## **DRUMMOND LAWN TENNIS CLUB**

### Minutes of 96th AGM

# 3rd October 2017, 8pm at Drummond Clubhouse

- 1. Present: Alexina Mason (chair) and 19 members.
- **2. Apologies:** Joan Donovan, John Whittaker, Eddie Chappell, Pat Elwood, Theresa Rains, Peter Rains, Chris Dransfield.
- 3. Minutes: the minutes of the 2016 AGM were approved and signed.
- 4. Matters arising: none
- 5. Captain's remarks: the committee were thanked for their commitment and contribution to the running of the club over the past year. The coaching team, Luis Moreno, Christine Dransfield and Ildi Dikidama were thanked for their work in running a full coaching programme throughout the year. David West and David Gibson were thanked for their contribution toward the smooth running of the club and the maintenance of the grounds.

The club aims to build on the good work that is being done already to retain new members, to attract new members to the club and to re-establish school links.

- **6. Treasurer's report**: Martine presented the accounts. Rob Wallis completed an audit of the accounts. Rob was thanked for auditing the accounts. Martine commented that there had been good growth within the club, the discounted rate for new members had been a success and a good proportion of new members had converted to full senior members. The winter floodlight payment initiative had also been a success.
- **7. Subscription rates for 2018**: the committee proposals (see AGM letter) were adopted unanimously. In addition, a continued introductory rate for new members was agreed.
- **8.** Coaching report: Luis reported that the last year had been very successful. The junior events have all been a success with good attendance. Ildi's project to gain local schools involvement in playing tennis had been good.
- **9. Match report**: Joan thanked club members and team captains for playing and organising matches this year.

The club ran 5 teams in the South West Essex Leagues. In the summer, one mixed, two ladies teams and, for the first time for a while, one mens team. There was also one mixed team in the Winter Floodlit League.

- The mixed team finished 2nd out of 5 in Division 4.
- The ladies A team finished 2nd out of 5 in Division 3.
- The ladies B team finished 5th out of 5 in Division 4.
- The new mens team finished 1st out of 7, gaining promotion very convincingly.
- The Winter Floodlit Team finished 5th out of 8.

The club ran two teams in the Essex League, one ladies and one mens.

- The ladies had a very tough season having been promoted twice in succession. League positions not yet finalised.
- The men finished 4th out of 8 in Division 4b. Well done team.

#### 10. Social Committee report

Kate thanked the social sub-committee: Monica Nelson, Maria Price, Jackie Callaghan, Joan Thomas, Julie Williams, Lucy Grey and Anne-Marie Greaves. Kate commented that the sub-committee operates fairly informally and meets 2 or 3 times a year to plan the social agenda.

Events this financial year, since April include:

- American Tournament, 22nd APRIL with chilli, baked potatoes and delicious homemade salads.
- Quiz and fish and chips, JUNE 73 tickets sold and attendees included Wednesday night
  beginners. Thank you to Andy Sayers and Nic Newman, our dynamic Quiz duo, and Ruth who
  kept the scores. Also, thanks to all the folks who helped set up and clear away at the end of the
  night.
- Dallimer and BBQ, MAY. Thanks to Steve Price for running the BBQ, and to Joan Thomas and others on the committee who prepared a selection of salads. The supper raised £153. So feeling rather flush, we funded the purchase of the 3 outside tables on the patio and a few fleecy blankets to encourage members to sit outside and watch the tennis whatever the weather.
- Pimms and cakes at the Summer Senior Tournament in JUNE.
- Ladies Lunch, AUGUST an extremely successful annual event run by Pat Beards, which attracts ladies from many local Clubs to play in a tournament followed by lunch.
- Veterans Finals Day, SEPTEMBER Toasted Tea Cakes. Delicious scones and cake courtesy of Theresa.
- American Tournament, 15th OCTOBER. Kate will be contacting all entrants for numbers, so plenty of supper can be provided for everyone. All welcome.
- The big end of season do this year is the Trophy night on Saturday 25th November at Our Lady
  of Lourdes Hall with a curry supper, live band, dancing, and presentation of the trophies for the
  tournaments through the year.

# **11. Election of Officers and Committee Members**: the committee for the forthcoming year was elected as follows:

Captain Alexina Mason
 Vice Captain (L) Debbie Hobbins
 Vice Captain (M) Tom Nelson

• Treasurer Martine Welsman

Secretary Maria Price
 Match secretary Joan Thomas
 Junior secretary unfilled

 Committee members Ruth Barnett, Anne-Marie Greaves, Lucy Grey, Monica Nelson and Kate West

#### **Election of Honorary Auditor:**

• Honorary Auditor Rob Wallis

Thanks to Marta for her contributions to the committee.

#### 12. Any other business:

- Phil asked if the committee would consider a singles social play session. Agreed to add to the first agenda for discussion and planning.
- Rob asked about the timetable for court resurfacing. Committee to discuss.