

Minutes of the Kilbirnie Tennis Club's Annual General Meeting held on 16 August 2015 at 3.00pm

Present: Stephen Bennett (Chair), Ian Macfarlane, David McCrone, Richard Braakhuis, Jenny Everett-Wells, Graham Alderton, Robin Doddridge, Lance McEldowney, Colin Giddy, Chris Bolton.

Apologies: Jo Draper, Michelle McKibbin, Marcia Rew, Gary McKernan, Diana Maunder, Catherine Carter.

Item	Discussion
1. Minutes of the 2014 AGM	Moved to accept: David McCrone. Seconded Ian Macfarlane. Passed
2. Matters arising from 2014 minutes	None
3. Presentation of Annual Reports	<p>Stephen Bennett presented his President's report, commenting on the Club's achievements during his five-year term of office, and challenges facing the Club. Challenges include the Club's finances: a 2014 report commissioned by Tennis Central had identified Kilbirnie Tennis Club as being financially vulnerable because of its low level of current assets. It was agreed to refer this matter to the incoming Committee for consideration.</p> <p>Other reports were provided to members prior to the AGM by Ian Macfarlane (Club Captain), David McCrone (Treasurer) and Diana Spice (Midweek Convenor).</p> <p>The outgoing Junior Convenor, Troy Leamy, provided a brief written report to the AGM, noting that he is promoting Club membership among participants in coaching programmes he is running in local schools.</p> <p>The incoming Junior Convenor, Jenny Everett-Wells, updated the meeting on strategies to boost the Club's junior membership over the next few years.</p> <p>Jo Draper had provided the meeting with an update on Club maintenance and development issues including the floodlighting project and repainting of the clubhouse. It was noted that Barry Campbell had worked tirelessly at maintaining the Club's grounds.</p>
4. Financial statements	<p>Financial statements for 2014/15 were presented by David McCrone. Total income was \$32,769 and expenditure \$31,563. Current assets carried forward to the 2015/16 financial year were \$6,611.</p> <p>It was noted that casual court hire made a useful financial contribution to the Club's income, but there was a need to monitor use of the Club's courts by non-members to try and ensure that they all pay the court hire fees.</p>
5. Membership fees 2015/16	<p>In order to encourage new membership and retain current members, it was agreed not to increase the senior membership subscription, to provide a \$20 discount for Gold Card holders, and to lower subscriptions for junior members.</p> <p>It was decided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to restructure the Club's junior membership categories to align with the categories used by Tennis Central: Juniors 12-18 and juniors under 12.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to set junior membership subscriptions at \$100 for juniors 12-18 and \$80 for juniors under 12. • to introduce a \$40 interclub levy for junior members playing interclub. • to maintain the family membership discount and senior interclub levies at the current levels.
6. Election of Officers	<p>Nominations were made as follows: President: Robin Doddridge. Nominated David McCrone, seconded Lance McEldowney Club Captain: Ian Macfarlane. Graham Alderton/Robin Dodderidge Secretary: Jo Draper. Stephen Bennett/Richard Braakhuis Treasurer: David McCrone. Stephen Bennett/Lance McEldowney</p> <p>All nominees were elected unopposed.</p> <p>A vote of thanks to the retiring president, Stephen Bennett, was proposed by Graham Alderton and passed with acclamation by the meeting.</p>
7. Election of Committee members	<p>Three members were nominated by Stephen Bennett, seconded David McCrone, and elected unopposed to the Committee: Richard Braakhuis Peter McArthur Marcia Rew</p>
8. Election of Patron	<p>The Club's 2014/15 Patron, Brian Galt, was nominated by Stephen Bennett/Jenny Everett-Wells and was again elected by the meeting as the Club's Patron for 2015/16. A letter of thanks will be sent to Brian.</p>
9. Other business	<p>It was agreed that there is a need to monitor telephone messages regularly and take appropriate action.</p> <p>A query was raised about whether there is a copy of the Club's Rules on the Club's website. The Rules will be included in the Members' Handbook for 2015/16.</p> <p>Two offers to donate their table tennis tables to the Club were made by Lance McEldowney and Richard Braakhuis.</p> <p>It was noted that the pool table had been removed from the clubhouse. The need to reduce clutter, increase storage, and make the clubhouse tidier and more comfortable was discussed.</p> <p>Jenny Everett-Wells suggested that the Club purchase a new barbecue - a matter for the incoming Committee to consider.</p>

The meeting closed at 4.20pm.