**Minutes of the 120th Newlands Lawn Tennis Club AGM on**

**Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7.30pm**

Shirley Pearson welcomed everyone to the 120th AGM. Apologies were received from Val Henderson, David Stirrat and Douglas Cumine.

1. **Adoption of the 119th AGM of Thursday 23rd February 2023**

Minutes were adopted with no questions. The minutes were proposed by Shirley Pearson and seconded by Richard Pearson.

1. **Secretary’s Report**

In Val Henderson’s absence Shirley Pearson reported that there had been 11 minuted Committee meetings during the year.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

The financial report was circulated to all members in advance. Alan Pearson gave a brief overview of the high-level points contained in the report:

* Thanks to Douglas Cumine for producing the annual accounts and the monthly management accounts, negotiating electricity charges and dealing with VAT inspection questions.
* Thanks also to Colin McIntyre for auditing the annual accounts.
* We have built up a great set of accounts this year and have also managed to build up and maintain the membership.
* Paul McGettrick gave a detailed description of a few of the specifics in the accounts.
* Alan Pearson thanked Shirley Pearson for changing the committee focus and attitude, widening membership and people onto the committee, giving it the human touch whilst maintaining a strong financial position.
* Alan also paid tribute to Douglas Cumine for his financial expertise with capital expenditure of £3 million over the last 20+ years. His application for LTA loan for Padel project was according to the LTA the best proposal ever put forward to them in whole of UK.
* We have a £200k interest free loan payable over 10 years. £100k donation from Stuart McCaffer for Padel project.
* Next capital project coming up will be resurfacing of outdoor tennis courts costing approx £200k. We will have to be careful of cost overruns before we commit to any future projects.

There were no questions regarding the financial accounts. Accounts proposed by Stuart Biggart and seconded by Michael Mone.

1. **President’s Report**

The President’s report was circulated prior to the AGM by email to all members.

* In her first year, Shirley’s priorities were to get new signage for the Club, try and get 100 new members and set up sub-committees. Covid then struck but thankfully we were supported by the members. We revamped the bar, improved the beer garden, upgraded reception, 2 gyms and put lights on the mini courts.
* Shirley thanked all members over last 5 years for their support. The President’s report was proposed by Paul McGettrick and seconded by Kenny McBrearty.
* Paul McGettrick thanked Shirley for all her work over the last 5 years.

1. **Proposal for subscriptions for 2024/2025**

Despite inflation, a modest 4% membership increase was passed unanimously at the most recent committee meeting

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| **Category of membership** | **Notes** | **Without Gym** | **With Gym** |
| Family | **Note 1** | £1,135 | £1,200 |
| Mini Family |  | £1020 | £1,100 |
| Senior |  | £480 | £545 |
| Restricted A (closed) |  | £220 | £285 |
| Off Peak | **Note 2** | £220 | £395 |
| Associate A (closed) |  | £95 | £162 |
| Associate B (closed) |  | £95 | £162 |
| Social |  | £95 | £395 |
| Intermediate (age 18-23) | **Note 3** | £290 | £365 |
| Student (age 18-23) |  | £210 | £250 |
| Junior (age 10-17) | **Note 4** | £200 | £240 |
| Mini (P1 to age 9) |  | £125 | N/A |
| Country |  | £50 | N/A |
| Gym |  | N/A | £395 |
| Life |  | £35 | £35 |

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

**Note 2** – Off Peak is for racket sports/gym access 9am – 5pm Mon-Fri and 6-10 pm Sat & Sun.

**Note 3** - 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 4** – Junior membership is from the age of 10 at 1st April 2024.

Subs for 2024/25 were proposed by Paul McGettrick and seconded by Kenny McBrearty.

1. **Election of Office Bearers**

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| **Position** | **Office Bearer** | **Proposer** | **Seconder** |
| President | Paul McGettrick | Shirley Pearson | David Reilly |
| Vice President | Richard Pearson | Paul McGettrick | Alan Pearson |
| Treasurer | Alan Pearson | Paul McGettrick | Shirley Pearson |
| Secretary | Val Henderson | Paul McGettrick | Shirley Pearson |
| Past President | Shirley Pearson | Paul McGettrick | Gordon Kent |
| Tennis Convenor | Tracy Edward | Paul McGettrick | Richard Pearson |
| Gym Convenor | Bruce Malone | Paul McGettrick | Gordon Kent |
| Bar Convenor | Tracy Edward | Shirley Pearson | Ike Grant |
| Social Convenor | Shirley Pearson | Paul McGettrick | Bruce Malone |
| Squash Convenor | Steffan Gwyn | Paul McGettrick | Alan Pearson |
| Grounds Convenor | Richard Pearson | Paul McGettrick | Alan Pearson |
| House Convenor and Sponsorship | Gordon Kent | Paul McGettrick | Alan Pearson |

Paul McGettrick thanked all our sponsors.

He also thanked Elizabeth Stevenson, our outgoing Tennis Convenor for all her work over the last 10+years. He proposed the Election of Office Bearers and was seconded by Ike Grant.

1. **Appointment of Independent Examiner**

Paul McGettrick proposed Colin McIntyre as independent auditor and this was seconded by Shirley Pearson.

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

Alan Pearson gave an update on Padel. After initial discussion 7 years ago, the project started 3 years ago. There was a massive increase in costs of £100k post Covid which resulted in us having to get a re-quote and change supplier. The ground works started in December 2023. Problems with land levels at the allotment side of the car park resulted in adding 2 weeks to ground works. Contracted job to Doe Sports and Favoretti with canopy arriving between 18th and 23rd March. Courts should be ready for June. We are using consultant Peter Gordon from Game4Padel for implementation, process, systems and coaching. Reason for Padel – it’s a cash generator to increase £100k profit to fund future club developments. Plan to keep costs same as indoor courts and give member priority in evening bookings. Matt Bedwell, Jennifer Steel and Mark Malcolm to go on Padel coaching course. Also obtaining a quote for resurfacing the remainder of the car park.

Stuart Biggart asked if we woold accept donations for capital projects? If we don’t ask we don’t get. Good suggestion.

Alistair Weir asked when coaches booking courts if consideration could be given to members. Aileen Miller responded that our coaches book courts to satisfy the demand for individual lessons from members and that we try to maintain a good balance between individual members and coaches bookings.

Stuart Biggart asked if we would be using the mini courts for Pickleball. Indoor courts would be used for Pickleball in winter months with possibility of mini courts in better weather.

Paul McGettrick gave a vote of thanks to all and closed the meeting.