



Brondesbury Sports Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 19th November 2022 at 7pm at the Club Pavilion

Minutes

1. **Minutes** – Richard Abramson

The Minutes of the AGM held on Sunday 27th November 2022 were reviewed. There were no additional comments, and the minutes of the meeting were approved.

2. **President's Report** – Richard Abramson

Thanked the Board for their continued time and commitment.

Special recognition to Svetlana for all the work and contribution she makes to the club across all the sports section.

Recognition was also given to the Grounds person and Coaching teams across the sports sections for contributing to a successful year.

Finances: Finances generally continue to be in good order.

Projects this year incurring club funds include:

- Repairing a tennis court retaining wall.
- New floodlights on courts 1 to 4 should the planning application be approved
- Replacing one of the squash court floors
- New tennis fencing and wind breakers

There is an ongoing discussion regarding how to support and finance the development of the club house and other potential club enhancements.

Trees: After the storm last year, the trees were removed, it has been agreed for the time being not to replace the trees.

Groundsman: Unfortunately, Bharat Bhanderi did not work out and Peter Chappel has been re-employed. The cricket pitch and grounds have been maintained to a good standard during the summer period.

3. Treasurer's Report – Jon Liddiard

Overview of Finances given.

Surplus of £32,000 is in line with last year. All sections made a surplus this year. Treasurer thanked the sports sections for their financial contribution to the club.

Cash position is currently at approx. £290,000. Expenses and revenues are predicted to be stable over the next year.

Taking into consideration the projects identified this year as well as a need for a reserve the majority of the cash has been earmarked.

4. Sections Reports

- Cricket – Bob Baxter

Teams – the first team stayed in the Premier league and the second team were promoted to the Premier league. The third and fourth teams finished the season between the mid and top of their respective leagues.

Well done to all players involved.

There are approx. 25 young players in the senior teams ensuring good future succession.

The ground was in good condition.

- Tennis – Edward Ben-Nathan

Overall, the tennis section is in excellent health. Membership is high and club facilities, including the new floodlights on the block of 3, are in good shape.

The summer match season ended with a decent set of results, the most notable being the promotion of the men's first team from division 1 in the NE Middlesex League to the Intermediate Division.

This might be the first time ever a Brondesbury men's team has reached this level.

Our Junior teams had a highly successful season with 6 of the age groups winning their respective Middlesex leagues and our 7th team finishing 2nd. The teams ranged from 8&U to 18&U. Well done to all players involved - they will look to continue this success over the winter league.

The dominating feature of the coaching team has been the departure in July of Angus Whitefield to Canada. This has now been followed by the sad news that Eliot Newton will also be leaving the team to pursue a career in teaching. Marina is recruiting a new full-time coach to replace Eliot. Samir Magidi has joined the coaching team on a part-time basis following working on the camps over the summer and has had a successful first few months at the club.

Last year we installed new LED lights on the block of three which offer excellent light as well as an instant on-off facility. We have applied for planning permission to convert the halogen lamps on the block of four to LEDs and plan to install them next year some time. Not only will the lighting effect be better but the power consumption is significantly lower and the lamps last vastly longer.

We also hope to address the court subsidence at the pitch edge of the block of four, which has caused some injuries to players twisting their ankle as they rush for a ball. We have been exploring various options. We also hope to replace the fencing so that it can support a windbreaker.

We would be interested in hearing from anyone who has previous experience in fundraising and also anyone that would be keen to help organise future tennis section social events.

- Squash – Mark Troman

Membership remains stable even with some turnover.

Social play on a Friday night is proving popular.

Since September a group session has been reintroduced and again proving popular.

There are two teams in the Middlesex league with mixed results.

This year one of the court walls was repaired due to damp and this year we are planning to replace one of the squash court floors.

- Bar – Bob Baxter

The bar continues to make a small profit, keeping prices competitive.

The bar is mainly open during the summer season and Friday nights. All members and sections are encouraged to use the bar.

The bar will continue for the time being to offer the facility of paying in both cash and by credit card.

5. Club Officers

The existing club officers (President, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer) had agreed to continue in those roles, and no other candidates had been proposed. Their reappointment was agreed by the meeting. The cricket and squash representatives are unchanged. Thank you to Beverley Bamford for her tenure on the Board representing the Tennis section. Martin Rizk has succeeded Beverley as the Tennis Representation on the Board.

6. AOB

No AOB.

Meeting finished at 7.49pm.