

Parklangley Tennis Section AGM
Saturday 22 April 2023 at 5pm

Present Tennis Committee: Alan Lynch; Nick Nicol, Susie Reeves; Julie Fox; Sandra Webster; Sue Marais; Matt Daggwell; Sue Slaney and Jeremy Tagg.

Others in Attendance 56 Members

1. Appointment of Chair for AGM

It was moved, seconded and RESOLVED that Alan Lynch be appointed Chair for the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

The Secretary reported that she had received apologies for absence from Christine Harris; Dave Willan; Dave Ash and Michael Taylor.

3. Minutes of the last AGM held on 23 April 2022

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

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Election of Officers

The Honorary Secretary reported that one valid nomination had been received for the position of Chairman – Nick Nicol who was duly elected. It was noted that both Alan Lynch and Jan Moncrieff were standing down as Officers and both were thanked for the services they had given to the Committee.

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

Club sessions	Sue Slaney
Governance and Honorary Secretary	Julie Fox
Club Captain	Sandra Webster
Honorary	Dave Ash
Championships /Play ins	Susie Reeves
Improvers	Sue Marais
Committee Member	Christine Harris
Communications	Jeremy Tagg
Court Allocation	Nick Nicol
Juniors	Matt Daggwell

6. Chairman's Report

The full report, copies of which were available, had been uploaded on the website. The Chairman highlighted a number of the events and activities that had been held during an exceptionally busy and successful year. The Club had very sadly lost a number of members and close friends during the year who would be missed and fondly remembered by everyone.

Membership had again grown over the past twelve months and the Club continued to try and encourage younger players to join and remain at the Club and to participate in the teams. The Committee had continued to work closely with the Club to achieve a fair balance between group and individual coaching, member bookings, team matches and competitions. This was one of the most difficult challenges that had to be managed at the Club. He also highlighted the issue of the current system of block booking of indoor courts which was not working for everyone and would be

addressed later in the meeting. The responses to the survey had been varied and addressing all the views had been attempted. If any change was agreed it was confirmed that it would be monitored. It was noted that it was Alan's final AGM on the Committee and as Chairman of the tennis section. He was thanked for his commitment, support and tenacity over a number of years in leading the section and addressing a number of challenging issues.

7. Resolution to recommend the Club amends the Indoor Court Block booking policy – Appendix A
[Appended to the Minutes]

Nick Nichol presented the resolution to the AGM that had been approved by the Tennis Committee stressing that, if there were to be changes to the current arrangements, it was essential to offer a compromise agreement. He confirmed that there would be no coaches using these indoor courts as it was essential to try and open up the indoor courts to more members who were currently unable to access them. Members discussed the resolution and whether any block bookings were appropriate and fair and if the courts should be open for booking for all. The arrangement had been introduced when the Club was short of funds and members at that time were under the impression that the agreement would continue in perpetuity. Under the new proposal, the indoor courts would operate on a bi weekly rota. The first week would incorporate block bookings in line with the current arrangement with courts in the second week available for members to book. Should the holder of an existing block booking cease to participate, these block bookings would become available to other members. If required, a ballot would be held for Members on a waiting list. If the resolution were to be approved the Chairman would work with the Club office to implement the arrangements and court usage would be monitored over the forthcoming winter to review how this new indoor court booking policy was working. The resolution was put the vote and the results were: 38 for; 25 against; 1 abstention and the resolution was carried.

8. Club and Grounds Report

The Club Manager had circulated a report which was available on the website. He reported that the Club continued to go from strength to strength following Covid and the recovery had gone extremely well and regular life had returned to the tennis section and the Club. Club membership numbers, attendance at Club sessions and general court usage had remained positive over the past twelve months. In addition the Club's coaching programme continued to thrive, offering both group and individual coaching at both on and at offsite venues.

The Club championships were once again a highlight of the year with members and guests enjoying good weather, excellent tennis and refreshments including an outdoor bar and BBQ on courts G and H. Thanks were extended to Susie Reeves and the team for organising the event. The Club had always been at the forefront when it came to supporting charities and good causes and this year had been no exception. Grounds maintenance and improving the quality of the Club's facilities continued to be a priority and the summer had been one of the busiest grass seasons due the amazing weather, which inevitably had brought with it challenges which had impacted on the court conditions. In addition the clay courts had been de-compacted, top dressed, fence repairs undertaken and the floodlighting on all clay courts upgraded to LED lights. The meeting thanked Dave and his staff for all their work to support the Club and its Members.

9. Club tennis teams

Club Captain, Sandra Webster, had provided a detailed report on the performance of the teams extending thanks to all the team captains and the players who had represented the Club across adult and junior teams. Thanks were also extended to Glenda in the Club office for all her work arranging the team fixtures – a huge task involving around 90 home adult matches. Congratulations were also given to the teams that had won their leagues this winter and to those seniors and juniors who had achieved individual success at both regional and national level. For those members preferring to compete internally, the ladders, boxes and singles sessions had continued to be very popular.

Sandra also extended her personal thanks to everyone in the Club 'family' who had offered their love, support and friendship to her through what had had been a particularly challenging period for her and her family.

10. Club Championships

Susie Reeves confirmed that the Club Championship would be held on Saturday 15th July and things were progressing well. She requested that entrants ensured that their first round matches were played on time. Susie was thanked for all her work in connection with the championships.

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

Questions regarding the launch of a new mixed doubles box; introducing additional extra tournaments specifically for Improvers; Members' representatives undertaking play-ins; coach assistance at Friday Improver sessions; possible downgrading of players from full club once played up together with a complaint regarding the current cancellation time on the indoor courts. It was agreed that these would all be considered by the Tennis Committee.

12. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 6:20 pm.

Chairman

Date