



Brondesbury Sports Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 29th November 2020 at 6pm by Zoom video conferencing call

Minutes

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the AGM held on Sunday 1st December 2019 were reviewed. Approval of the minutes of last year's AGM was proposed by Adrian Fletcher and seconded by Beverley Bamford. The meeting approved the minutes.

2. President's Report – Richard Abramson

Confirmation of the club opening from Wednesday 2 December 2020 on conclusion of the second national lockdown and club finances are in a healthy state despite the pandemic.

A big vote of thanks to the board, the committees, the coaches, and staff for the part they played in assisting the club through the pandemic in such a good state. A special thanks was given to Svetlana for her part in coordinating the Covid 19 planning and activity.

General matters - the tennis pavilion and toilets were completed, as was the bar refurbishment, the main pavilion has been freshened up, and robust fencing has been erected to complete the club's security. Longer term development of the strategic plans was placed on hold due to the pandemic. In the interim the Board has agreed that resurfacing the current car park is a priority as long as this does not interfere with tennis plans for floodlights on courts 1 - 3. Quotes for the car park resurfacing and lighting planning permission are currently in progress.

Richard confirmed the club's role includes serving the community and providing training and encouragement for juniors in both tennis and cricket.

Further to the President's report a question was raised by Charlie Sorensen regarding the longer term plans for the club, in particular for the club house. Richard reiterated that the longer terms plans had not been forgotten and that all options will be explored and presented to the board. It was agreed that Richard would meet Charlie once the main Covid concerns were passed to explore his suggestions for the strategy.

Matt Bamford offered a vote of thanks to Richard for keeping the club on track during this exceptional year.

3. Treasurer's Report – Martyn Webb

The accounts were proposed by Adrian Fletcher, seconded by Madeleine Abramson, and approved by the meeting.

Accounts are available on the club's website.

Profit for the year has increased by £19,000, less than previous years due to decrease in income and increase in expenses across all three sections.

Government and furlough funding of approx. £28,000 will mean that the 2021 accounts will not be adversely impacted by the pandemic.

Ground expenses up by £6,000, repairs & improvements up by £10,000 mainly due to the bar refurbishment and depreciation is up due to the tennis pavilion project. Business rates in 2021 will be reduced due to Government relief.

Numerous votes of thanks were given to Martyn for his 5 years' service as Treasurer and for the accounts transformation and transparency he has been able to provide. Martyn thanked Svetlana for all her support managing the accounts on a day to day basis.

4. Sections Reports

- Cricket – James Overy

The Cricket section is in a good financial position, the facilities have been invested in during the past two years and there are still some minor improvements to be put in place i.e. enhance social medial presence and branding.

The training facilities have improved with the introduction of new turf nets.

First team is in the Premier league, 5 teams in place this year with an emphasis placed on juniors playing up to allow them to gain experience.

This Summer saw an increase in coaching and junior coaching and camps.

The overseas player for next season has been recruited.

A special thanks was given to James for all efforts working on the cricket ground during the Spring & Summer.

- Tennis – Edward Ben-Nathan

The season started on 16 May. Due to the pandemic a booking system was put into place, thank you to Marina Lavarello for implementing the booking system.

Courts 1 – 3 were resurfaced during the Summer to a high standard.

Membership was closed during Covid and the Summer whilst the courts were resurfaced.

Membership and revenue are up by approx. 10%.

The Wimbledon ballet will be online going forward.

Tennis teams to be registered in January for the 2021 season.

Waiting for courts 1 -3 flood light planning permission to be approved. It has been agreed not to progress for the time being with the additional tennis court on the bowling green and to let the planning permission lapse.

Thanks were given to Edward for all his work during the past year.

- Squash – Adrian Fletcher

Squash was hit hard by the pandemic however even though there was often no play interest from prospective new members has increased.

The club is now hosting the Middlesex junior team at the weekend.

There is also interest from a local school to use the courts.

Squash are looking forward to a strong year.

A vote of thanks was given to Adrian for navigating the club through the complicated Covid guidelines.

- Bar – Bob Baxter

The plan is to re-open the bar at Easter.

The bar is looking good following the refurbishment and will make a small profit this year.

5. Neighbour Liaison's Report - Madeleine Abramson

One neighbour has registered a complaint regarding the flood light planning application.

No other neighbour feedback received so far.

6. Club Officers

The suggestions for Club Officers were proposed by Matt Bamford and seconded by Madeleine Abramson. Nobody present objected and the proposed candidates were therefore duly elected.

Position	Current	Candidate	Proposed	Seconded
President	Richard Abramson	Richard Abramson	Beverley Bamford	Martyn Webb
Hon. Secretary	Lara Greenfield	Lara Greenfield	Beverley Bamford	Adrian Fletcher
Hon. Treasurer	Martyn Webb	Marina Heritier	Richard Abramson	Edward Ben-Nathan
Cricket Director	Bob Baxter	Bob Baxter	James Overy	Beverley Bamford
Squash Director	Vacant	Adrian Fletcher	Laura Rakos	Adam Lennox
Tennis Director	Beverley Bamford	Beverley Bamford	Edward Ben-Nathan	Martin Rizk

7. AOB

No other business.

Meeting closed at 19:21

25 Attendees

- Richard Abramson
- Lara Greenfield
- Marian Heritier
- Martyn Webb
- Svetlana Zinina
- Bev Bamford
- Edward Ben Nathan
- James Overy
- Martyn Rizk
- Rachel Frazer
- Adrian Fletcher
- Matt Bamford
- Marina Lavarello
- James McCombe
- Charlie Sorensen
- Kush Kanjia
- Laura Rakos
- Marguerite Brodtman
- Madeleine Abramson
- Joe Bamford
- Hugh Gimber
- Eheraadh Ashraf
- Anish ?
- Gus Beagles