

Attendees

Michelle Vickermann, Martin Ebert, Adam Jones, Liz Dunning, James Macrae, Milton Gayle, Umran Ali, Tom Ulicsak, Deborah Clare, Jerusha Tonge, Edward Clarkson, Bola Andu,

1. Attendances to be recorded and proxy vote details reviewed.
2. Approval of last AGM minutes (meeting 51 on 21 November 2016 displayed on website <http://southwarkcitytennisclub.jimdo.com/meetings-and-management/> and copies circulated at the meeting.
3. Vote 1: Adoption of Policy on Club Financial Reserves
4. Vote 2: Grant proposal for juniors: To approve grants of £100 for juniors recommended by the Head Coach competing in Grade 2 and above tournaments, subject to a cap of £500 per household and an overall budget of £2,000.
5. Vote 3: Membership and fees - suggested increase for Junior / Concession from £10 to £12 and for Families from £40 to £42. This make it easier to introduce monthly and / or part year subscriptions in the future as well as just one off annual payments.
6. Summary of Year
7. Liz Dunning stepping down as a Trustee.
8. AOB and dates of next meetings

Proxy votes review and approved.

2016 AGM Minutes approved.

Vote 1: Approved

Vote 2: Approved with an amendment to put up to £500 for training staff and volunteers as LTA Officials to allow more tournaments to be run at Burgess Park.

Vote 3: Approved

Discussion

Vote 1: The discussion centred around whether the facilities project at Burgess Park would ever go ahead. The October 2015 Masterplan is still in place and includes the expansion to 10 floodlit tennis courts and refurbishment of the pavilion. Noted that Football Foundation's Parklife programme and Urban Games area were likely to go ahead using up all of the allocated funds for sport in the park from Southwark Council. The Council have made a commitment to drawing up a Long Term Plan for Tennis as a priority sport within the borough. Hopefully, this include consultation and it was felt worthwhile to keep funds in reserve while this was being drawn up.

The conversation moved on to how to support the junior programme through funding. A strong case was made for continuing to work with local schools but this can be tricky as schools have so many activities and priorities. At worst it can just be a way to provide a teacher with a break with limited added value. It can be a good thing in its own right but doesn't always lead to new players coming into the main programme. Better to do more schools for a term or half a term. Both Charter and Kingsdale secondary schools now have tennis teams competing against many of the private schools.

Vote 2: The merits of competing at a high-level at different ages were discussed, for example, at age 10 it can be important to compete to make sure that you are "on the radar" for 12U tournaments. High level competition is a good motivation and can raise aspirations for other children as well. It was noted that international tournaments were not really needed until domestic competition had been exhausted but entries to UK tournaments may be oversubscribed and to get ranking points to be considered for these you may have to go abroad. Last year the club gave £400 to MJ Changwereza to compete in a number of tournaments in southern Africa

<http://www.itftennis.com/juniors/players/player/profile.aspx?playerid=100271399>

The Club weren't able to play in the Aegon Leagues in 2017 due to the lack of courts and parents would be needed to run these in 2018. More tournaments could be provided at Burgess Park (noting that there is no guarantee how many events the LTA will allocate the venue). One problem is that officials have to have done LTA training and be licenced. A suggestion to put some money to develop coaches / staff / volunteers to do this training was accepted.

Vote 3: Noted that there was no obligation to have a common finish date of 31 December 2018 as SCTC would continue its operations beyond this. Be Active, which runs the memberships for SCTC, is hoping to roll out a new booking / membership and course management system shortly. This should allow for more flexibility such as rolling memberships. Important to build up membership numbers again as these had fallen dramatically.

Summary of the Year

- Ball machine purchased December 2016
- Refurbishments of courts at Burgess Park from February to May with some further closures due to hot weather in June and July. Very limited coaching programme maintained on court 7 during this period.
- Wimbledon ballot 2017 – conducted online through the LTA central process.
- Club kit <http://www.southwark.merchandise.clothing/> launched
- Aegon Mens Teams (April to June) our first team led by Carlos Diaz came 3rd out of 6 in Surrey Division 4 East and the second team under Ollie Morris came bottom in Division 5 East.
- GMH successful with Wednesday session becoming more popular and the introduction of Beginner and Improver classes on Saturday.
- Be Active awarded an extension to 31/12/2018 after the Council scrapped the tender process.
- Southwark City Tennis Club juniors selected to provide mascots to ATP Tour Finals along with UNICEF.
- Southwark City Tennis Club bank balances stood at £57,351 at 8 December 2017.

