committee Members are:

Kenton Christie – Youth, Jo Cooke – Social & Community, Steve Hopkins – Facilities,

Neil Hutchinson – Social Session Sundays, Simon Kitchin – Social Session Wednesdays, Meg Mun – Safeguarding Officer, Dave Miller – Teams and Website

All were happy to stay on the committee.

1. **Facilities update**

Steve Hopkins has been keeping an eye on the courts and has kept the moss under control.

* 1. **Court Condition** – good playing surface. The patches in the fence need some work.
  2. **Hut** – Quote received for the hut; Tarmac could be a good source of funds. Need to seek funds/grants.
  3. **Benches** – in good condition.
  4. **Nets** – in good condition.
  5. **Ball Machine** – need to check this is here and charged, and check what is stored in the MSA.

If we are going to get a new hut/floodlights etc we will need to try and find funding from a sponsor.

1. **Subscriptions Fees for 2025**

Agreed rates to be kept the same as last year:

£60 Adults, Family £110, Intermediate (12-18), Juniors £12, Students £25, and £10 per court for casual use up to 90 minutes.

Coaching Junior & Intermediate (£20 for 10 sessions), Adults £4 Members and £5 Non Members per session for 10 sessions,

Visitors and guests can use the courts 3 times and are then expected to join the club even if accompanied by a Member.

1. **Social Tennis Sessions**

Sunday morning (10am run by Neil), Wednesday evening (from 5.30pm run by Simon). Thursday afternoon (2pm run by Meg).

Team session – early session to get the team together or Tuesday 22nd April, or Sat 26th to practice before start of the season.

1. **Fundraising/Social Events (Internal Competitions)**
   1. **Club Fun Doubles Competition** – provisionally Sunday14th September
   2. **Terry Marshall Singles Competition** – one day competition, split into 2 groups, best of four, then 2 sets in the final, needs someone to organise it. Provisionally Sunday 31st August.
   3. **Early season informal Canadian Doubles Tournament** – OK suggested an early season event, 4 games, everyone serves 1, 11th May provisionally.
   4. **Ladders** – volunteers needed to co-ordinate this.

Good Dinner at Xmas, could do a summer do, bring our own food/BBQ etc, (OK) will find out if there is interest among members.

1. **External Competition**
   1. **Harrogate & District League Mixed Doubles** – we remain in division 4, done ok considering the problems getting a team together, 27th April 2025 is the start of the league. Tuesdays should be our club night with Thursday as alternative. One team entered, subs have been paid.
   2. **Vale of Mowbray Men’s Doubles** – Knaresborough have withdrawn and another club are struggling for a team, DM will see if enough interest to still have a league. *Update – the league will go ahead this year*
   3. **Thirsk Winter Floodlight League –** Will see in the autumn who wants to play in this as it was sometimes a struggle finding players last year.
2. **Policy Reviews**

H&S – No changes to previous policy. provisionally Deferred to next meeting for full review.

Safeguarding – No changes to previous policy.

Constitution – OK suggested some changes – 5. Chairman to Chair, 15-17 subscriptions payable – combine all 3 into 1. Add sentence about safeguarding policy, and code of conduct 28, expand to LTA rules link, we aim to be an inclusive club for all standards. OK to redraft and send round the committee.

Other policies need to be reviewed every other year, split between the 2 committee meetings so we have time to discuss.

1. **LTA Affiliation/Tickets for Wimbledon**

LTA membership paid, this includes insurance.

1. **Any Other Business**

Need to look at other sources of sponsorship, it was suggested we could have a fund set up for the new hut.