

## **MINUTES OF SLTCC 41st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Present:** Gillian Bartlett, Chair, the following Board members: Vikki Courtney, Ray Franklin, , Peter Lewis, Gary Lord, John Sheridan, Simon Taylor, plus Dez Lewington (Club Manager) and 13 other members.

Craig McEwan, Club Vice President had offered apologies of behalf himself and Marian McEwan. ST advised that 5 proxies had been received.

### **Introduction and Minutes of AGM 2016**

GB welcomed everyone present and thanked them for coming.

GB mentioned the minutes of the 2016 AGM which had been approved by the Board and referred the meeting to the copies available at the meeting and on the website.

GB expressed her great appreciation for the role played by Peter Lewis who stood down as Chair in January 2017 and for all that he had done for the club, particularly before a club manager was appointed. Peter confirmed he was still assisting the board in his position as Vice-Chair. GB also expressed appreciation for the work of Christine Hensby who stood down in May 2017 after 6 years as Membership and Marketing Secretary. GB also recognised Steve Nash who resigned as Director in November 2016 and Jon Sherman who resigned as Director in May 2017.

GB noted the main themes in her Chair's report:

- The Club has had a very good year to 31/3/17.
- Subsequent to 31/3/17, the Club Manager has extended his hours and an Assistant Manager appointed.
- There have been major improvements to the squash courts building and tennis courts 6/7 have been resurfaced as clay.
- Financial improvements in income from bar and clubhouse.
- Increased activities and community tennis.
- Coaching programmes are being taken over from Parklangley as from September 2017.
- Holiday Camps doing well.
- Developments with new club house

Michael Wheeler mentioned the success of the Ladies Croquet players in winning a Ladies Competition in Southwick in August.

GB advised that there had been an error in the key roles list. During updating, Daniel Hensby had unfortunately been taken off the list. Daniel in fact continues to provide webmaster services for which the club is grateful.

Ray Franklin introduced the Accounts as previously circulated and explained that the club had a most successful year:

- RF presented the Report and Accounts for the financial year to 31 March 2017. This showed a healthy position with income exceeding expenditure by £4,627 (compared to £8,853 for year to 31/3/16). However, c.£25,000 has been spent on the squash courts (heating and cladding around roof) which had been covered by revenue rather than added to capital expenditure.

- Play related income is much greater reflecting increased membership (especially squash) and will further improve this financial year as coaching transfers over from Parklangley.
- Non-playing income has increased due to increased contributions from the bar and lettings.
- Expenditure has increased relating to coaching due to increased coaching activities.
- Electricity expenditure would be evened out if a smart meter is installed, which will hopefully be soon.
- All tennis courts have now been resurfaced so the previous "Sinking Fund" is discontinued. A new Sinking Fund will be created for future refurbishments.
- As at 31/3/17 the Club has £92,497 in its Bank Accounts due to receipt of loans from the LTA

The financial outlook for 2017/18 is to have a continuation of the Club's strong financial performance.

The motion to receive the Accounts was carried on a show of hands, with thanks to Ray.

**2. Election of Directors:** Each of the following was elected as Director, unanimously on a show of hands: Vikki Courtney and Jay George both co-opted in year; Gillian Bartlett, Ray Franklin and Simon Taylor, retiring by rotation.

### **3. Election of Bar Committee**

The Bar Committee, comprising Simon Taylor, Jeff Hinton, and Paulius Kirsciunas, was re-elected unanimously on a show of hands. Julia Parker was put forward as a new member of the Bar Committee and voted unanimously on a show of hands.

### **4. Election of club vice-president**

Shelagh Brooks was elected club-vice president, also unanimously on a show of hands. The AGM recognised the long and continuing excellent service Shelagh has given to the club, as past Treasurer, continuing work raising cheques for the Club, a team captain and an enthusiastic member of the tennis section. The AGM approved Shelagh being appointed as Club Vice President

The Croquet section submitted a nomination for Club Vice President on the day of meeting. GB advised that this nomination could be considered at a future time but it was too late to consider it at this meeting.

### **5. Volunteer of the Year Award 2017:**

GB mentioned the valuable role of the many volunteers who helped with the club - as mentioned on the Key Roles list - and that there had been several candidates for the Volunteer of the Year Award this year.

GB announced that Pete Edwards had won this year's award. In congratulating Pete, Gillian emphasised his impact over many years to the squash section; chairing the squash committee and preparing the minutes, playing-in potential new members, helping with the running of Beginners Courses and reinstating the Club Night. The level of support that Peter has provided has increased as the squash membership has increased sharply in recent years; and the growth in membership itself has been greatly assisted by Pete's efforts. Barbara Seabrook, the Club President, presented Pete with a trophy and prize.

## **6. Information Update on Clubhouse project**

Dez Lewington updated . DL/Lizzie Fraher are working to finalise the Pre-Planning submission. This will be provided to London Borough of Bromley later in the year and it is likely that it will take up to 8 weeks for a response to be received.

Once the response is received the Club can move to formal Planning Permission. If this is granted, the Club has a 3 years period to commence build.

GB reiterated the need for volunteers to join the Fundraising Working Group which has a key role in raising funds and obtaining grants.

## **7. Any Other Business**

None

At 8:50pm pm Gillian closed the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.