

EBBISHAM TENNIS CLUB
MINUTES OF AGM
HELD ON SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024

Attendance: see attached list

Apologies: Evelynn Ansell, Gill Futchter, Glynis Mann, Rachel Allen, Callum Macarty, Jason Moss. Two away matches also accounted for lower number of attendees this year.

1. Minutes of the last AGM

These had been circulated prior to the meeting. As there were no comments, it was proposed by Charlie Pitt and seconded by Viv Nash that they be accepted. The minutes were duly approved and signed as a true record.

2. Chairman's report

Anil presented his report (copy attached). It covered the present financial position of the club, tennis membership, tournaments, teams, club sessions, courts and lighting, Callum's coaching contract and our community tennis programme in conjunction with Bright Ideas for Tennis.

He concluded by saying that he was now stepping down as Tennis Chairman, but would remain on the committee to see through lighting projects he had started and would oversee court maintenance.

Lesley Coles proposed a vote of thanks, endorsed by Viv, to Anil for all his hard work. A new Chairman would be voted in by the committee at their next meeting.

3. Coaching report (copy attached)

In Callum's absence Anil read out his report. It covered coaching and membership numbers, team and individual successes, LTA tournaments and school links.

4. Election of Committee

The present committee (Anil Gogna, Lesley Coles, Viv Nash, Evelynn Ansell, Gill Futchter, Sam Johnson, Shaun Dominetto, Chris Harding) were all willing to continue for the coming year. An appeal had been made to members asking if any were willing to join the committee but none had been forthcoming so far. Alex Barker then put himself forward. Viv proposed, seconded by Jon Tasch, that the existing committee, plus Alex, be elected en bloc. This was unanimously agreed.

Lesley pointed out that the committee also included a parent rep, Sarah Evers, and Callum in his capacity as Head Coach.

5. Any other business

Club sessions. Euan Barrett and Alex suggested that in order to cut waiting times when sessions were well attended, we should play tie-break tens rather than fast sets to 4. It was agreed that, if numbers were high, this should be put to members at the time to decide.

Name	Signature
David Shepherd	DShepherd
William Ross	W. M. Ross
ANIL GOENI	He.
Stefan Hopmann	[Signature]
CHARLES PITT	[Signature]
ARMAND COLQUHOUN	[Signature]
S. DOMINETTO	[Signature]
Euan Barrett	Kim Barrett
NICOLA NEOL HAD	Nicola Had
JOE TASH	Joe Tash
LESLIE COLLES	LL Colles
Mark [unclear]	Mark [unclear]
Alex Barker	Barker

Chairman's report for 2024 AGM

Welcome everyone to the 2024 Ebbisham Sports Club Tennis AGM

Firstly, thank you all for coming and missing both tennis and your Sunday lunches, I felt it only fair that those that are around engage with the AGM and find out what is happening in the tennis section.

This is my 4th AGM - Some may say its been too long.

In terms of this AGM, I would like to split into two parts, the more formal AGM meeting then open the floor up to any wider tennis-based conversation where members can ask questions and I want to listen to members on how we can improve on what we are currently doing.

Formal

Overall Club position.

Tennis membership numbers have remained steady, during and post covid, our membership numbers are now at a higher level than pre-covid. We currently have 68 adult peak members which is an crease post covid and a total of 86 adult members.

I am especially pleased to see the number of ladies steadily increasing as that was an area of concern in recent years.

We also currently have over 103 juniors (probably higher as figures are out of date and several are due to join following their term's trial period) compared to 54 pre-covid.

Over the past year we have welcomed 5 advanced juniors who are now playing with the adults and there are at least that number waiting in the wings to join the adults shortly. In addition there are about 16 silver members who play tennis as their main sport.

The tennis section is strong at Ebbisham - we have an extremely strong and loyal core. We have welcomed a number of active new members to club sessions and I hope for more in the future.

The numbers wishing to play competitively has grown, so much so that we are running extra teams with the O55 and Men's 4.

When I took over aspirationally I would have like the core to have been 70, that figure is within touching distance and given that our club sessions are always busy I would be looking to pause this at around the 70 figure. Obviously, that would depend on the type of player that wanted to join.

On to the tennis.

Tournaments

- Club championships. This was open to all Ebbisham members, and this year we had a record number of entries. We had new Champions Arron and a junior girl Jessie
- Our club champs have started again with a new category this year of over 50's
- We also ran various tournaments over the year including the Alan Baggett Tournament which has become an annual event
- The bank holiday handicap tournaments also were generally well attended – nice to see some of the silver members also taking part.
- Bright ideas for tennis day –This was a great day for both the juniors and adults. I personally really enjoyed the coaching and it has helped my doubles game. We raised nearly £700 which we will look to allocate to some community programme. We have now started a programme of coaching severely autistic children on a Monday morning. I know some of you have gone through some coaching and I am hoping your efforts will not go unused but we are just taking this incrementally.

