

Parklangley Tennis Section AGM
Saturday 23 April 2022 at 5pm

Present Tennis Committee: Alan Lynch; Susie Reeves; Christine Harris; Julie Fox; Sandra Webster; Matt Borthwick and Jeremy Tagg.

Others in Attendance J Bance; Dave Cooke; N Hampson; B McNeill; M Hungerford; S Finch; J Short; C Mackenzie; N Ivin; M Darlison; M Jeral; B Thomas; S Whysall; A Houston; N Parry; P Pharo; T Reeves; S Marais; M Findlay; M Jay; M Whysall; A Findlay; D Willan; R Hornsby; E Ward; M Daggwell; N Nichol; D Stuckey; J Golden; D Evans; J Evans; N Robins; B Philippon; M Lang; R Lynch; C Hawkins; R Glean; C Poulson; J Corsie; L Victor; D Victor; K Corsie; J Heimann; G McNally; R Dagwell; M Kemp; S Boffa; J Boffa; D Wrighton; J Kemp; C Mongan; P Marsden; G Hayward; B Stanley; L Ivin; J Horobin; D Golding; N Hampson; K Lucey; A Nickall and E Gesmundo.

Apologies: Peter Stotesbury; Jamie Harper, Jan Moncrieff and Zena Wisdom.

1. Minutes of the last EGM held on 31 January 2021

It was moved, seconded and RESOLVED that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Election of Officers

The Honorary Secretary reported that two valid nominations for the position of Club Captain had been received – Jack Heimann and Sandra Webster. Following a secret ballot, it was confirmed that Sandra Webster had been duly elected.

It was moved, seconded and RESOLVED that the following Officers be elected to serve until the next AGM.

Chairman/Grounds	Alan Lynch
Deputy Chairman/Club sessions	Jamie Harper
Governance and Honorary Secretary	Julie Fox
Club Captain	Sandra Webster
Honorary	Dave Ash
Championships/Play ins	Susie Reeves
Improvers	Jeremy Tagg
Social	Jan Moncrieff
Committee Member	Christine Harris
Court Allocation	Nick Nicol
Juniors	Matt Daggwell

4. Chairman's Report

The full report, copies of which were available at the meeting, had been uploaded on the website. The Chairman highlighted a number of the events and activities that had been held during the year and congratulated Hazel Lindfield and Emma Raducanu on their Lifetime Membership of the Club. The Committee had continued to meet bimonthly during the year and it was noted that, in line with many other clubs, the membership had grown over the last twelve months. It had been agreed that there would be no court charges again this year with the exception of floodlit clay courts and indoor courts. If the practice of members booking courts and then failing to turn up without cancelling the arrangement continued consideration would need to be given to introducing charges. Courts would be bookable again this year, including the grass courts, although concern had been expressed that this might impact

on attendance at Club Sessions. This would be monitored and the situation reviewed in 2023. Allocation of courts continued to be one of the most difficult challenges facing the Club and many members, both new and existing, were keen to play on the indoor courts. It was agreed that a review of the use of the indoor courts and specifically the block booking systems would be undertaken and the membership consulted on the way forward. The coaching programme had continued with several new coaches having joined the Club. The Club was reliant upon the support of a large number of volunteers and the Chairman thanked all the staff, coaches and volunteers, who had worked hard during the year to ensure the Club was a success and looked forward to another excellent year.

5. Grounds Report (plus item 8 – Club Report)

The Club Manager reported that the Club was bouncing back and, during the Covid lockdown, the opportunity had been taken to undertake a number of outstanding works around the Club. The Club was now back to normal and thanks were extended to everyone for being Covid compliant. A number of maintenance and improvement works were planned, but it was noted that there were ongoing issues with people continuing to take glasses onto courts and leaving rubbish necessitating extensive cleaning. Concerns were expressed about the poor state of the indoor courts, together with the ongoing storage issues. The cleaning arrangements were being addressed and the purchase of upgraded cleaning equipment being considered. Notices reminding Members to drag the clay courts correctly after play would be provided. The replacement of netting on a number of courts was planned, together with new posts, installation of LED lighting on the clay courts, the possible provision of score boards, replacement netting, upgrading works to the car park and continuing to replace the nets which were regularly damaged by foxes were planned. He confirmed that, going forward, there would be no parties on the indoor courts. It was noted that there were a number of events planned and it was agreed that increasing the communication with members would be welcomed. The meeting thanked Dave and his staff for all their work to support the Club and its Members.

6. Club tennis teams

Club Captain, Sandra Webster, had provided a detailed report on the performance of the teams and the engagement of over 150 members who actively competed in the leagues. Greater involvement of the juniors had been encouraged and a number of the teams had won their divisions and several adult members had competed at county, regional, national and international level achieving successes at all levels. For those members preferring to compete internally, the ladders, boxes and the new singles sessions had proved very popular. Members were always welcome to support the various team matches and particularly the NCL competition which the men would be participating in again over the summer. Thanks were extended to all those who had supported these activities and particularly Glenda for all her hard work and forbearance. Additional photographs and articles were welcomed for inclusion on the website to celebrate the team and individual achievements and it was suggested that an end of season event might be arranged.

7. Club Championships

Susie Reeves confirmed that the Club Championship would be held on Saturday 16th July and things were progressing well. The deadline for entry had been extended by one week to accommodate the need to set up a stripe payment account. Arrangements were in hand to hold a doubles tournament on 8th May which it was hoped would be well supported. Susie was thanked for all her work in connection with the championships.

8. Club Report (see Minute 5 above)

9. Any Other Business and Questions: to be notified to the Honorary Secretary 48 hrs in advance of the meeting

Question 1: *Would the AGM consider making a rule regarding mandatory sweeping of the clay courts post-play?* Whilst acknowledging this was desirable, it was agreed it would be difficult to police and make mandatory. All members would be encouraged to do this and, if possible, it should be monitored.

Question 2: *Will the Tennis Committee recommend and monitor installation of necessary water hoses for the clay court use?* This had been raised with Trevor May who had advised that there was little to be gained from watering during the hot months and they were not aware of any club that was doing it. It would be difficult to make it work and regular sweeping would be helpful. It was acknowledged that courts G&H were worst because they were the oldest courts and the addition of more clay might help.

Question 3: *Would the Club consider investment into adequate cleaning equipment and personnel (outsourced if that would be more efficient) to ensure the indoor court longevity and general improvement of indoor play experience?* This had been addressed during the meeting.

Question 4: *What are the objections to having a second Men's 60s mid-week team representing Parklangley in both winter and summer competition?* This matter had been considered twice by the Tennis Committee and with 18 teams and 80 home fixtures it had been agreed that a balance of usage needed to be achieved. It was noted that the matches would be held on mid-week mornings which would not impact hugely on court availability. The Chairman agreed to discuss the matter outside meeting.

Question 5: *Can you please explain who decides whether the club runs an external junior tournament? Does either the Management Committee or Tennis Committee contribute to and/or approve this decision?* The Tennis Committee had no involvement in these decisions as these rested with the Club Manager. The issue of whether members should be involved was discussed and it was agreed that this be raised with the Management Committee.

Question 6: *What discussions are held with the Tennis Committee about the allocation of courts for members during junior tournaments?* The Committee was advised when these were taking place and every effort was made to work around them and ensure courts were available for members' use.

Question 7: *Will the Tennis Committee alter the tennis bye-laws to allow for the use of proxy voting for positions on the Tennis Committee?* The Tennis Committee was required to operate under the byelaws which did not provide for proxy voting.

10. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 6:25pm.

Chairman

Date