

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.

2. Secretary's Report

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

3. 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 very 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 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 out 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 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

4. 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 have increased the lifespan of the courts by several years.
- The coaches have worked very hard at keeping the programme running where possible.
- Summer membership initiative was successful and many people converted 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 facelift.
- 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, Jones Whyte, Arnold Clark, Tankel Diamonds, RPG Energy, Corum and Verum Wealth . 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.

5. 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, please contact Reception. We hope you can understand our logic in taking this step.

The subs are remaining at last year's levels.

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 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.

6. Election of Office Bearers

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

7. 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.

8. 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 Andrew 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, the grants had gone so the project was shelved. However 9 months ago we put together a planning committee consisting of Alan Pearson, Alex Kyle, Stewart 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 planning decision. Our grant application is ready to go once the 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 Andrew 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.