

## **Faringdon Tennis Club A.G.M. 2021**

**Friday 24 September 7pm.**

### Present: 15 members:

Juliane Spiers, Alan Elbourn, Sjoerd Vogt, Susanna Hunt, Mark, Tess and Max Mobey, Adrian Noke, Steve Perry, Tom Francis, Dave Tuck, Steve Wright, Simon Baker, Dave Kimber, Guy Mobey (zoomed)

### Apologies:

Sam Bannister, Kate Haysman, Dave Crawley, Ann and Andy Sawyer, Dave Tutt, Joyce Wright, Graham Hand and Carolyn Murphy.

### Minutes:

The Minutes of the 2020 AGM had been circulated, taken as read and signed as a correct record.

### Financial Statement –Steve Perry:

The club is in a good financial situation, with 330 members. Copies of the balance sheet and revenue account were circulated and are available on the website.

### Chairman's Report

Juliane's full report is on the website.

She highlighted the successful social events which have been held, such as the Pimms and Prizes evenings, the Afternoon Tea at Sudbury House, the Club Championship Finals Day which was glorious and attended by over 40 spectators. Thanks go to Steve Wright for his meticulous organisation. She particularly thanked Alan for his welcoming and inclusive approach to newcomers on Tuesday and Friday evening tennis.

She explained that a priority for the club is to maintain our courts to a high playing standard, hence the sinking fund for repainting and resurfacing.

Juliane has been an excellent Chairperson for three years and the club are very grateful for her input during this time. She will be handing over to Mark Mobey, however she will remain on the committee. Thank you Juliane.

### Match Secretary (Summer and Winter) Report: Adrian Noke

Adrian read his report. Please see the website for more details.

The committee thanked Adrian for his superb organisation and spreadsheet, much appreciated by all the captains.

Juliane commented that all match courts are booked by Adrian with no error made and no complaints from any captains. Quite a feat when you consider how many teams we have.

Almost 60 different players represented the club in the Dunlop Oxfordshire League over the summer season across our 9 teams (3 Mens, 3 Ladies and 3 Mixed), which is a record.

We had a total of 13 teams competing this summer, including the Mid-week teams and Swindon and District teams. We had 2 divisional winners, our Mixed A Team and our Mens' Swindon and District A Team. Congratulations to them. There is an Awards Evening on Fri 12 Nov for the Swindon and District League which Adrian and other players will attend.

Thank you to all the captains and Adrian will advise the policy for teas for this winter season as soon as he has had confirmation from the League.

The mid-week teams will be offering full tea as those are morning matches, so it makes sense to offer something more substantial at lunch-time.

#### Coaching Reports:

Dave Tuck and Tom Francis: Junior coaching report is on the website.

Dave explained that there are 55 juniors competing across the Wed, Fri and Sat junior programmes.

They are also offering a programme in Shellingford school and hope to recruit new players from there. They are still pursuing setting up a programme at Faringdon Junior school.

The team will be running a 3 day morning camp during October half term (Wed/Thu/Fri).

They commented that they have had enquiries from Highworth Tennis Club as the coaching programme there has folded.

The plan is to run a Cardio Tennis session on a Saturday morning for parents whose children are at the Saturday morning sessions.

They thanked Paul Butcher, Guy and Max Mobey and Donna for their hard work.

#### Ladies Coaching: Susanna Hunt's report is on website.

Susanna explained that the main aim of her coaching is to prepare ladies for both social and match tennis and the Ladies D team now have a large squad of players, some of whom will be representing the club for the first time this winter season. Susanna also thanked the ladies' captains for their sterling work.

#### Alan Elbourn and the Faringdon Nomads

Alan explained that he is organising some friendly evening matches with local clubs such as Shrivenham and Highworth to provide some additional competitive tennis. The team are the 'Faringdon Nomads'.

Thank you to Alan for organising a fascinating quiz which took place at 8pm after the AGM and to Ann as always for the wonderful catering.

### Subscriptions for 2021/2022

The subscriptions will remain the same as last year. These represent good value for money and are some of the lowest in the county.

### Committee Election

Thank you to the following committee members who are all happy to continue for another year:

Sjoerd Vogt  
Alan Elbourn  
Kate Haysman  
Sam Bannister  
Dave Crawley  
Steve Wright  
Juliane Spiers

We also wish to thank Roger Starr for his voluntary work with maintenance of the club and area around the courts. He is not a committee member but is a valued club member who donates his time.

### Appointment of Officers:

All three officers were voted in, proposed by Sjoerd Vogt and Seconded by Steve Wright.

Chairman: Mark Mobey  
Secretary: Susanna Hunt  
Treasurer: Steve Perry

### AOB

1. We always like to welcome new members onto the committee. If you would like to join us, do get in touch.
2. Since lockdown many more members are now booking courts via the Clubspark booking system. Sjoerd explained that the LTA are currently making changes to the method of login, so there may be a few teething problems.
3. Our website needs an update to make it more user friendly. Sjoerd is to make Mark, Guy and Adrian webmasters, to enable them to do this.
4. Sjoerd explained that there are plans for a playpark to be set up next to the skateboard park.
5. Dave Tuck suggested that if the rugby club have had their application for floodlights approved that it would make sense to combine with them and install floodlights on Courts 3 and 4 at the same time.

6. Simon Baker requested that Alan have a microphone next year when making the presentations at the Club Championships. Steve Wright will provide one.
7. The club are looking into investing in a ball machine, which would be stored in one of the dugouts.
8. Rugby and cricket have a sign which is visible from the A420. Could the tennis club have something similar? Teams have no problem finding us as the postcode for Satnav is now correct. SN7 8BF.
9. The tennis club has a Facebook page, but we need to share the posts to the 'I live in the town of Faringdon' and 'I love the town of Faringdon'.
10. The painting of Courts 3 and 4 is complete. Susanna requested that the area inside the far dugout also be painted, as there is a patch of new paint on it, but it's not been completed. Julianne also commented that there are a couple of areas which need completing on Court 4 on the baseline close of the middle serving marker.