## Chesham 1879 : Annual General Meeting Minutes

## 15th December 2019 5.00pm

Chair	David Griffiths chaired the meeting		
	Members present : 31 Apologies received : 12		
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1.Squash	R Hill shared the squash report		
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2. Tennis AGM	<ul> <li>Proposed by : David Clarke, seconded by Tim Pritchard Jones</li> <li>A Ferguson shared the tennis report as chair – see report.</li> <li>See ppt, in summary: <ul> <li>Junior membership slowing growing and Friday nights is booming again</li> <li>Overall membership steady</li> <li>Acorn House and Cameron's Trust received a donation from the Hatch End league ladies team who won their division. (£200 shared)</li> <li>Other teams doing well generally</li> <li>Tuesday and Thursday evening growing in popularity</li> <li>Social tournaments – Presidents cup and other American tournaments</li> <li>Singles league slowly growing in popularity, planning in developing league with new coach.</li> <li>New court playing well along with floodlighting. All 9 courts can be lit without impacting the club.</li> <li>Slip test – cts 5+6 and some of 1,2,3 in rain. All courts passed according to Chiltern Sports. Players shoes can add to the issues.</li> <li>Fencing on cts 123 needs repairing as it's now more obvious as balls are being lost too easily.</li> <li>A leaf blower is now available to clear the courts of leaves.</li> <li>Contract with Challenge Tennis ceases 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. A new Club Coach – Nick Brookes – has been appointed. Experiences and energised coach. Lives locally, has played for the team, attended social events and hosted some training sessions. A social tournament will be held in early January. Nick is keen to encourage social play.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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		s been well received. Two owl boxes being installed shortly.		
	N Gratham approaching other clubs in the area to try and forge links to extend membership LTA being supportive.			
	ng trend, members are p	laying several clubs		
	Fen year plan			
•	Membership survey (99 responses 121 previously)			
	etting older			
• Evider	ce of new members			
• 73% m	73% members come to Club to play sport, increasing evidence of socialising			
	elieve Clubhouse is good (prev 53%), function room			
		ng times and kitchen are areas to develop.		
• Thank	to Sheila Jalland for ext	Sheila Jalland for extensive efforts developing the bar and linking in MMM		
		ility, booking system all up		
	o corridor main area of c			
•		nore, not everyone knows about them		
	ives and Focus :			
,	<ul> <li>Increase and maintain</li> </ul>	ain membership		
		npt others away from clubs?		
	• New coaches			
	• New facilities			
	<ul> <li>Social calendar</li> </ul>			
	• Use clubhouse more	e often for social events/private member events		
	• Further update to d	ecoration and maintenance		
	o Patio area			
	<ul> <li>Storage</li> </ul>			
	o Squash balcony and	l corridor		
	<ul> <li>Website</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Padal tennis – LTA h</li> </ul>	nas an initiative to set up, growing in popularity. Potential		
	opportunity to be th			
	• Use of field by river	<ul> <li>could be utilised by the community.</li> </ul>		
Election of	officers			
	o Chairman	: Neil Grantham		
	• Honorary Secretary	: Jayne McCarthy		
	o Treasurer	: Dinah Martin		
	<ul> <li>Finance Chair</li> </ul>	: Claire Moore		
	o Maintenance	: Steve Ramsden		
	<ul> <li>Auditor</li> </ul>	: Michael Brooke		
	<ul> <li>Tennis Chair</li> </ul>	: Alistair Ferguson		
	<ul> <li>Squash Chair</li> </ul>	: Roger Hill		
	<ul> <li>Amenities</li> </ul>	: Simon Reynolds		
	<ul> <li>Tennis rep</li> </ul>	: tbc		
	<ul> <li>Squash rep</li> </ul>	: Paul Belcher		
	• Administrator	: tbc		
	Supported by:			
	• Media/PR	: Team of Gary Martin, Stuart Tennant, Nick Brooks		
	o Bar	: Sheila Jalland		
• Admin	istrator role still outstan	ding. Request for support sought.		
1 1 m a m a a a al la	/:Tom P-J Se	conded by : Kate Weber		

7. Amenities	Report given by Simon Reynolds/Steve Ramsden summarising work around the club over the y including fencing, carpark, courts, showers and river.	
7. AOB	<ul> <li>The Club needs an administrator. Too reliant on Tamara and key others.</li> <li>A job description should be distributed to all members</li> <li>Idea of paying someone briefly discussed. Generally considered not big enough. The job could be occupied by someone who has spare time. The role could be split into different sub-roles. To be discussed at main committee.</li> <li>Thanks to Michael Owen for support with photography.</li> </ul>	
	The meeting closed at 18.45	