

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
THURROCK LAWN TENNIS CLUB**

23rd March 2017 at 8pm, Held at Tyrrells Hall Club, Dock Road, Grays

Apologies:

Barry Norrington and Mike Mahoney

1 Chairman Report

The Chairman opened by thanking everyone for coming.

It has been a difficult year with the issues with the Committee and the subsequent EGM. The new committee has now met several times and are getting to grips with running the club. With the assistance of Barry Norrington we have sorted the financial side and have the new signatories in place. Unfortunately we are continuing to have difficulties with a previous committee member and after many requests to return several items belonging to the club we still have not received. We will be sending a letter and if there is further non-compliance Under Rule 16 we will be looking to terminate that membership.

Because of the difficulties encountered we propose to make a few changes to the Rules and will be voting on these at the next AGM.

2 Minutes of the Last AGM

There were read. One issue regarding new members – they will be charged the same rate as existing members if paid before the end of April. The rest of the minutes were approved.

3 Secretary's Report

Thurrock Sports Council. We have managed to secure funding for a coaching course for Rachel Cordell and we wish her good luck when she attends the course in the summer.

Sports England Good Governance. As a committee, we are keen to be transparent and therefore over the next few weeks I will be updating the boards at the club with all relevant information for the club including a copy of the Good Governance guidelines for your perusal. To secure funding for the future we will be abiding by the Mandatory Requirements outlined in their Guidelines.

A couple of points of note are that we would need an independent member, i.e. not on committee to just check over the accounts at the end of the year. If anyone is interested can you let us know. In addition, we will be installing a suggestion box and this will be very useful for our members to add any ideas or suggestions to improve your experience at the club on an ongoing basis.

Membership Renewal Form. On the membership renewal form this year you will find an additional box where you can highlight any skills that you may have that could be useful to our club.

Overall our club does a good job but there are a couple of things that we will need to change to secure Tier 1 Funding and the committee will endeavour to do this over the coming months.

Fund Raising. We managed to raise 2,500 in fund raising last year and we would like to thank everyone that attended and particularly like to thank a few people, namely Terry, Jo Stehle, Belhus Golf Club and Graham and his family who were the question masters for the extra efforts. Following on from the success this year we will be holding another Quiz Night and want to fund raise for a Ball Machine and / or a Tennis Wall. If anyone has any other ideas for items that would be useful to the club, please email the club or speak to a committee member. In addition, if anyone can donate prizes for the raffle please let Jo Stehle know.

Complaints: Neighbours have complained about youngsters hanging around by the garages at night therefore we would welcome the members' thoughts on installing CCTV. If agreed are any members able to offer expertise in this area, in particular to reduce costs, please let us know.

Full Membership: The committee have noticed a reduction in full time members attending Sunday morning tennis so we are looking at introducing a more convenient time plus match practice evenings to including those more advanced players. We would like to hear from full members their thoughts

Just to remind everyone that we have courts at St Clere's for your use at a reduced price of £5 per court. You can book the courts directly with St Clere's but if you would need any assistance please let us know.

3a Social Secretary's Report

We have a number of exciting events planned for the coming year. We plan to hold an American Tournament every month and more often if the demand is there. Our first one will be on the Saturday 1st April from 2pm and a Junior Tournament on Monday 3rd April from 11 am. Jo Stehle will be contacting everyone by email and WhatsApp but would appreciate if you could let her know how you preferred to be contacted.

All future events will be displayed on the board at the club so keep an eye out and if you need any further information Jo will be happy to help.

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4 Treasurers Report

Income

Income for the year totalled £10,645.93 (up from £9,624.65 the previous year), the large majority of which was generated from member subscriptions (£7,212, 67%) and Other Income (£2,650, 22%).

The Other Income figure was made up of £2,400 from fund raising (Quiz night) and £250 from the LTA Davis Cup Legacy.

This represents quite a significant increase in Income compared to the previous year, which is largely due to the substantial sum generated from the fund-raising activities in 2016, compared to 2015.

Expenditure

The total expenditure for the year totalled £10,407.87 (£10,011.77 in the previous year).

This figure includes Provisions totalling £4,000:

- £3,000 for Resurfacing Courts (cumulative £40,000 to date); and
- £1,000 for Club Refurbishment (cumulative £9,500 to date).

There are 2 further items to note:

- Court refurbishment costs (Court cleaning) were £1,194 (£0 the previous year); and
- Maintenance of the courts and property increased from £178 in 2015 to £1,165 in 2016.

Balance Sheet

- The Club's Cash reserves increased to £54,457.28 in the year, up from £50,219.22 at the end of 2015.

To summarise

In the year to 31 December 2016 the Club generated a small surplus of £238.06, compared to a deficit of £387.12 the previous year.

In simple terms this reflects the fact that Income for the year increased by £1,021.28, whilst Expenditure only increased by £396.10, moving the club from a small deficit into surplus.

The Club has therefore managed to generate sufficient revenues to cover its costs, and provisions.

