

Quinton Sports Club - Tennis Section AGM
Wednesday 26th April 2023 at 19.30pm
George & Dragon Coffee Shop.

Apologies: Paul and Carolyn Turnbull, Dave Giblin, Gary Miller, James Christopherson, Cristina Galatanu, Kath and Nick Heirons, James Lucas & James Morton.

Attendees: Paul & Debbie Ormerod, John Lucas, Andrew Rusikoff, Noel Ratcliffe, David Leeming, Jan Stiegler, Louis Bacchus, Judy Marshall, Helen Foster & Alan Warner.

1. Paul Ormerod opened the meeting and welcomed all.
2. **Minutes of 2022 AGM.** These were accepted as a true record.
3. **Committee Reports.**

a). Chairmans Report. Paul Ormerod.

Paul Ormerod opened by thanking James Christopherson who is stepping down as Chairman. He described a better year as we start to leave the pandemic behind us and things start to return to normal.

Paul reiterated thanks to all those that have helped with the organising and running of events throughout the year on behalf of the club.

The plan is to continue with last years priorities, the highest priority being the provision of a water supply to the courts and provision of toilet facilities. This is dependant on obtaining a grant to fund this and to that end Debbie Ormerod has volunteered to pick up the work that James Christopherson used to do in obtaining grants.

Judy Marshall has agreed to continue as Welfare Officer for another year and will then hand the role over to Annie Bacchus. Judy reported that there has been a Club Welfare Inspection this year and the Inspector was very satisfied with the clubs Welfare Policies and Procedures.

b). Honorary Treasurers Report - Paul Ormerod.

It has been a successful year from a fundraising perspective with income this year being £1000 compared with £700 last year. The Club benefitted from more opportunities to fundraise with the Fireworks and Quaintest and hopefully this year the restarting of the Tennis Funday.

Costs are escalating at the moment particularly the cost of lighting the courts. Although our repayment commitments have finished there is a need to create a 'sinking fund' of at least £4000 for the future and to cope with these commitments a 10% increase in subs is proposed. There was some debate about the pros and cons of this but eventually it was agreed by the meeting to increase subs by 10%. There was also some concern about differentiating between teens & juniors and that this is impossible to police as some members don't always submit membership forms. It was agreed to create a single category of student which would cover all those aged 18 and under and any other students. This would be a sub of £30 (to be increased by 10%) Felt there was no traction in providing social membership as there is very little to offer social members.

NR to mail out to members in the coming days with the new subs.

c). Membership Report: Noel Ratcliffe.

2022/23 ended with 88 members compared with 99 members last year. 16 of these were juniors & 12 Teens (28)

One area to build on is attracting the children who attend coaching to join the club. It would be helpful to know who attends coaching so the club could approach them. It was agreed that the easiest approach would be to produce a card that could be handed to all children by the coaches telling the child about the club and the benefits of membership.

Debbie Ormerod agreed to pull together an information leaflet detailing coaches and all sessions and times that could be handed to anyone and even used as a piece for the Quainton News.

d). Mens Captains Report: John Lucas.

The team struggled in the winter league as a lot of players were un-available. Unfortunately that meant relegation which will probably mean a more encouraging season next year. The next event upcoming is the Bucks shield this summer and it looks like we will have a lot of players available for this.

There are currently a couple of creases in the Court covering. There is a plan to deal with this which will be carried out when the weather improves.

4. Election of Officers and Committee.

Chairman: Paul Ormerod, proposed Alan Warner and seconded John Lucas.

Honorary Treasurer: Helen Foster, Proposed Noel Ratcliffe and seconded Debbie Ormerod

Social Secretary: Louis Bacchus, Proposed Paul Ormerod and Seconded by Alan Warner.

Membership Secretary: Noel Ratcliffe, proposed Jan Stiegler and seconded John Lucas.

Welfare Officer: Judy Marshall offered to stay for one more year, proposed Helen foster and seconded Jan Stiegler

Fixtures Secretary: Nick Butler Men's Captain: John Lucas.

5. Coaching.

Summary of attendance; running at the moment with around 18. The coaching team is keen to do something with the adults, but it has to be financially viable. Coaching is advertised in six to seven local schools. Adults are keen to sign their children up for a course but not keen to commit themselves.

6. Long & Short Term Priorities.

Short Term Priorities - Water Supply and WC. Council are currently consulting on the construction of a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) adjacent to the Tennis Courts. Enquire of the Council if there might be support for providing toilet facilities.

Long Term Priorities - Replace the fencing.

7. AOB

John Lucas reported that he has booked a spot at Quainfest on the 24th June to sell burgers and hot dogs. The stall will be available from 1pm.

The Tennis ball machine is currently broken ? needs a new battery.

Tennis Club Funday to take place on May 14th from 12.30 pm.

Date of next meeting to be agreed.