East Wavertree Lawn Tennis Club

**Minutes of AGM**

**Wednesday 26th February 2020 7.30pm**

**1. Attendees**

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| **Meeting called to order, those present:** |
| **Cath O’Rourke (COR)** | **Mike Darling (MD)** | **Tina Darling (TD)** |
| **Edward Hulme Jr (TH)** | **Lionel Cope (LC)** | **Graham Lea (GL)** |
| **Michael Gilbertson (MG)** | **Robert Dobson (RD)** | **Kate Lloyd** |
| **J Butterworth** | **Pat McCormack** | **Mike Waller** |
| **Marion McKee** | **Tony McKee** | **Alice Grundy** |
| **Rob Fitzgerald** | **Clive Fisher** | **John Curphey (JC)** |
| **Kevin Range** | **Shirley Cottenden** | **Nicola Walsh** |
| **Lianne French** | **John Fishwick (JF)** | **Brian Loughrey** |
| **Val Freeman (VF)** | **James Forrest** | **Maria Forrest** |
| **Eddie Bannon** | **Cathy Birch** | **Jamie Semple (JS)** |
| **Nick Chadwick** | **Steve Abbott** | **Alison Bradley** |
| **Keely O’Keefe (KOK)** | **Tia Morris (TM)** | **John McLaughlin** |
| **Stephen Tuthill (ST)** | **Catriona Mayland** | **Tracy Smith (TS)** |
| **Keith Barnes** | **Elliott Clarke (EC)** | **Azni Zainal** |
| **Zulkifly Muhammad** | **Chris Semple (CS)** |  |

**2. Apologies**

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| Apologies received from: |
| Liam O’Rourke | Graham Pink | Phil Duke |
| Debbie Duke | Brian Haywood | Helen Ford |
| Suzanne McIntosh | Chris Chan | Peter Lamb |
| Joe Kelly | Colette McFarlane | Edward Hulme Sr |
| Ben Walton | Anne Walton | Ruth McQuade |
| Terri Webster | Wally Freeman | Nicky Taylor |
| Ewan McMahon |  |  |

**3. Meeting Opening**

The meeting was opened at 7.35pm by Chairman MD. MD welcomed all and advised all attendees:

* Ensure they sign the register
* Ensure mobiles are switched off
* Printed documents are available for the first 20 people who require them

**4. Agenda**

MD ran through the agenda for the night.

**5. 2019 AGM Minutes**

MD advised that the minutes of the 2019 AGM had been made available. He went through all actions from the 2019 AGM and advised of their status. The minutes were accepted as accurate.

Approved: Lionel Cope (LC) Seconded: Val Freeman (VF)

**6. Chairman’s Report**

MD read his Chairman’s Report which is attached below.

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MD thanked many people throughout the report and asked people to continue to get involved in making East Wavertree the success it is.

**7. Treasurers Report**

TH thanked MD for all his efforts throughout the 2019/2020 season.

A copy of the Accounts is attached.

[**EWLTC Tennis 2019 Accounts**](http://ewltc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/TennisAGM2019Accounts.pdf)

TH ran through the 2019 Accounts for the Tennis Club, Social Club and the link with the Association, e.g. how much had been transferred.

Tennis Club Summary

Overall, not a bad year. Juniors were slightly down on last year. Plan for 2020 is to try and increase the number of juniors. Profit was roughly the same as last year, approx. £23k. However, as the club had been open for the full year in 2019 compared with only 7 months in 2018, the expenses for the year were higher.

Social Club Summary

Social Club profit was down on last year. Profit for 2019 was £4.7k compared with £6.7k for 2018. TH mentioned that as the club was open for more months in 2019, the reasons for drop in profit seems to be threefold:

1. Fallout of members of Committee from last year
2. Tennis players are not using the clubhouse after matches etc. as much as last year
3. Football matches have dropped off dramatically for viewing.

TH also mentioned that drink prices have gone up slightly due to increased costs.

Question from CM asked if the current prices were still too low compared with pubs in the area, and if we increased the prices in order to make more profit, would it possibly lose us more custom?

TH explained that the Social Club prices are deliberately to set us apart from pubs in the area and that people pay a members fee so that they can get the benefit from slightly cheaper prices. If we increased prices more, this would likely discourage custom further.

Comment from JS: As we had increase costs for 2019 due to being open for a longer period of time, it is not really a fair comparison with 2018 where there significantly less costs. JS suggested that comparing over a longer time period may be more relevant to see whether 2019 was specifically a bad year or 2018 was specifically a good year.