Following a brief explanation of the financial status of the Club, the Treasurer finished with a few more general comments:

- The members are the lifeblood of the Club, not least because they provide almost 70% of the Club's Income, but also because they raise additional funds for the Club as participants in Club activities such as the Quiz night;
- The Treasurer also acknowledged the efforts over many years of former Committee members.

Fees

Fees are due on 1st April for all members and new members. Details are below:

	Discounted Price if paid before 30th April 17	From May 17	From Oct 17
Full/Coach	£130	£150	£75
Off Peak	£90	£110	£55
Student (Proof Required)	£66	£75	£38
Junior	£47	£53	£28

New - Family Membership

A household/family membership with at least 1 Junior membership at the same address qualify for 10% discount on any related Adult Full or Off Peak rates only.

Please fill in the online application form that can be found using the link below:

<http://www.thurrockltc.co.uk/prices.html>]

5 Membership Secretary's Report

There are 3 honorary members, 20 full, 32 off-peak, 2 students and 38 juniors. This makes a total of 97 members, slightly up from last year. The biggest jump was the off-peak membership.

Membership and renewals can be completed online and sent to the club email: thurrocktennisclub@gmail.com. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or directly to the bank. Details are on the renewal sheet. **Please ensure that any direct payments have the member's name on it.**

For cheque payments please send your application form and cheque to the membership secretary:

Sue Klecha
8 Premier Avenue
Grays RM16 2SD

If you prefer to pay by cash please email thurrocktennisclub@gmail.com where we can organise a member of the committee to meet you at the club to take payment and supply you with receipt.

Once payment has been made we will be sending membership packs before end of month.

6 Heads Coaches Report

A new committee and a new era for Thurrock LTC and encouraging league teams and coaching this year.

Stock League:

Men's are currently 5th out of 7 teams in division 4 after a slightly bad run in of late which hampered our chances of promotion.

Ladies team have had a brilliant season currently 3rd place only 3 points behind 2nd place team after a great last two matches both won 8-0 well done on your efforts may this continue.

Mixed 1 currently 3rd place after a slightly indifferent season with a mixed bag of results but a great effort by all involved and we will continue to push for promotion in the coming summer season starting very soon.

Mixed 2 are currently 5th out of 7 teams but a good result during the week will hopefully see them jump up to 3rd which in my opinion another great effort as this is their very first season in competition.

Coaching side is picking up greatly and we are getting quite a bundle of enquiries after not getting one single enquiry from April last year up to November when the new committee was implemented. We have great news that Rachel Cordell has been given a grant to undertake her level 1 coaching course and we will welcome her onto our coaching team, good luck with this career path.

We are hoping to add a Junior team in to a local league I am waiting to hear whether we will be accepted into the league I will keep you all posted on this.

Having spoken with the new committee at length we are also going to arrange some more Mini-tennis tournaments and are going to organise a summer camp with the help of Gavin, Rachel and Jack as we did not run one last year under the previous committee, to add an incentive for the membership fees being paid we will widely advertise such events on our website and via our new club email address.

7 Report on Club Championships and Other Events

The annual internal competition will be underway very soon and we would love to see not only the regular members but new faces to have a go, the list is here tonight for you to put your names down. The list will be available at the club after tonight for those members that couldn't attend. Please note you must be a member by April 30th to be eligible. As timing is tight it is very important that you organise your matches in a timely manner to ensure nobody is disappointed as there will be a coin toss if the match deadlines are not met. Thank you to all those members that abide by this.

I would also like to suggest another kind of tournament Speed Tennis where the rules are different, 1 serve only and if that hits the net and enters the correct service box it still counts, play 1 set and each round will be drawn out of the hat completely.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members for their support through the difficult time we had previously and I am confident that our new committee will deliver to the members a friendly club with a lot more activities to be added.

8 Election of Officers and Committee

The committee team were confirmed:

Chairman	Michael Smith
Secretary	Joanne Wintour
Treasurer	Stephen Wintour
Captain	Terry Morgan
Membership Secretary	Sue Klecha
Match Secretary	Diane Morgan
Coordinator for Competitions/championships	Gavin McAlear
Social Secretary	Jo Stehle

9 The Future – including date of next year's AGM

We held a come and try day for families last year and it was well attended and we have a number of new members on the back of it. With the new social secretary we are aiming to increase the social tennis for current members and hold more competitions throughout the year, including a number of friendly matches against other clubs.

10 Any Other Business

2018 AGM – Date will be confirmed shortly.

Electricity bills fairly high so looking to see if we can secure funding for solar panels.

11 Chairman – Closing Remarks

Linda was thanked for keeping the club clean and tidy and was presented with some flowers and a £20 voucher.

All members thanked for coming to the AGM and there was a short break before the Presentation of Awards takes place.

The outside door combination lock number will be changed on April 30th and the number will be supplied with your membership card.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Mike presented the trophies to the winners of the internal competitions. Well done to all those that took part.