**NLTC Minutes of the 117th Annual General Meeting**

 **Thursday 4th March 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom Webinar**

Our President, Shirley Pearson welcomed everyone to the 117th AGM.

Apologies received: Claire Macrae, David Stirrat, Val Crawford.

Mark Conroy welcomed everyone to the Webinar and explained how the meeting was going to work. There were 66 attendees at the Webinar.

Shirley thanked Mark for all his help in setting up the meeting and introduced the panellists.

1. **Adoption of the 116th AGM of Thursday 5th March 2020**

Minutes were adopted with no questions.

Proposed by Shirley Pearson and Seconded by Greg Soper.

1. **Secretary’s Report**

Val Henderson reported that there had been 10 minuted Committee meetings during the year, most of which were held over Zoom.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Shirley thanked Dougie Cumine for all his work as Treasurer over many years, a role that has been taken over by Paul McGettrick. Shirley also thanked Paul for all his work over the last year which has been incredibly challenging on the financial side of the running of the club due to COVID. A full financial report has been circulated to all members in advance. Paul gave a brief overview of the high-level points contained in that report:

* Surplus of £25,152 up to September 2020.
* Up to September, the only financial support was from members as we didn’t receive any council or government grants other than through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.
* £130,000 in cash as at September 2020, of this £50,000 was a bounce back loan that we took to use to pay for new floodlights on courts 5-7, plus the rejuvenation to the court surface on all 7 outdoor courts. We also have electricity and water bills still to pay.
* We have been trying to invest in the club during the last year. As mentioned, floodlights and court rejuvenation have been successfully completed. The bar has also been refurbished and the squash hall is undergoing refurbishment at present. We hope this will all be completed by the time squash returns.
* Still uncertainty over 2021 renewals but we have the following short-, medium- and long-term goals for the club.
* Short Term – Modernise lighting in the indoor tennis hall, courts 1-4 floodlights outdoors and squash hall. Upstairs toilet facilities to be upgraded. We also need to retain some cash in reserve in-case we need to carry our further roof repairs. Padel Tennis proposal progressing but an EGM would be required for that in due course.
* Medium Term – Resurface indoor tennis courts, upgrade changing rooms, squash court floors and outdoor court surface.
* Long Term – Balcony at bar overlooking courts 3-7.
* In addition to investing in the physical improvements, we are also looking to investing in a squash coach as there is value in this to build up the squash side of the club.

There were no questions regarding the financial accounts.

Accounts Proposed by Paul McGettrick, Seconded by Audrey Reilly

1. **Presidents Report**

The Presidents report was circulated prior to the AGM by email to all members. Here is Shirley’s Chairman’s report which she read out on the night.

Shirley reported that this has been a very challenging year, but that we have achieved a lot despite the pandemic. We have reinvested a lot of money back into the club. Highlighted points:

* Floodlights on Courts 5-7.
* Outdoor court rejuvenation has been very successful and will has increased the lifespan of the courts by a number of years.
* The coaches have worked extremely hard at keeping the programme running where possible.
* Summer membership initiative was successful, and many people converted these to full memberships.
* We have now opened the courts outdoors from 8am to 10pm 7 days a week across all 7 outdoor courts.
* Bar has had a face lift.
* The beer garden is currently being transformed with replanting, plant screening and a covered area.
* We are looking to implement a social committee.
* Gym has had new LED lighting installed and we are looking into providing spin bikes.
* Shirley thanked Richard and Tom for all their work throughout the year in the grounds.
* We are still working on Padel tennis but are awaiting planning and funding applications. Once these are in place, we will hold an EGM. This project will generate funds for the club which we hope to invest in refurbishing the changing rooms.
* The Marketing and Sponsorship Committees have been very busy and have secured sponsorship from Belhaven, The Glasgow Academy, RPJ Energy, DC Lighting, Arnold Clark, Tankel Diamonds, Jones Whyte Multi Service Law Firm, DC Lighting, Verum Wealth, Corum Estate Agents, Centurion Signs. Thank you to Gordon Kent and Sam Forbes for their hard work in this area.
* The survey results will be shared in the near future.
1. **Proposal for subscriptions and entry fees for 2021/2022**

Paul McGettrick reported that this has been a difficult year and a lot of thought has been put into the subs for 2021/22.

We have previously sent out an email detailing subs and temporary memberships proposal. We are currently unclear what the squash and gym membership take up will be for the coming year as there has been hugely different levels of utilisation across areas of the club. There has been a 70% increase in the usage of the outdoor courts this year compared to last year, whereas the gym, squash and indoor tennis areas have really struggled.

