

Cranleigh Lawn Tennis & Social Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

For period:- 1 January – 31 December, 2011

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 29th March, 2012.

Committee Attendees:

Christine Roe Harry McVeigh, Geoff Walker, Maggie Ryder,
Katherine Gillespie, Tom Brooks, John Sprinks.
And 26 members.

Apologies

Madelyn Blomeley, Alan Riley, Janie Conlyn, Doug Cruishank, Greg Cooper, Mark Gilby, Jamie Paramu.

Approval of Minutes:

Proposed –Peter McCandless

Seconded—Stephen Hickey

Chairman's Address- Chris Roe

Chris read out her address thanking all members of the committee passed and present and other non-committee members for all their help in running the club throughout the year. This year has been a very challenging year financially for many people and of course the club. But despite this we undertook several larger projects that will benefit the club now and in the future.

These included: external repairs and painting of the clubhouse; replacement of the gas boiler; felling of the 7 poplar trees and improvements to external lighting.

Tennis membership has increased slightly from last year and it has been good to see the increase in the young people under 25 years joining.

Bookings of the club house have continued to go very well our thanks to Harry, Elaine and Jack McVeigh for their ongoing work.

The committee has appointed Geoff Walker as Hon President of the club in recognition of his many years of service.

Matters Arising from AGM 2010 Minutes

1. An EGM was called on 11 September to update the constitution following a request by the Lawn Tennis Association to sign up to the LTA's Disciplinary code.
2. The committee decided not to formally change the name of the Club to Merton Park Tennis & Social Club, but to make Merton Park more obvious in publicity leaflets, posters etc to make it clear where we are.

Financial Report Katherine Gillespie

A copy of the Profit and Loss Sheet is attached.

Katherine said the bottom line is that we made a loss of £4000 compared to last year.

But we have spent a lot on projects last year and therefore will not be able to take on any more major projects this year. The bar is £6000 down but we have spent less on stock.

The fruit machine has barely paid for itself for the first time in all the years that she has been treasurer but apparently they are changing the licensing rules in 2013 so we will keep with it until

then. Our thanks to Francis D'Silva for his research into changing utility suppliers and by doing so saved the club a lot of money.

Tennis Report - John Sprinks

There have been various tournaments this year and it was pleasing to see so many star juniors entered into the main singles draws as well. Standout performances include Tom Fallis in the Star Juniors Singles Final and also Erica who managed to get a clean sweep of victory trophies this year. A reminder that the club finals weekend will be run on the 14th & 15th of July. Several American Tournaments' were run during the year and the Christine Eaton New Year tournament was very successful with over 22 entries. Thanks to Chris Roe who has organised the majority of these tournaments this year.

We entered a team into the Streatham Cup this year but unfortunately didn't get past the first round so we hope to do better next year.

John said we will be holding our next Open Days on April 28 and 29 from 2-4.30pm If any members tennis or social can come and help to meet and greet visitors on these days please let us know.

We still need to encourage new members to join our club and as we do have some of the best facilities available and a fantastic clubhouse.

John thanked everyone here for attending and supporting the club.

Coaching and Juniors Report- Jaymie Paramu

In Jaymie's absence – Chris Chapman read out his report.

This year has been very successful. There are 79 Junior members in the coaching programme and Jamie praised many of the juniors taking part in competitions internally and externally.

Jaymie thanked all the assistant coaches, Tom Elliot and Josh and Chris *Chapman* for making the junior programme run smoothly.

There are 3 adult groups currently being run on Wednesday evenings, 2 beginners groups and one intermediate group.

Jaymie congratulated Chris Chapman on his efforts in both the junior and senior adult groups this year, Chris Roe for her help with the junior membership and everyone else who helps to make Cranleigh a success.

Membership -Christine Roe.

Tennis membership has increased slightly from last year – 87 tennis members as compared with 81 in 2010. The 87 members included 54 full members, 7 Students/Young people under 25 years, 25 Coaching/Parent members and 1 midweek member. We would still like to attract approximately another 20 full members.

It has been good to see the increase in the young people under 25 years joining. We have decided to offer a mid week membership fee of £115 to encourage more players in this category.

Junior membership has stayed quite constant at 79 compared to 83 in 2010. The big increase was in the attendance at the summer camps from 20 children in 2010 to 66 in April 2011. This brought in an extra £1000 profit to the club after all coaching fees were paid. Unfortunately we did not obtain another Sport of England Grant, the funders said although the bid was of a high quality it was too similar to the programme they had funded previously. Therefore, we were not able to continue with our free tennis programme for primary schools and Rutlish. However Poplar Primary has continued to buy us in for coaching sessions as part of their Thrilling Thursday's programme.

Social membership has stayed fairly constant at 93 compared to 97 in 2010. We had 10 honorary members in 2010, which included 1 tennis and 9 social members.

Membership Fees

The committee proposed that there should be no increases in membership fees.

Proposed – Harry McVeigh Seconded Tom Ryder
Agreed unanimously.

Social and Bar Report- Harry McVeigh

Harry reported a successful year of functions in terms of outside functions and internal social functions. Already there are 10 functions booked for this year.

The club took £3390 in hire fees and £13,800 in bar takings for outside events in 2011.

Owing to the increases in beer prices over the year there was no alternative but to increase bar prices. The Wednesday evening Table Tennis round robin tournament has been a welcome addition to the club and new members are always welcome to join.

Election of the Committee

See list attached.

Some committee members won't be standing this year because of other commitments at home or work – so thank you to Madelyn Blomley for the many years she has helped to organise social events, Francis D'Silva for helping to get the Junior tennis teams organised and Mark Gilby for his assistance on IT issues and organising 2 of the men's tennis teams.

We have appointed Tony Jones a social member and darts player as the new cleaner.

A.O.B.

Richard asked if it would be beneficial to reduce the cost of hiring the club-

Harry said that we were getting enough bookings and did not think that we needed to reduce the hire fee.

Dennis asked as we had paid up the brewery loan would it be an idea to look at other breweries-

Harry said that he had looked into it and that Cash & Carry were more expensive, and other breweries that had been down were not as good as at the moment they give us about £1000 of free stock and they are very good when they deliver they always bring it round the back and put it out of sight.

Dave asked if maybe the committee could look into changing the fruit machine to a Roulette Machine- Harry said he will have a word with Wizard who supply the machine.

Richard asked if we have advertised to get other darts teams to play here-

Chris said the members are the strongest marketing force to encourage other members.

Chris thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 9.05.

Committee positions – 2012/3

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NOMINATED</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>SECONDED</u>
CHAIRMAN	Christine Roe	Francis D’Silva	Harry McVeigh
SECRETARY	Maggie Ryder	Harry McVeigh	Geoff Walker
TREASURER	Katherine Gillespie	Holly Campbell	Geoff Walker
ASST. TREASURER	Geoff Walker	Chris Roe	Dave McGrath
BAR STEWARD/ SOCIAL SECRETARY	Harry McVeigh	Chris Roe	Geoff Walker
TENNIS CAPTAIN	John Sprinks	Julie McNair	Francis D’Silva
TOURNAMENT SECRETARY	Tom Brooks	Julie McNair	Holly Campbell
ASST SOCIAL SECRETARY	Vacant		
TENNIS REPRESENTATIVE	Holly Campbell	Sharon Soliman	Iun Grayston
MAINTENANCE OFFICER	Gary Woods	Bob Armstrong	Harry McVeigh