

Chesham 1879 : Annual General Meeting Minutes

15th December 2019 5.00pm

Chair	David Griffiths chaired the meeting
	Members present : 31 Apologies received : 12
Item	Issues arising
1.Squash AGM	<p>R Hill shared the squash report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Membership is positive, new members – word of mouth, visiting on spec. New younger members• Squash England encouraging Squash – it's about getting fit• Trying hard to publicise match results• Positive season. 4 teams being run, including a new ladies team. Mens 1 playing in Div 1 and playing well.• Planning on redoing the floors, 30yrs old so well overdue.• Showers much improved• Coaching. Thanks to John Hatch. Profile significantly improved - new juniors, schools and ladies coaching. CGS and Dr Challoners High using courts.• Sponsors now involved on the courts, more the merrier.• Hosted a special event – World #26 played for 5 ours giving coaching and the challenging players• Social squash popular, but Club night struggling.• Courts deemed to be some of the best in the count.• New glass doors, new floors – all looking very good• New court booking system proving popular• International travelling group – 16 players went to Gibraltar.• Matt Doody is now the official Safeguarding• Thanks to Paul Griffiths for three years of chairmanship who stood down <p>Election of officers : see sheet</p> <p>Proposed by : David Clarke, seconded by Tim Pritchard Jones</p>
2. Tennis AGM	<p>A Ferguson shared the tennis report as chair – see report. See ppt, in summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Junior membership slowing growing and Friday nights is booming again• Overall membership steady• Acorn House and Cameron's Trust received a donation from the Hatch End league ladies team who won their division. (£200 shared)• Other teams doing well generally• Tuesday and Thursday evening growing in popularity• Social tournaments – Presidents cup and other American tournaments• Singles league slowly growing in popularity, planning in developing league with new coach.• New court playing well along with floodlighting. All 9 courts can be lit without impacting the club.• 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.• Fencing on cts 123 needs repairing as it's now more obvious as balls are being lost too easily.• A leaf blower is now available to clear the courts of leaves.• Contract with Challenge Tennis ceases 31st 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.

- MMM has been embedded into Club, still some teething problems.
- GDPR still being managed.
- Bird welfare nesting project has 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.
- Growing trend, members are playing several clubs
- Ten year plan
- Membership survey (99 responses 121 previously)
- Club getting older
- Evidence of new members
- 73% members come to Club to play sport, increasing evidence of socialising
- 71% believe Clubhouse is good (prev 53%), function room
- Bar opening times and kitchen are areas to develop.
- Thanks to Sheila Jalland for extensive efforts developing the bar and linking in MMM
- Tennis courts – quality, availability, booking system all up
- Squash corridor main area of concern
- Social events, generally need more, not everyone knows about them
- Objectives and Focus :
 - Increase and maintain membership
 - Local marketing, tempt others away from clubs?
 - New coaches
 - New facilities
 - Social calendar
 - Use clubhouse more often for social events/private member events
 - Further update to decoration and maintenance
 - Patio area
 - Storage
 - Squash balcony and corridor
 - Website
 - Padel tennis – LTA has an initiative to set up, growing in popularity. Potential opportunity to be the first in the area.
 - Use of field by river – could be utilised by the community.

Election of officers

- Chairman : Neil Grantham
- Honorary Secretary : Jayne McCarthy
- Treasurer : Dinah Martin
- Finance Chair : Claire Moore
- Maintenance : Steve Ramsden
- Auditor : Michael Brooke
- Tennis Chair : Alistair Ferguson
- Squash Chair : Roger Hill
- Amenities : Simon Reynolds
- Tennis rep : tbc
- Squash rep : Paul Belcher
- Administrator : tbc

Supported by:

- Media/PR : Team of Gary Martin, Stuart Tennant, Nick Brooks
- Bar : Sheila Jalland

- Administrator role still outstanding. Request for support sought.

Proposed by : Tom P-J

Seconded by : Kate Weber

7. Amenities	Report given by Simon Reynolds/Steve Ramsden summarising work around the club over the year, including fencing, carpark, courts, showers and river.
7. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Club needs an administrator. Too reliant on Tamara and key others.• A job description should be distributed to all members• 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.• Thanks to Michael Owen for support with photography.
	The meeting closed at 18.45