There is therefore not a 1 size fits all approach to subs for the coming year. If you want to opt into the temporary membership from 1st April to 30th June, speak to Reception. We hope you can understand our logic in taking this step.

The subs are remaining at last year’s levels.

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| **Category of membership** | **Notes** | **Without Gym** | **With Gym** |
|  |  | **£** | **£** |
| Family | Note 1 | 1,020 | 1,085 |
| Mini Family |  | 830 | 895 |
| Senior |  | 430 | 495 |
| Restricted A (closed) |  | 190 | 255 |
| Off Peak | Note 4 | 195 | 370 |
| Associate A (closed) |  | 84 | 148 |
| Associate B (closed) |  | 84 | 148 |
| Social |  | 84 | 370 |
| Intermediate (Age 18-23) | Note 2 | 260 | 325 |
| Student (Age 18-23) |  | 180 | 220 |
| Junior Age 10-17) | Note 3 | 180 | 220 |
| Mini (Age 4-9) |  | 96 | N/A |
| Country |  | 50 | N/A |
| Gym |  | N/A | 370 |
| Life |  | 30 | 30 |

Note 1 - Family membership will include all eligible family members and covers any children still in FT education, training or not employed up to age 23.

Note 2 - An intermediate who is still in FT education, training or not employed, up to and including age 23 will be charged a student rate.

Note 3 – Junior membership is now from the age of 10 as at 1st April 2021.

Note 4 – Off Peak is for racket sports/gym access between 9am – 5pm Mon-Fri and 6-10 pm Sat & Sun.

Proposed by Paul McGettrick and Seconded by Carol Kerr.

1. **Election of Office Bearers**

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| **Position** |  | **Proposer** | **Seconder** |
| President | Shirley Pearson | Paul McGettrick | Liam Dunn |
| Vice President | Val Henderson | Shirley Pearson | Christine Lockhart |
| Treasurer | Paul McGettrick | Shirley Pearson | Calum Bruce |
| Secretary  | Alan Pearson | Shirley Pearson | Stuart McCaffer |
| Tennis Convenor | Elizabeth Stevenson | Shirley Pearson | Jacquie Baird |
| Social Convenor |  |  |  |
| Gym Convenor | Bruce Malone | Shirley Pearson | Carol Biggart |
| Bar Convenor | Dave Crorie | Shirley Pearson | Steve Brown |
| Squash Convenor | Andrew Doherty & Kieran O’Neill | Shirley Pearson | Steve Brown |
| Grounds & House Convenor | Richard Pearson | Shirley Pearson | Jacquie Baird |
| Tennis Committee Member | Alan Dickson | Shirley Pearson | Jacquie Baird |
| Marketing & Sponsorship Convenor | Audrey Reilly | Shirley Pearson | Sam Forbes |
| Development Convenor | Alex Kyle | Shirley Pearson | Jacquie Baird |
| Committee Member | Alan Dickson | Shirley Pearson | Christine Lockhart |

1. **Appointment of Independent Examiner**

After 10 years, Alan Ramsay has now resigned, so we are looking for a volunteer. If there is a young accountant in the membership who can volunteer, please speak to Aileen in Reception. We must formally appoint an Independent Examiner within 3 months.

1. **A.O.C.B.**

Carol Biggart raised the issue of twigs on the court surface on court 7 from the tree in Glasgow Academy grounds. Can we speak to TGA re this, and we could split the cost of any works? Stuart Biggart suggested cutting the tree down and he would arrange for the donation of a small tree in its place. We need to look if we can cut it back from our side of the fence.

Craig Andrews commented how good the communication has been from the club, and how good Padel tennis would be for the club. He asked for more detail on this. Alan Pearson replied – Padel was first raised at an EGM 3 years ago. By the time we had looked into the queries raised, the grants had gone so the project was shelved. However, 9 months ago we put together a committee Alan Pearson, Alex Kyle, Stuart McCaffer, Dougie Cumine and Paul McGettrick. We have a donation of £15K to take this forward. We have taken on a Padel expert and an architect and looked at locations (best being in car park side by side with the indoor courts whilst still retaining space for parking.) Project at pre planning to iron out any problems and we are awaiting the council. We are waiting on planning decision and our grant application is ready to go once planning is resolved. LTA has also adopted Padel as a sport that they will put money into. Dougie has been in touch with the LTA, and we have a funding proposal in place.

We would need an EGM to take this further at some point. Craig Andrews has offered his help with this project.

A question was asked around security and Alan replied that this would be addressed.

Shirley offered a vote of thanks to all attendees and to all those who have helped with the club this year.

The meeting was closed.