



**Report by Southwell LTC for 2019/20 in lieu of Annual General Meeting which was
To commence 7pm Wednesday 25th March 2020 at the Pavilion**

1. Apologies: Cancelled due to Coronavirus

2. Minutes of previous meeting 20th March 2019: ?

3. Matters Arising:

4. Chairperson's Report/ Committee Report : We continue to run the committee without a Chairperson. The committee have worked extremely well together running the club affairs with tremendous enthusiasm, unfortunately the AGM has had to be cancelled due to the Covid – 19 pandemic. On Tuesday the 25th March 2020 the Government instructed the LTA that all tennis clubs must be closed until further notice.

We sent an email in December to report what had been achieved by the committee since the AGM in March 2019. This included continuing articles in the Bramley newspaper, new heaters in the clubhouse, an Open Day organised in conjunction with On The Ball Coaching, renewal of registration with the LTA 2019/20 and an invitation to all members to join a festive gathering, with drinks and nibbles at the Final Whistle. We can now report that the social was enjoyed by all those who attended.

Following the email we have issued policies on the provision of social tennis balls and match fees. We would like to thank Fran Cayless for taking on responsibility for organising the tennis ball provision. We are having the floodlighting refurbished at the end of April, thank you to Chris Gilliat for the report he submitted regarding the upgrading of the floodlights.

We said goodbye to two of our longstanding coaches Chris McGill and Carl Saxby who we would like to thank for all their excellent work in bringing on young and old tennis players over the years they have been with us. We are however very fortunate to welcome Jason Kilkie as our new coach who has arrived with lots of enthusiasm and initiatives for the forthcoming season. Please visit On The Ball coaching website to see what is proposed for the new season.

Other items that we are considering are security measures (CCTV), updating the club website, amending the membership form and appointing a Young Ambassador. As regards social events Jane was planning a social to be held at the Full Moon, Morton at the end of April, sadly due to Covid 19th this is now on hold.

Thanks to all the team captains for the work they have put in to organise their matches and all players taking part, also Steve Webb for maintaining the website and others who have contributed in ad-hoc capacities.

Please remember we are a private club and as such rely on volunteers to run the club, we would welcome anyone wishing to join the committee .

5. Membership Secretary's Report: Shelagh reported that ClubSpark has continued to be a very useful tool with no problems encountered this year. For those paying by cheque, the post box in the clubhouse has also been very popular. As last year we have fewer members than the previous year. This year we have reduced from 120 to 114 and this is mainly due to having 6 fewer senior members. The senior membership continues to be our dominant age group. In other categories we had quite a few not rejoining but the good news is we've had a similar number of new members. (Shelagh Mitchell)

6. Treasurer's Report: Southwell Lawn tennis Club – Financial Report for 2019

Financial Summary as at 31 December 2019

Current Account: £12,795

Deposit Account: £12,031

Total: £24,826

Income

The income for this year was £8,006, lower than 2018 by £370.

The income from membership fees was £6,025 this year (£6478 in 2018) and reflects a general reduction in membership over recent years. This though still provided the club with a small surplus and an improvement in the club's finances of £147.

Income to the club from On the Ball was £1,200 in line with the coaching agreement.

The remaining income was from match fees and ball sales.

£3,000 was transferred to the club's deposit account, which is the club's sinking fund, which now stands at £12,031 and is intended for any future large scale expenditure such as flood light repairs, fencing and future court resurfacing.

Expenditure

Current account expenditure for the year was £7,849, this includes £3000 that was transferred to the Deposit Account (sinking fund). The main repair item this year has been the upgrading of the clubhouse heating at a cost of £948.

We pay the LTA a registration fee of £380, this includes personnel liability insurance and team league entry fees.

Utility cost of £1,374 includes ground rent to the Town Council of £75 and water £183 the remainder being electricity.

Cleaning cost £390 and the remainder is for Handicentre purchases and day to day repairs.

Leisure Tennis ball account stands at £209

This is money paid by members for balls who play in the various set periods of leisure tennis.

Membership Fees

Due to the strong financial position of the club the committee have agreed that the 2020 Membership fees will remain as 2019. However due to the Corona virus membership renewals will not be invited until the Club is allowed to open again and then they will be set at a percentage of the membership year that is left.

Replacement Treasurer

2020 will be my 10th and final year as Treasurer. It is not an onerous task, you don't need to be an accountant and I would ask that someone steps forward to take on this role. I would be pleased to talk through the tasks involved with anyone who is interested.

7.Team Captains' Reports:

Ladies 1st team, Summer 2019, we are in the top short league Division A. We had one match conceded (Keyworth) and one win by default, as DL Nottingham only had 4 players. We actually had a win against Wollaton, so the final score was Won 3 Lost 3, so we have stayed in the same league for 2020 assuming anything gets played due to Coronavirus. Winter League, we are in Division 3 and it looks as if we'll stay in this division, thanks (again) to DL Nottingham who conceded. We had close wins against Burton Joyce and Farnsfield, so the final result is won 3 lost 3. (Pat Newman)

Ladies 2nd team, Summer 2019, we came 4th out of 7 teams having won 2, drawn 1 and lost 3. We were beaten into 3rd place by Caunton but only by 3 rubbers and we both had the same number of points. Unfortunately 3 teams went down from Division B to Division C including us. Thanks to the players who all played so well, and good luck for the coming season. (Barbara Thorne)

