



EAST WAVERTREE AND CHILDWALL LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Annual General Meeting

Held Friday, 23rd February 2024 at 7.30 pm

The Chair of the Committee, Jamie Semple, welcomed everybody to the AGM and opened the meeting

Apologies were received from:

Mike Darling, Kate Lloyd, Lianne French, Paula Jones, Val Freeman, Wally Freeman, Colette McFarlane, Graham Lea

Association Rule Changes:

Statement to appear on application form:

If I am accepted by the Club, I acknowledge that I will qualify for and hereby apply to become a member of the Club's parent company East Wavertree & Childwall Community Association and the EWCCA Social Club, subject to the provisions of its articles of association and to any rules made thereunder. I agree to pay the company the amount of up to but not more than £1.00 if the company is wound up while I am a member or within 12 months after I have ceased to be a member.

Section to be inserted at top of the current rules:

1. General Information

1.1 The EWCCA Social Club ("the club") is the trading subsidiary for the East Wavertree & Childwall Community Association (registered charity number 1203970).

1.2 These Rules should be read in conjunction with the Articles of Association currently in place for both EWCCASocial Club (Company Number: 15020360) and the EWCCA (Company Number: 14976445). These rules of the Club are made pursuant to Article 5.4 of the Club's Articles of Association. The terms used shall have the same meaning as in the Articles of Association. Where there is any inconsistency between these Rules and the Articles of Association, the provisions of the Articles of Association shall prevail.

1.3 A full copy of the Articles of Association can be provided if requested or accessed through the Companies House website. The rule changes were accepted unanimously.

An Extraordinary Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in March at which those present will be asked to vote to wind up the charitable status of the Association.

The Minutes of the Tennis Club AGM for 2023 had been circulated and were accepted as a true record. Proposer: Lionel Cope. Seconder: Tracy Smith

Chair's Report:

Jamie thanked everybody for attending. He stated that he was standing as down from the role of Chair following a challenging year in the role. He confirmed that he had been a member of the tennis club for 50 years and intended to continue playing at the club.

He went on to thank those committee members who were stepping down from the Committee, namely Brian Loughrey, Adam Walsh, Samira Butt and Steve Tuthill.

Committee work is an honour which requires time and commitment. He reminded members that all committee members are volunteers. People should suggest solutions rather than just complaining. Rather than moan people should consider standing for a role within the club.

Jamie thanked the coaches for their work with the Juniors, team captains for their commitment to team tennis and the Bar volunteers for their hard work in covering bar duties. He offered special thanks to Terry Fillingham for his maintenance of the courts.

He closed his report by asking members to give their support to the new committee.

General Questions

The Chair answered questions that had been received from Mike Darling:

- No action had yet been taken to alter the Committee structure to include sub-committees. Committee structure is the same as last year's.
- Floodlighting: We are in talks with a company regarding it. Planning permission is the main issue
- Ball Machine: Passed to new committee
- Official Coaches at the club were: Keely O'Keefe, Tia Morris and Chris Semple.

Treasurer Report

Questions:

- Comparison with previous year: Provided in person and will be on the website.
- Refunds of membership fees: This can be approved due to unexpected long-term injuries.

First year of use of PayPal for paying membership fees has caused some confusion but we've all got used to it. Took more money in subs, but less for Gift Aid (due to the PayPal commission). More members than last year.

Large take up in Community Members (43) Junior numbers have been maintained. The Committee was proposing no increase in membership fees at this AGM. Junior Camps bring in approximately £500 per instance. Vet's Sessions total around £1500. Club house has a new television. The Meeting accepted the annual accounts. Proposer: Tracy Smith
Seconder: Nicky Walsh

Lottery Report

Given by Paul Greenwood. Special Thanks to Steve Tuthill. 95-100 members. Total Prize Money: £3942. Total Club Funds: £1972. Any Bank Detail changes need to let PG know. Those present accepted the Lottery report. Proposer: Lionel Cope. Seconder: Ben Walton

Social Club Account Summary:

Ted Hulme gave a summary. No longer part of the Tennis umbrella. Full report will be at the Association AGM. Takings: Approximately £43,000. Best takings since 1983. Went up by 49%. Tennis and Bowls members have supported the Socials. Private functions notable. Increase in Community members and income from weekly quiz significant. Quiz masters were thanked. New TV brings in more numbers for sporting events. The Social club has a new accounting system based on the use of a card reader. He concluded by thanking the bar volunteers but hoped more would come forward.

Election of Officers and Committee:

Chair - Tony McKee.

In taking over the leading of the meeting Tony commented that Jamie had brought a high degree of experience to the role in his time as Chair. He noted that the recent history of the had made the carrying out of the Chair's duties both onerous and challenging.

Vice-Chair: Mike Gilbertson

Treasurer: Leanne Nugent

Secretary - Jay Cooper

Club Captain - Geoff Ewan

Membership Secretary – Tracy Smith

Ladies Captain - Tia Morris

Committee members - Mushtaq Salieri, Paul Greenwood, Phil Duke, Keely O'Keefe.

There is a vacancy for Men's captain. Tony thanked all the members of the outgoing committee for their hard work and commitment.

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- Complaint Officer

Steve Walsh is stepping down. Great service to the club. Need a new officer.

- Lottery

After detailed discussion it was agreed to ask lottery members to pay by standing order or if that is not convenient payment by electronic transfer.

- Tony McKee confirmed that two of our tennis players had died this year, namely Nick Henwood an East Wavertree member and Patrick Griffin a member of the Veteran's Association. He paid tribute to them both and offered condolences to their families.