

**TAYPORT TENNIS CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & PRIZE-GIVING
HELD AT SCOTSCRAIG BOWLING CLUB
ON MONDAY 12th NOVEMBER, 2012, AT 7.30 PM**

Prize-giving started at 7.35pm. AGM started at 7.55pm

CHAired BY: Kevin Chisholm

PRESENT

K. Chisholm, M. Strachan, I. Ness, D. Ritchie, M. Wain, I. Massie, C. Ness, V. Rengger, J. Ness, S. Brownlee, E. Gillespie, M. Stephenson, D. Petrie, S. Gillespie, Fi Tough

APOLOGIES

R. Tough, Erin Gourlay, S. Higgins, L. Baird and A. Thompson (non-member).

PREVIOUS YEAR'S MINUTES

Vanessa Rengger pointed out that the minutes of the 2011 meeting indicated an intention to raise the upper age limit of the Tennis Tigers to twelve years, but that had not been acted upon. The minutes were proposed by Kevin Chisholm, seconded by Mandy Strachan and accepted as accurate.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's Report, written by Richard Tough, had been sent out to members via e-mail and was summarised by Kevin Chisholm. He drew attention to the coaching programme, under Andy Thompson. It is hoped that the club will see a long-term benefit from his involvement, in terms of attracting new members.

Priorities for the 2013 season will be the bid to attract new members, coaching and maintaining teams in the Tennis Tayside Leagues.

Derek Ritchie was thanked for his work as secretary, as he stands down from that role.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BUSINESS PLAN

The Report had been sent out to members via e-mail and was summarised by Mandy Strachan.

- In terms of finance, there was again a surplus this year, although this is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain.
- Rent payable to Fife Council to rise from £700 to £1000 per annum. This is a substantial increase, to be covered by a small membership, requiring an increase in membership fees.
- The substantial work carried out on the path to the clubhouse is a large expense, but the outlay came too late to be included in the report.
- Vanessa Rengger enquired as to the effect of raising the Tennis Tigers upper age to twelve years. Mandy indicated that this would result in less income. It was agreed to maintain the upper age as ten years.
- It was emphasised that our fees remain among the lowest in the local area.
- Jimmy Ness enquired as to whether current members could be fined / penalised for late payment of fees. It was agreed that this could have a detrimental effect and the club is trying to encourage membership.
- Ian Massie thanked Mandy for her sterling efforts as treasurer. Kevin Chisholm echoed those sentiments.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

It was stated that Derek Ritchie was standing down as Secretary, so that position would need to be filled. Also, Martijn Schenning still had to be replaced, as Vice-Chairman, and Erin Gourlay would no longer be on the committee.

Chairman – Richard Tough	Proposed – M. Strachan	Seconded – J. Ness
Vice Chairman – Kevin Chisholm	Proposed – I. Ness	Seconded – M. Wain
Secretary – Vanessa Rengger	Proposed – M. Strachan	Seconded – C. Ness
Treasurer – Mandy Strachan	Proposed – M. Wain	Seconded – C. Ness
Ordinary Members - 1. Shona Brownlee	Proposed – J. Ness	Seconded – I. Ness
2. Ian Ness	Proposed – C. Ness	Seconded – J. Ness
3. Derek Petrie	Proposed – J. Ness	Seconded – M. Strachan
4. Mark Stephenson	Proposed – M. Strachan	Seconded – K. Chisholm
5. vacant		

Child Protection Officer – Marian Wain	Proposed – I. Ness	Seconded – C. Ness
Independent examiner – Robin Smith	Proposed – M. Strachan	Seconded – K. Chisholm
Junior Representative – It was suggested that R. MacLeod could be approached about this role.		

