

Blewbury Tennis Club

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 30h November 2023 held at
The Melland Room
at 7.00pm.**

1. Welcome by the Chairman, Sarah Sayers.
 - Apologies received from Jane Andrews, Pam McIntyre, Rob Hughes, Tom Finnie and Glen Meadows.
2. Minutes of Last AGM were approved as a true copy and signed by the Chairman.
3. Presentation of Junior Trophies were made to most improved mini and junior players by the Chairman in the absence of the Club's president Coral Richards.
 - Most Improved Mini Player: Sebastian Munera-Huertas
 - Most Improved Junior Player: Edward Barker-Setch
4. **Chairman's Report – Sarah Sayers**

A copy of the report is attached. The main points to note for the purposes of the minutes are:

 - Total memberships is 138 compared to 135 this time last year.
 - Single – 60
 - Family – 30
 - Annual Pass – 48
 - Coaching, subscription fees, maintenance plan, competitive play, community and charity work were also covered off in summary.
5. **Treasurer's Report – Justine Thomson**

Presentation of the fund. A copy of the report is attached. Key points to note for the minutes:

 - Accounts have been audited and signed off as in good order in November 2023.
 - Closing balance for October 2023 is up by £5,466 from previous year.
 - Total 2023 income £18,420 – total 2023 expenditure £12,954
 - LTA loan is at £15,000 out of original £25,000 to help fund floodlights.
 - Some additional moss treatment was required on the courts due to the wet weather and electricity costs increased by £907. However, movement of funds between accounts resulted in a significant increase interest income helped to partly offset.
 - In order to meet the 2029 court resurfacing costs of £55K the club needs to increase its Cash Balance by £6K per annum.
7. **Match Secretary's report – Joe Gold**

The final positions of all the teams and tournaments were read out and applauded along with a statement from the captains. As per 2022, there was a commendable number of promotions and first placed teams.

The club will be entering 30 teams in total during the Winter and Summer Oxfordshire and Newbury league tournaments for the 2023/24 seasons.

8. **Welfare Officer** – Sarah Vincent
Sarah re-introduced herself to the room as the Welfare and Safeguarding officer. Nothing further to report since last year
9. **Junior Report** – no report this year due to an inconsistency in coaching after the departure of the previous Head Coach but the committee took the opportunity to introduce the new Head Coach Dean Cornish who joined the club in October in line with the club's NTA partnership.
10. There was a Presentation of trophies to the adults
 - Most improved adult
 - Allison Rhodes (*in absentia*)
 - Highly Commended runners up – Kate Mitchell, Matt Phillips and Chris Coupland.
 - Summer Mixed Doubles Tournament Winners
 - Adam Filip (*in absentia*)
 - Alana Bibby (*in absentia*)
 - Prebendal Manor Cup and Lifetime Membership
 - Not awarded this year
11. **Motions received from members in advance.**
No motions had been received and no Rule updates to the Constitution required.
12. **Election of Officers for 2023**
See Appendix A for a full list of 2023 committee members nominations and elections. There were no additional nominations received for the core posts of Chairman and Secretary therefore, Sarah Sayers and Jen Gold remain in post. A new Treasurer, Laura Brazier, was elected to replace the outgoing Treasurer Justine Thomson who will stand down.
13. AOB – None minuted.

APPENDIX A: 2024 Committee

Officers	Re-elected or elected
Chairman	Sarah Sayers Proposed: Jen Gold. Seconded: Sean Smythe
Secretary	Jen Gold Proposed: Sarah Sayers. Seconded: Carole Smythe
Treasurer	Laura Brazier Proposed: Justine Thomson. Seconded: Sarah Vincent
OLTA Match Secretary	Joe Gold Proposed: John Dilley, Seconded: Ruth Ballantyne
NDLTA Match Secretary	Justine Thomson Proposed: Sean Smythe, Seconded: Cheryl Dilley
Membership Secretary	Glen Meadows Proposed: Jen Gold. Seconded: Joe Gold
Welfare officer	Sarah Vincent Proposed: John Dilley. Seconded: Marco Bettuzzi
Junior Coordinator	Vacant
Head Coach	Dean Cornish
Club Committee	David McPhail (maintenance)
	Debra Davies (first aid)
	Germana Sallemi
	Rob Hughes

CHAIRMANS REPORT

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CHAIRMAN's REPORT 2022-2023

We have had another successful year and you will hear from some of the officers this evening in more detail. We have a good bank balance, a competitive spirit with additional teams in Oxfordshire and Newbury leagues and the courts and club house are in a good state of repair.

