



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 6 DECEMBER 2021

1. The meeting was held via Zoom. 24 members attended. Apologies were received from Fiona Craigie and Val Westlake. Approval of the 2020 minutes was proposed by Jonathan Brunert and seconded by Adrian Davis. Paul Hunt noted that the proposed borrowing from the LTA did not go ahead as the Club's finances didn't need it and the administrative complexity of the loan application was too heavy. The minutes were approved by 18 members with one abstention.

Agenda item 3: Annual reports

2. Jonathan, Paul and Steve briefly summarised their reports which had been circulated in advance to all members. Jonathan noted that the Club had had a very good year with a record number of members at about 450, the most for at least 15 years. The club finances were in a good state, the floodlights project had been completed (with especial thanks to Marcel), and issue that had arisen from the 2020 survey of members had been addressed, notably facilities, improving the participation of women and girls. A refreshed American tournament had been launched. The club had won the Hertfordshire club of the year accolade. Ann Lough was stepping down as Ladies Captain and Jonathan thanked her for work in this role.

3. Paul noted that the Club had received £23,000 from the Government in COVID related finance since May 2020, some of which was returned to members in the form of a reduced membership fee. The club currently had a cash balance of £43,000. The accounts were unanimously approved.

4. Steve, on behalf of all the coaching team, expressed his gratitude for the financial and general support the Club had provide during the periods when the Club was closed for lockdowns. In general it had been a very productive and busy year. The booking system for the coaches had been changed. The squads were close to capacity and there was a high demand for individual lessons. Angie had put on extra Saturday sessions, and specific ladies' tournaments. Sam was doing physical training sessions. A LTA representative had visited the club to review the performance squad and had invited three members of the squad to a county event in the new year. Steve concluded by praising the professionalism and dedication

of the coaches which in his view was a massive asset to the Club

Agenda item 4: Fees for 2021

5. Jonathan introduced this item. The proposal was to retain the adult fee of £175 with juniors 9 – 18 £42; child £21; young adult £130; student £77 and adult first timers £120. 19 members approved the proposed fees with 1 opposing.

Agenda item 5: Resolution from members

6. The Resolution was “That the Clubhouse be re-opened and more social events be introduced. This will nurture the sense of community and connection amongst its members. This will also align Cassiobury Tennis Club with other clubs in the area regarding the use of the clubhouse and social events”. However since neither the proposer or seconders were in attendance the Resolution was not discussed (but it was raised subsequently under any other business).

Agenda item 6: Approval of the Management Committee

7. All current members (with one exception) of the committee had indicated their willingness to continue in their roles. In addition, Sarah White and Marcel Van Den Boogaard had agreed to join the Committee. The new Committee was approved unanimously.

8. The following members were therefore elected to the Management Committee.

Chairman	Jonathan Brunert
Treasurer	Paul Hunt
Committee Secretary	Adrian Davis
Men’s Captain	Joint – Mark Hastings/Jonathan Brunert
Ladies Captain	Vacant
Facilities Manager and Bookings	Marcel Willems
Membership Secretary	Mark Hemsley
Welfare Officer and Social Tennis	Jan Godecharle
Junior representatives	Sabira Rahim/Stephen Down
Duties to be allocated	Sarah White/Marcel Van Den Boogaard

Agenda item 7: Election of Officers/Trustees of Cassiobury Gardens Ltd.

9. The current incumbents – Warwick Bird, Laurie Schenk, Ian Tottman and Paul Hunt - were re-elected. This was approved unanimously.

Agenda item 8: Any other business

10. Sarah White proposed reopening the issue of the reopening of the clubhouse, especially in the colder weather. This was seconded by Peter Caneparo. In the

discussion it was generally agreed that imposing conditions on the reopening of the clubhouse would not be practicable as enforcement would be a problem. However, it was agreed that the kitchen facilities would not be used nor would the clubhouse be used for social events. Following quite extensive further discussion, a vote was taken on the proposition that the clubhouse should be reopened but that the decision would be delegated to the Club's management committee on what limits (if any) should be put on the reopening. 13 members approved the proposition with 6 not approving.

11. Ian Tottman asked about progress on acquiring a defibrillator for the Club Marcel Willems reported that it had been ordered and the installation date was expected to be 12th February. Jan noted that we would have to decide who would be trained in its use.

12. The meeting closed at 2045.

Adrian Davis
Committee Secretary