ELECTION OF HONORARY PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Honorary President – Ian Massie	Proposed – I. Ness	Seconded – J. Ness
H'y Vice-President(s) – Mr & Mrs H. Tough (Subject to their agreement.)	Proposed – M. Strachan	Seconded – D. Ritchie

ELECTION OF MATCH SECRETARIES AND SELECTION COMMITTEES FOR 2013 SEASON

Match Secretaries

Ladies' 1 st Team – Mandy Strachan	Proposed – I. Ness	Seconded – M. Wain
Gents' 1 st Team – Ian Ness	Proposed – C. Ness	Seconded – K. Chisholm
Gents' 2 nd Team – not viable for 2013 season		
Henderson Vase 1 st – Ian Ness	Proposed – D. Ritchie	Seconded – C. Ness
Henderson Vase 2 nd – Jimmy Ness	Proposed – V. Rengger	Seconded – M. Wain
Juniors – Claire Ness	Proposed – I. Massie	Seconded – D. Petrie

Selection Committees

Ladies' Teams – S. Brownlee (MW/DR) M. Strachan (KC/DR)
Gents' Teams – I. Ness (DR/KC) J. Ness (DR/IM) K. Chisholm (JN/DR)
Henderson Vase 1 st Team – I. Ness (DR/KC) C. Ness (DR/IM)
Henderson Vase 2 nd team – J. Ness (DR/CN) S. Brownlee (JN/MW)
Junior Team – unlikely to have a formal team, but Claire Ness will endeavour to arrange friendly matches.
Social League – M. Wain (JN/SG)

Jimmy Ness was very keen to ensure that the club would field two teams in the Henderson Vase Mixed Doubles League. It was explained that the committee reached a decision to withdraw the second team last summer, due to a lack of players, particularly gents. Attempting to field a second team of six players was not a viable option, nor was attempting to fulfil sporadic fixtures with a depleted four-person team. This would have been met with disapproval by opponents and Tennis Tayside officials. The new committee, in conjunction with the club's Henderson Vase Selection Committees, will make a decision on the 2013 season early in the coming year.

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MEMBERSHIP FEES 2013/14

- It was agreed not to change age limits for Tennis Tigers. Proposed by Mandy Strachan. Seconded by Derek Ritchie.
- Ian Massie suggested a reduced rate for a Family Membership, covering only the summer months. Marian Wain suggested an Accompanying Parent Membership. The merits of both were discussed, but it was decided that the structures we have in place are robust and allow for all types of tennis players. What is perhaps required is to make these structures more visible, through publicity on the website, on flyers which could be distributed at coaching sessions and by informal committee presence at these sessions.
- Mandy Strachan proposed the stated increase in our membership fees. (It had been stated at the 2011 AGM that we would raise fees at least every two years.) There were no objections and the proposal was seconded by Jimmy Ness.
So, the 2013 fees will be as follows: Family Membership - £150 (£140); Adult membership - £75 (£70); Junior Membership - £22 (£20); Tiger Membership - £16 (£15); Senior Citizen, Single Parent in receipt of benefits, Student, Unemployed Membership- £52 (£50). Winter Membership for each category will be 50% of the stated amounts, but there is no Winter Membership in the Family category. NB 2012 fees in brackets.
- Cost of ball levy for matches and buying floodlight tokens will remain the same, at £2.00 and £2.50 respectively.
- Pay/play tickets would remain as £1 for a junior visitor and £2 for an adult visitor.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- Coaching – Andy Thompson was unable to attend the meeting, but Kevin Chisholm, Richard Tough and Mandy Strachan will meet with him in due course, to discuss the 2013 season. In addition, Vanessa Rengger will liaise with Tayport Primary School, with a view to developing that link.
- Update about the Community Trust, which is looking to increase its membership. Said membership has fallen and members of Tayport Tennis Club were encouraged to join up, for an annual fee of £5.
- Website – Kevin Chisholm has been working on the website and aims to include a calendar of events, as well as minutes from committee meetings. Marian Wain suggested reintroducing a regular newsletter which could be e-mailed to members.
- Ian Massie reiterated his willingness to pay John Pate for the installation of an outside light. Richard Tough has also been involved in this process. Members may be called upon to provide labour.
- Prize-winners and participants were congratulated.
- Trophies were collected back in, for engraving.
- Thanks were conveyed to Scotsraig Bowling Club for providing the venue for the AGM.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Signed: _____ Chairman Date: _____

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