Membership

We now have 138 memberships (not people) which is made up of

- 60 £85 single
- 48 £50 annual pass
- 30 £150 family

Due to the categorisations, this means that we have a minimum of 138 individual members.

Thank you to **Glen Meadows** for being membership secretary and managing the subs and most importantly, welcoming new members.

Club Sessions

We have a few throughout the week, Tuesday at 7pm – which is very well attended, Wednesday day time and Sunday 9.30am. An email goes out asking who is available and if anyone who isn't already on the mailing list wants to be, please see Joe Gold or a club committee member and you can soon be added. The floodlights have made a big difference and extend our period of play and enable us to compete in evening matches.

Competitions

Joe Gold, as match secretary will give a full report. We have a good competitive spirit within the club competing in both the Oxfordshire and Newbury leagues in Mens, Ladies and Mixed with teams playing throughout the year. Due to the number of teams, we have a range of abilities. If anyone is interested in competing, please see one of the captains. Thank you also to all the many captains of the teams.

Juniors & Safeguarding

Sarah Vincent is our Safeguarding officer responsible for ensuring we look after our juniors and vulnerable adults. I remind you all, this is not a job just for the Safeguarding officer or the club committee, it is down to us all to ensure that we maintain high standards of behaviour and we protect our juniors so they have a safe environment in which to play.

Social

Martin Wrench and Bradley Hammond have organised some club tournaments this year which have been well supported and also fun.

Maintenance

The courts are maintained by Martin Wrench & Bradley Hammond on a paid basis and assisted by David McPhail and other members. Thank you to everyone involved.

Each year we allocate funds for moss/weed killing, general maintenance of the courts and club house. We have a 10 year plan for both resurfacing and repainting to keep our courts and grounds in good condition.

Subscriptions

The subscription levels are determined by the Club Committee and not at the AGM. Due to the increase in electricity tariffs and lights usage, the subs did go up in June 2023. We did benchmark against local clubs and we still offer exceptional value. We do get some income from the pay and play who are not members and Justine as Treasurer will go into more detail.

Coaching

As a result of us getting a loan for our lighting from the LTA, since 2021 we have had a provision of coaching service contract with National Tennis Association (NTA). They carry out the coaching on our courts, run the programmes and in return give the club some monies.

Since Tom Finnie left earlier in the year, the consistency and reliability of coaching provided by the NTA was lacking. We are pleased to recently welcome to Blewbury Tennis club our new coach **Dean Cornish** who is part of the NTA. In our LTA Registration we have to name our accredited coaches. We are currently in discussion with the NTA about the coaching programmes on offer to our members and to have a choice of coaches to meet our member's needs.

Community/Charity

We continue with our support of Style Acre and have joined in with various events in the village, one of which was to promote the various societies and club in the village. Im not sure if we managed to secure more members but we did at least make everyone aware that there is a tennis club in the village. Bradley Hammond and Lisa Lovett raised a substantial sum of money for The Air Ambulance by organising a tournament which was in memory of Sean Lovett.

This just leaves me with a few thank you's - Jane Andrews, Allison Rhodes, Richard Anstis and Martin Wrench who are stepping down from the committee. To Justine Thomson who is not continuing as Treasurer but is remaining on the committee. To Jo Gold for doing lots of the behind the scenes work and is our unsung hero – he sends out the communications, social tennis reminders, ensures we have courts free for matches. I thank all the other club officers, committee members and other club members for ensuring we have a club to be proud of.

Thank you

Sarah Sayers

Chairman 2022-2023

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