

8th October 2023

4 O'clock

Stoke Poges LTC

Annual General Meeting

Present:

Roger Parkin (RP), Triona Tierney (TT), Divinder Bains (DB), Mark McMullon (MM), Emma McMullon (EM), Diana Seagrove (DS), Graham Roper (GR), Karen Perez (KP), Charles Manga (CM), Phil Nash (PN), Finella Daywan (FD), Cath Smith (CS), Paula Smith (PS), Kieran Baker (KB),

Apologies for absence:

Stephen Wright (SW) Pam Lawrence, Harj, Chris Lloyd, Ros Johnstone, Farah, Frank Bulley, Alan & Caroline Shuttleworth, Frankie Elliott, Masa Nyui and Falco Niekoop,

Minutes of 2022 AGM were approved

Chairman's Report (RP)

Good afternoon, everyone and welcome to our Annual General Meeting,

Before we start the meeting, I'd like a few words about Terry Stock, who sadly passed away earlier this year, for those who knew Terry, you will have your own memories.

For newer members, Terry was a true stalwart of the Club, involved at all levels from securing funding for the courts and club house, playing matches for the club, helping develop the junior players and a regular social player. A welcoming face for all new members a man who was great fun to play with and had a wicked sense of humour.

Thank you, Terry.

Thank you all for coming and I trust you all have seen a copy of the agenda.

As you will see each Officer of the Committee will provide short reports that reflect what has happened over the last year in their areas.

I would like to begin my report by thanking all the Committee for once again doing excellent jobs in working together to making sure the club runs smoothly.

Once again, the club has continued to attract new members, the club continues to develop and but just as importantly we have retained most of our older member.

Increases in the number of players at all levels bouds well for the future, so thanks to all those involved in organising the various club nights and Social Sessions.

Our teams across the board did very well in all competitions so well done to all those who have represented the Club this year.

A few highlights of the year for me are as follows:

Kitchen Upgrade

A big thank you to Phil Nash for donating the kitchen, to Mark and his team for getting it installed and looking good.

Maintenance Days

We had two maintenance days which were well attended, and much was achieved, so thank you Mark for co-ordinating.

Court Booking System

The Clubspark court booking system seems to be working well.

Club Tournament & Finals Day

This year's Tournament must be a record for the number of entrants. So, a big thank you to Triona & Divinder for organising. And thanks to all those who took part.

Finals Day, I would hope you would all agree, was another remarkable success, with some excellent tennis played by all finalists.

Thanks to all who helped... all the Umpires and Line Callers

We had a fantastic turnout and I hope everyone enjoyed it.

A huge thanks to Emma and Mark for providing the excellent BBQ and drinks.

An enjoyable day all-round.

- **Doubles Coaching Sessions (Divinder)**
- **Christmas Party**
- **20/20 Cricket Match**

Sophie

After many years as our excellent Club Secretary, keeping the Committee in order and doing all the behind-the-scenes administration that makes the club tick (with the minimal of fuss) Sophie has stepped down.

Karen has taken the lead on junior development, putting much needed energy into this area of the club, even finding time to organise a junior tournament.

Finally, on behalf of all club Members, I would like to thank all the Committee Members for their hard work and commitment to the club over the years.

Thank you all,

Roger

Presentation of Annual Accounts (TT)

SPLTC Treasurer's Report Year ending 31.09.2023

Club Funds have increased by £8,000 this year and now stand at £50,882.

Of this £45,000 is on deposit at 3.2% which will mature on 28th May 2024.

This FY is the 1st in a long time that we've been able to earn any interest, and did earn £494 in interest this year.

We also had extra income of £ 351 from Karen's quiz which ran in June.

Income from memberships remains our most significant income stream and had remained strong. Junior numbers have increased significantly, albeit from a very low base.

General spending has increased, up about £1,300 if you exclude the one-off cost last year of the extra floodlights. Of this £800 was spent on the new kitchen and roughly £500 on new nets. As always Mark and the maintenance team have done a great job of keeping costs down.

I have a quote for court resurfacing which was £78,000 (including VAT). At the current rate we should have this available in 3 to 4 years, so should be in good shape when the courts need resurfacing.

Subscriptions 2023/24

TT proposed, and the meeting agreed, to not increase subscription costs this year, so they will remain the same for the 2023/24 season and reviewed again at the next AGM.

Committee Reports from each member of the committee

a) Membership (Anne Milne)

Anne was absent from the meeting and there was no report

b) Men's Captain (DB)

2023 another very successful and fun year for SPLTC Men.

- Thursday nights are consistently well attended with fun and competitive tennis utilising 'fast 4 format'. Open for all to participate with most players at intermediate standard.
- New Singles Box league has been well attended with 4th round recently underway consisting of 3 divisions & 25+ players. Special thanks to Mark for organizing this excellent initiative.
- We only managed a single 'Beer & Samosa' social tournament this summer and actually had more social Cricket matches. But the format will be back next year please, Roger.
- Finally, we have organised three rounds of 'Advance Doubles Coaching' through Stephen with Tim. These accelerated 4-week formats have been very helpful improving the club's competitive doubles match play.