Actions

- Plan for junior tennis to be presented at next meeting
- Deadline for entering teams into Aegon Leagues 4 Feb, will try to run a women's team.
- A number of emails were received prior to the meeting asking for the Ladder to be reinstated and this would be done (noting that the new software may help improve this).

Trustee

Liz was thanked for all her hard working as a Trustee and she will continue to be playing at the club and contributing in the future.

Other

Noted that the white lines on the courts had passed a slip test after being recoated but concern that they may have deteriorated in place.

Appendix: Voting Prior to the Meeting

A voting form was put on the Southwark City Tennis Club website. At the date of the meeting there are 200 members of the tennis club aged 16 or above. To be quorate 20 votes were required and this has been met by online voting as follows:

Delegated votes to be cast at meeting

Liz Dunning		12
Tom Ulicsak		1

Summary of Votes Cast

	Vote 1	Vote 2	Vote 3
Approve	24	25	19
Reject	1	1	5
Abstain	2	1	3
Total	27	27	27

Full detail of Online Voting

First Name	Last Name	Confirm Member	Voting	On your behalf	Vote 1	Vote 2	Vote 3
Charles	Carew	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Approve	Approve	Approve
Gabriel	Emordi	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Reject	Reject	Reject
Jay	Liu	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Approve	Approve	Reject
Theo	Savvas	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Joan	Hortet	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Approve	Approve	Reject
David	Ulicsak	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Approve	Approve	Approve
Elizabeth	Ulicsak	Yes	Liz Dunning (Trustee) to vote on my behalf				
Robert	Benjamin-Hardie	Yes	Liz Dunning (Trustee) to vote on my behalf				
Valeria	Riso	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Approve	Approve	Approve
Sara	Marques	Yes	Liz Dunning (Trustee) to vote on my behalf				
Rob	Green	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Approve	Approve	Approve
Joy	Macknight	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Approve	Approve	Approve
Chamila	Perera Mapalagamage	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Approve	Approve	Approve
Will	Ottway	Yes	Liz Dunning (Trustee) to vote on my behalf				
Mike	Bryant	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Approve	Approve	Reject
Patrick	Ross	Yes	Liz Dunning (Trustee) to vote on my behalf				
Punya	Sehmi	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Abstain	Approve	Reject
Joan	Joan	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Approve	Approve	Abstain
Paul	Yaghmourian	Yes	Liz Dunning (Trustee) to vote on my behalf				
Gita	Brochard	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Approve	Approve	Approve
Jotham	Tonge-Bobia	Yes	Liz Dunning (Trustee) to vote on my behalf				
Danny	Campbell	Yes	Liz Dunning (Trustee) to vote on my behalf				
Emily	Langron	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Approve	Approve	Approve
Oliver	Rhode	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Approve	Approve	Abstain
Rob	Pateman	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Approve	Approve	Approve

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Emelie	Jensert	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Approve	Approve	Approve
Claire	Nutkins	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Approve	Approve	Approve
Luke	Gilbey	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Approve	Approve	Approve
Natalie	Butler	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Approve	Approve	Approve
Tesh	Patel	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Approve	Approve	Approve
Emily	Smith	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Approve	Approve	Approve
JAMES	PARISH	Yes	Liz Dunning (Trustee) to vote on my behalf				
Philippa	Ward	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Approve	Approve	Approve
Steven	McDowall	Yes	Liz Dunning (Trustee) to vote on my behalf				
Abdullahi	Daud	Yes	Liz Dunning (Trustee) to vote on my behalf				
Patrick	Mathurin	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Approve	Approve	Approve
Alastair	Ladkin	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Approve	Approve	Approve
Jamie	O Brien	Yes	Liz Dunning (Trustee) to vote on my behalf				
Paul	Gutchin	Yes	I wish to vote electronically		Approve	Approve	Approve
Carlos	Diaz	Yes	I would like to nominate a named person to vote on my behalf	Tom Ulicsak			