Teams

Some great results have been achieved. Whilst we want to do the best we can, I think we have found our rhythm and acceptable mediocrity is not a bad thing. The important bit is that we have a lot of different faces and people playing matches which is great.

We have new Teams Ladies 1, O55 and Men's 4.

- We now have a new Tuesday morning drop-in session open to tennis all members plus silver members which was added. This has been popular and we are pleased that it has gone down well, and well attended.

Callum's Contract

Will be renewed on 31st May 2023 for a period of 3 years. It gives us certainty and locks in the coaching for another 3 years.

Court surface

So, we have new courts, 2 years old, and they look and play fantastically. This was a big financial commitment to the club but we got it over the line and the battles seem a distant memory.

A rhythm of twice a year professionally cleaned. With what we do, putting on clay regular dragging it will maintain the quality of the surface. It is really nice when I play matches that visiting teams comment on the quality of the surface and one team said recently whilst we lost it was great to play on the surface.

Whilst last weekend may have seemed a bit of a bind the work that we carried out allowed us to fund our supply of clay and not rely on the maintenance visits.

We also now have a tonne of clay that we can add ourselves, this will be really

Lighting

Some have raised LED lighting to replace the current floodlights. I will be honest and say that I don't think that is going to happen any time soon. What I would like to do is add an extra light to court 2/3, so we increase the light on the shadow court. That will involve negotiation with the neighbours, a new covenant, followed by a planning permission application. We could consider just changing the current lights but having spent significant amounts on the courts I don't think that is financially viable. We have however replaced all the bulbs recently so we will have brighter lights going forward. I have had an initial meeting with the neighbour and they have not said no which is a positive. We are waiting for some plans to be drawn up, we will then need to negotiate with the neighbours and adjust the planning permission as well as the covenant that we have with the neighbours. It will be complicated but I think it's doable but it will have to be done slowly and with tact with the neighbours as well as the council.

Club-sessions – Great to see they are being used and hopefully over the summer they will continue.

Socials – we can discuss afterwards – but I would be interested in your thoughts.

Finally

Special thank you to the committee and of course Lesley who as I always say without her we wouldn't have a tennis ball.

Anil over and out.

Good luck and I will always be around.

Coaching report for 2024 AGM

Teams:

Summer league 2023 :

- U9s - 3rd in league
- U10s- 3rd in league
- U11 Boys- **Won** their league
- U12 Boys-**Won** their league
- U12 Girls - **Won** their league
- U16s boys- **Won** their league

Winter league 2023/24:

- U9s- 4th in league
- U12 Boys - **Won** their league - lost in quarterfinal of knockout
- U14 Boys- **Won** their league - lost in quarterfinal of knockout
- U16 Boys - **Won** their league - lost in quarterfinal of knockout

Current season :

4 out of our 5 teams are currently **1st** in their league

Individuals who have stood out particularly:

Jessica Kenworthy - Won Ladies singles last summer age 12
Oliver Eysers - Won division 1 of adult box league last season

Membership and programme review:

In 2023

Total Players on the weekly programme: 210

Junior (orange and above) - 136	Members - 114	Non Member- 22
Red - 52	Members - 0	Non member - 52
Adult -22	Members -11	Non Member but children in programme- 3
		Non Member - 8

In 2022

Total Players on the weekly programme: 206

Junior (orange and above) -122	Members -104	Non Member- 18
Red -57	Members -2	Non member - 55
Adult -27	Members -17	Non Member but children in programme- 4
		Non Member - 6

Programme/ Membership Summary:

Over the last year the programme numbers have fluctuated, over the winter they dropped a lot but they have bounced back this term. There is more members then there was last year (9% rise in juniors) and there is currently 22 (orange and above) non members this term so potentially there will be another 22 juniors joining at the end of the term (as per club policy) which would be an overall rise of 28%

Wednesday cub session:

Will was running the weekly club session over the last year, however from May 2024 Leon Howie has taken over the session. Weekly numbers over the last year were roughly 7

Tournaments - held 18 county tour events this year. All were well attended and ran smoothly. We have been allocated 3 more events between now and September 2024

From our club we have had 2 Champion and 6 Runner ups in these tournaments

School links:

Current school links:

Stamford green
Epsom Primary
Southfield park
Glyn High School
Blenheim High School
Langley Vale
Shawley Community Primary Academy