TH explained that profit is based on costs – income, and that it should be irrelevant about the length of time that we had been open for as we should have made enough profit in the extra years to alleviate the extra costs. Comparison over more years could be done in future.

Contribution to the Association

TH explained how the Tennis Club and Social Club work in line with the Association.

Amount transferred to the Sinking Fund was £33,858 bringing the Sinking Fund total to £72,336.

TH explained that as the Site had improved over the last year, this has led to extra costs, e.g. fencing, gates etc. The costs that are for the entire Site are split down per group, Association, Tennis Club and Bowls. TH explained there had been a change of system and how this works in relation to the Tennis Club, with the main points being:

* There is no tax relief
* Groundsman costs go from EWCCA
* The split of costs is done per group with a 20% levy
* Reserve is kept for Tennis Club Maintenance
* Any surplus made goes across to the Association from the Tennis Club and the Social Club as per agreement
* Anything else is divvied out

Question from JC: What is the next major expenditure?

TH response: there was a programme of works complete a number of years ago. The courts, however have lasted longer than they should have. This in part is down to the tremendous upkeep of the courts. Thanks was given to RF and TF for their efforts. MD added that after a review with Fosse, they recommended that we rejuvenate the courts in several years’ time, with a cost of approx. £5k. This should make the courts last even longer. TH added that a budget of works is required to be completed in order to budget for any maintenance accordingly.

Accounts were accepted by JS and seconded by JC.

**8. The proposed amendments to Club Rules were read and explained by MD. A link is provided below.**

[Proposed Amendments to club rules](http://ewltc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Proposed-Amendments-to-club-rules.pdf)

There were voted on by a show of hands. For these amendments to be carried, there needed to be at least 2/3 in favour.

Point 3 Affiliation – more than 2/3 voted in favour, motion carried.

Point 4a Adult Members – more than 2/3 voted in favour, motion carried.

Point 4c Maximum number of members per court – more than 2/3 voted in favour, motion carried.

Point 4g Associate Members – more than 2/3 voted in favour, motion carried.

Point 4h (second 4g on link) Community Members - more than 2/3 voted in favour, motion carried.

Point 4 I, II, III, IV, V, VI VII Subscriptions - more than 2/3 voted in favour, motion carried.

Point 6 Membership - more than 2/3 voted in favour, motion carried.

Point 7 Resignation and transfer between classes - more than 2/3 voted in favour, motion carried.

Point 9 Health - more than 2/3 voted in favour, motion carried.

Point 11 Management- more than 2/3 voted in favour, motion carried.

Point 12 General Meeting - more than 2/3 voted in favour, motion carried.

Point 13 Rules and Operating Procedures - more than 2/3 voted in favour, motion carried.

Subscriptions for Juniors to be lowered - more than 2/3 voted in favour, motion carried.

Operating Procedures Changes - more than 2/3 voted in favour, motion carried.

**9. Election of Management Committee**

MD handed over to COR.

Chairman

COR advised that MD had nominated himself to stand as Chairman, this needed to be seconded. AG seconded.

COR handed back to MD.

Vice Chair – TS had nominated herself. RF seconded.

Secretary – COR had nominated herself. GL seconded.

Treasurer – TH had nominated himself. LC seconded.

Membership Secretary – JC had nominated himself. CM seconded.

Club Captain – CS had nominated himself. TM seconded.

Men’s Captain – JS had nominated himself. JC seconded.

Ladies Captain – TM had nominated herself. AB seconded.

MD explained that there had been 5 nominations for 4 openings of normal Committee members. People were to vote on the 4 they would prefer.

Vote carried out. COR and TS counted.

MD announced the result as below.

Committee members for 2019 were:

Elliott Clarke

Lionel Cope

Michael Gilbertson

Graham Lea

**AOB Item 1 – Use of WhatsApp**

MD explained that there had been an anonymous comment regarding the use of WhatsApp throughout the previous season being not for it’s intended purpose. MD reminded people that the WhatsApp is for Tennis use only. There will be guidelines updated and these will be reiterated to all members. MD asked if there were any comments on this from the floor.

VF – Val thought that the group was useful to have when wanting to arrange social tennis.

LC agreed the group had been useful.

TH proposed that we add WhatsApp to the policies. MD agreed.

**MD closed the meeting at 9.20pm**