Ladies 2nd team, Winter league, Southwell look comfortable to remain in Division 7. We have one more match to play on the 21st March (cancelled due to Covid-19). The standings show we are 4th in the league with 5 points at present .(10th March). Thanks to Barbara for stepping in to captain when I wasn't available. (Laura West)

Mixed 1st team, last summer was disappointing with only 1 win. However worse was to come when points were deducted for having to forfeit a match as we were unable to field a team and our opponents wouldn't reschedule. Better news in the Winter league. More available men in the squad has resulted in 2 wins and 3 losses so far (1 match was scheduled for the end of April) Many thanks to all the regular players turning out in some atrocious conditions – especially this winter. Also thanks to those who have stepped up to play when I was struggling last minute.Good luck to Rebecca Smith as I hand over the Captaincy after a good number of years (not sure how many). It's always good to have some new blood especially the younger variety! (Kathy Hocking)

Mixed 2nd team, I took the 2nd mixed team on last summer. My intention with this team was and still is, to give as many players in the club as possible, who want to play matches, a game. We were not very successful through the summer and were demoted to a lower league for this summer.....but we have steadily improved with match practice and experience and in the winter league, we have won all of our first three matches. We have three more to play, before the end of the season. I'm really pleased to say that, to date 19 members of the club have played in at least one match. Well done and thank you to all players. Just a little updates to the report.... We have now won 4 matches in this winter league, we had a great win today at the Nottingham Tennis Centre....74 – 34! (Ros Rees) Men's 1st team, On the whole getting teams together has been slightly easier than previous years thanks to a few new players (eg Patrick, Toby, Howard) along with the return of Aonghus Mc.

In the short format Summer League we finished forth in Div 3 (Of 5) meaning we stay were we are for 2020. In the winter league we have won 1 and lost 3 with 2 to play.(Alan Bowmer)

8. Coaching and Juniors Report:

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In January 2020 Jason Kilkie assumed the role of Head Coach at the club with the task of increasing the number of players on the programme and the number of players regularly competing each year, both in junior and adult age groups.

In the first quarter (Jan-Mar) the current programme has been reviewed and projects for the year have been created.

On Wednesday 5th February, Jason & Carl hosted an evening to share the plans moving forwards and for Carl to say goodbye to all those he'd been involved with at the club. All players, parents, club members, and committee members were invited. The evening was well attended, mainly by parents in the clubhouse and junior players out on the courts.

We have adjusted the previous timetable to prepare for the intake of potential new players and we have just invested in our first major marketing campaign with The Bramley- seeing 6000 flyers distributed in the area and an upcoming article in the paper.

We are currently developing our schools programme, ready for delivery after the Easter Holidays and are preparing players for upcoming team and individual competitions.

In regards to adult coaching, we are looking at possible schemes to increase the number of new players each week, we continue to develop the link with NTU Brackenhurst (communication remains ongoing), and we still wish to provide regular team training sessions.

Current players on the programme roughly equal 45 (10 adults-35 juniors) including players that play multiple times per week.

Jason

9. Election of Committee, Officers and Website Manager: The existing members of the committee John Green, Treasurer, Shelagh Mitchell, Membership Secretary, Barbara Thorne Welfare Officer, Martin Done, Media, Communications and Marketing, Jane Orme, Social Activities and Events, Marion Wraith, Secretary are prepared to carry on as is Steve Webb the Website Manager. Unfortunately we have had no interest regarding the vacant Chairperson position which is extremely disappointing! John has announced that this is his last year as treasurer, it is imperative that a member comes forward to volunteer to take up this position, please contact John who will happily explain what the position entails.

10. Election of Team Captains: Pat Newman will continue as Ladies first team captain, Barbara Thorne Ladies second team summer team captain, Laura winter team captain, Rebecca Smith first mixed team captain, Ross Rees second mixed team captain, Alan Bowmer mens captain.

11. A.O.B:

1. Social Tennis Balls Report: I have been organising the collection of money, buying and storing the tennis balls for Monday and Friday Social sessions for quite a few years.

As from 1st January 2020 it was decided ,by the committee, that Monday & Tuesday Evening sessions would also be included in the use of these purchased balls. The balls are currently kept in the brown wooden box in the clubhouse, with a reserve of 15 tins (at the time of this report)in the lock up in the ladies changing room.

The club have offered to put £200 in to help with the purchase of new balls, and balls used in home matches are placed in the brown box after matches, for social session use.

I have so far this year collected. £200-00 from members, primarily on the morning sessions as I don't attend the evening sessions.£130-00 of this has been paid to John Green, who has banked it & tells me we have £209-36 in the Social Ball account. I keep a float of about £70-00. The last lot of 36 tins of Slazenger were purchased from Paul Best for £168-00, sometime last year (2019)

At the moment all seems to be working okay ,but I'm not sure what happens if we run out of balls and there is no one available to re -stock from the lock -up. My other worry is that the balls are used /might not be used ,in rotation .

At present, when the balls have come to the end of their useful life, Joan Nix takes them to Beaumont House shops .

However I have included information of Recycaball, who collect old balls and pay the club a percentage. Maybe the committee would consider this as a possibility.

I am happy to carry on collecting money, ordering and storing the balls if the committee wish me to do so.

Fran Cayless

