

Rainford Tennis Club - Annual General Meeting

Derby Arms, Rainford - 7.30 pm Monday 13th November 2017

		Minutes Present – Ron Hamilton, Ian Spencer, Bill Warwick, Simon Webster, Tara Thomas, Phil Thomas, Tracey Ashley-Jones, Steve Vincent , Fiona Moore , Dave Fowler, Helen Bligh, Diane Martindale	Action
	Apologies	Scott family, Dave Hillier, Mike Davies,	
1	Chairperson's Report	RH raised points a, b from the club constitution relating to the stated vision of the club Report previously circulated to committee and then all members via 'Clubspark'. IS didn't like the tone of the section on finances – felt this was negative – comments noted	
2	Treasurer's report	IS had produced a pack for everyone of club finances up to 31 st October IS expressed a negative picture – downward trend recognised in some aspects - something to consider for the future. BW questioned the contribution of the running club – income in 2013/4 was £400 since fallen - numbers since then depleted. DM asked if accounts presented to the AGM were usually April to April – Committee had agreed Ian would present accounts to 31 st October RH and IS explained the purpose of the Sink fund – at the moment probably underfunded - £3000 allocated at the moment.	
3	Election of Officers and Committee members 2017/18	Chair and members present thanked all previous board members in 2016/17 especially Ian Spencer and Mike Davies who are stepping down from their respective roles as Treasurer and Secretary. Nominations for board members were taken Questions were raised about the position of Running Club Representative on the committee– Chair said that this would be resolved at the first committee meeting – Dave Fowler then expressed an interest in standing as membership secretary. Nominations – Chair – Ron Hamilton Vice Chair – Dave Hillier Secretary – Simon Webster Membership Secretary – Tara Thomas/Dave Fowler Treasurer – Diane Martindale Safeguarding Lead – Fiona Moore Junior Rep – A vote was taken re the role of membership secretary - Tara Thomas elected as membership secretary Board members for 2017/18 were agreed as follows Chair – Ron Hamilton	

		<p>Vice Chair – Dave Hillier Secretary – Simon Webster Membership Secretary – Tara Thomas Treasurer – Diane Martindale Safeguarding Lead – Fiona Moore Junior Rep –</p> <p>It was agreed that the role of Junior representative be left vacant in the short term</p>	
5	Motion by the committee to amend the constitution under rule 18	<p>The motion raised was that - The position of Head Coach be removed from the committee. RH explained the background to the current situation and the difficulties associated with a paid coach being a member of the committee with voting rights and the inherent conflict and pecuniary interest involved. Some discussion followed. The motion was passed – unanimous with two abstentions</p> <p>Looking forward RH suggested a three tiered model to provide coaching to the club Three categories; internal coaches – members of the club offering limited sessions; external coaches members of the club offering coaching– conversant with LTA programmes; guest coaches e.g. Sam</p>	Constitution to be amended to remove the position of head coach from the committee
6	Motion by MD under rule 11.2	<p>Mike Davies proposed putting a second mixed team into the Southport League. SW expressed some concerns but was in favour overall. SV expressed views re Junior teams. PT expressed an initial concern re capacity but was in favour of a second team.</p> <p>Vote taken – 3 in favour 6 against 3 abstained - the committee would take this into account at their next meeting when a decision would be made</p> <p>IS expressed concern as to how decisions were taken and voted on in relation to both the AGM and committee meetings. Chair responded that the committee is elected at the AGM – the committee is then responsible for the strategic and operational decisions of the club but are ultimately responsible to the members at the AGM or an EGM.</p>	Added as an agenda item to the first committee meeting
7	AOB	Transforming British Tennis Initiative – RH gave brief update	
12	Date of next AGM	November 2018 – date tbc	