**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Woodbridge Tennis Club (Incorporating Deben Junior Tennis Club)**

**held on 6 March 2014 at the Pavilion**

1. **Present**

Kurt Goddard (Chairman), James Yates, David Eaton, Adrian Yates, Jon Mansfield, Duncan Ford, Michela Parkin (minutes), Linda Parsons, John White, Jo Goddard, Martin Thorpe, Stephen Dunckley, Dave O’Riordan, Max Pemberton, Joan Crowson, Ron Johnson, Debbie Pawsey, Jenny Finch, Barbara Green, Kata McLennan, Glyn Evans

**Apologies for Absence**

David Scales, Margaret Pemberton, Sarah Leach, Stan Baston, Rachel Peck, Mary Richie, Linda Coulter.

1. **Minutes of the Previous AGM**

The minutes were agreed to be accurate and approved. Proposed: Adrian Yates; Seconded: Jon Mansfield.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2013 AGM**

Court Resurfacing

KG thanked AY and DE particularly for their involvement with the resurfacing for courts 1, 2 and 3**.**

Pavilion Cafe

KG thanked Jeremy Nears for his support throughout the year and for the refreshments for the AGM.

1. **Chairman’s Report**

KG presented his report. Courts 1, 2 and 3 had been resurfaced resulting in a much improved playing surface. Quotes were being sought for new perimeter fencing and it was hoped that some grant money would be available for this project.

Carol Naude was standing down as a Trustee of the club. KG thanked her for her support and asked for anyone wishing to volunteer as a replacement to contact him.

A number of the club’s junior members continue to play at a high level and receive some financial support from the club to support their training. In particular, Harriet Petley is ranked within the top 20 nationally. The club is pleased to nurture and bring through young talented players.

KG thanked coaches, team captains and the committee for all their work during the year.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

The audited accounts and balance sheet had been circulated to all members in advance of the meeting. DE thanked John White for auditing the accounts.

The aim is to build a surplus to fund future projects such as replacing fencing and lightingand future resurfacing as required.

In response to a question from Steve Dunckley about the significant decrease in the rates, DE explained he had been able to negotiate this with SCDC on the basis that the club provides a community amenity.

It was proposed to raise subscriptions from £113 to £116 for full adult membership, and £58 for junior membership. Proposed: Duncan Ford; Seconded: Adrian Yates. The meeting voted unanimously in favour.

1. **Junior Programme Representative’s report**
2. **Playing Affairs’ Representative’s report**
3. **Club Coaches/Admin Report**

These three items were presented by JM and JY as one report.

Teams

JM thanked all team captains. In particular, Mixed 1 had won their division in the summer and been promoted to division 5. Ladies 1 doing well this winter. JM noted that the club still needed a bigger core of players, particularly men, to build strong team squads.

Adult Club Tournament

The new format had not taken off and it was proposed to revert back to running the club tournament over the first three weeks of September.

Junior Club Tournament

Had run successfully in all age groups.

Club Sessions

Wednesday and Thursday mornings continue to be very well attended. Tuesday evenings are quieter and other clubs such as Grundisburgh have been invited to attend to boost numbers. This was working well and it was proposed to continue to extend such collaborations.

Kata McLennan made a number of suggestions for boosting Tuesday evenings such as running a cardio tennis session immediately before and reviving the email sign up system. She also suggested committee members could work on a rota to organise attendance at club night.

The Friday evening indoor sessions at David Lloyd with Saxmundham TC had been running well.

2013 Open Day

The Mayor had officially opened the new courts. 50 children and adults had taken part in the open day.

In 2014 the club would be participating in the LTA’s Great British Tennis Weekends initiative.

Junior Competition

Teams had played in both the Aegon Summer League and the Suffolk Junior Winter League. In the summer, the U12 boys had won their division and the mini reds had been runners-up. In the winter, the U12 boys had again won and the mini red, orange and green teams had all been runners-up.

JM thanked James Parsons for his work in organising the junior competitions, which had seen the club raise its numbers of regularly competing juniors from 25 to 50.

Social Events

JY reported that two quiz nights had been successfully held and thanked Jez Cowley for his quiz and KG for organising.

Unfortunately, the Christmas Dinner had been cancelled due to low take-up.

Parent and Child tournaments had been popular.

A combined tennis and golf day was planned for Wimbledon fortnight.

JY asked for suggestions from the floor as to what social events members wanted, but there were none.

Communications

All members should be receiving Tennis Communications emails with club information. The Winter Newsletter had also been circulated electronically. The club has a presence on twitter (@woodbridgtennis – note no e in woodbridg) and facebook.

U10s County Cup

The club has been asked to host a qualifying event for the U10s county cup between 31 May and 1 June. All 6 courts will be in use between 9.00am and 5.00pm. This is a prestigious event which earns the club a fee and members were asked for their forbearance over court availability that weekend.

1. **Proposals for 2014–2015**

Resolutions

None.

Rules

It was proposed that the rules be changed to state that the AGM should take place in the first 10 days of March, rather than necessarily on a Thursday. Proposed: KG; Seconded: DE. Passed unanimously.

Subscriptions

See Treasurer’s report for agreed increase.

1. **Election of Officers**

All current post holders voted in as a group. Position of Secretary currently vacant.

1. **New Trustee**

See Chairman’s Report – volunteers for the position of Trustee to contact Kurt Goddard as soon as possible.

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

Tbc – early March 2015.