Men's Club Team Performance:

Bucks Men's Doubles Winter Vets 2022										
	Captain	Division	Position	Points	Played	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %	Promotion
Mens 1st	Mark	5	1st	14	7	53-3	94.60%	326-96	77.30%	Yes - Div 4
Mens 2nd	Divinder	6	1st	13	7	43-13	76.80%	299-174	63.20%	Yes - Div 5
Mens 3rd	Roger	7	4th	5	6	24-24	50%	181-203	47.10%	No - Div 7

Bucks Men's Doubles Summer Shield 2023										
	Captain	Division	Position	Points	Played	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %	Promotion
Men's 1st	Mark	6	2nd	7	6	29 - 19	60.40%	228 - 209	52.20%	Should be
Men's 2nd	Divinder	10	2nd	9	6	30 - 18	62.50%	239 - 188	56.00%	Should be
Men's 3rd	Roger	12	2nd	8	6	31 - 17	64.60%	236 - 156	60.20%	Should be

Bucks Mens' Singles Winter 2022										
	Captain	Division	Position	Points	Played	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %	Promotion
	Falco	4	2nd	4	4	16-15	51.60%	126-137	47.90%	Yes - Div 3

For Winter 2023 we also have 3 Mens Vets Teams and 2 Men's singles teams.

If you are not already involved in any of the teams please let myself, Roger, Mark or Kieran (Singles teams) know so we can get you involved.

c) Ladies' Captain (TT)

The ladies' vets fielded one team in the winter vets 22/23 season, which finished 4th in division 3. This is a very tight division, with 8 ladies representing the team.

1st place = 28 points

2nd place = 28 points

3rd place 27 points

4th place 27 points (Stoke Poges)

The ladies fielded two teams in the summer 2023:

Ladies 1 in Division 2 - finished 2nd and should be promoted back to division 1
(3 wins, 1 draw and 1 defeat)

This team consists of 6 ladies.

Ladies 2 in division 9 - finished 5th out of 6, winning 12 rubbers across 5 matches.
10 ladies played for this team across the course of the season.

All teams were well supported with some pairings beginning to establish themselves in the second team.

This is my last season as ladies captain and I would like to thank everyone for their fantastic support and making the job so easy.

d) Mixed Teams' Captains (non-committee)

i) MX1 (FD)

Winter 2022/23 Division 1. After very competitive tennis against clubs much larger than SP we finished 5th out of 7. This was good enough to keep us in division 1 this winter so well done all who played, sometimes in very wet and cold conditions.

Summer 2023.

Again, we played in division 1. You cannot get any higher, so a very well done to our team for being good enough to play in division 1. Other, larger clubs have far more players, many of whom are coaches and county players, who play for their mixed first teams. We do not have that luxury. Unfortunately, even though we played our very best players, we were not able to gain any wins, so finished bottom of division 1. However, we did come close on some occasions! Thank you to all players who played in the winter and summer leagues. They are Finella, Grace, Karen, Triona, Falco, Phil C, Phil N, Bernado, Masa and Frank.

ii) MX2 (PN)

We finished 5th of 8 with 6 points, following 2 wins, 2 draws and 3 defeats. The team consisted of 14 players for this season.

iii) MX3 (RP)

Once again, our 3rd team delivered some excellent results, giving our opponents very complete games.

We managed to involve many new and old members giving Will his first taste of Club match play. Another important achievement was we had seven different ladies and seven men representing the team, which bodes well for the future of the Club.

e) Safeguarding (DS)

Fortunately, this year we have had no safeguarding issues.

Only two accidents have been recorded in the accident book and there have been no repercussions from either incident.

Although we are still looking for more member who are first aid trained, a number have come forward (Finella, Cath) or been identified (Khalid).

In April, the LTA conducted an unannounced safeguarding check. This is a requirement of our registration. All elements on the website and at the clubhouse that are required were found to be in place and because of this we passed our safeguarding check.

The LTA now requires several additional policies to be in place. I have worked on these to adapt them for our venue. Current policies have been reviewed and updated. The whistle blowing policy has now been subsumed into the safeguarding policy and the additional four policies have now been put into place. These will all be uploaded and put on the website.

On a final note, please may I remind everyone that all members are responsible for safeguarding at this club. Any concern should always be brought to my attention and I will deal with them as appropriate.

f) Maintenance (MM)

g) Midweek Organiser - position vacant / no report

h) Fixtures (KP)

We entered 8 teams in the summer and 9 teams this winter, which account for over 100 fixtures! This is because we have so many members keen to compete and take part in matches, which is very encouraging.

I have posted on the notice board, outside, the new fixtures for this season. I hope everyone has seen the final league tables on our Info Group Chat from the summer season.

i) Juniors (KP)

There has not been an active Junior Organiser for some time so I organised a Junior tournament in June for our Junior members, which was well attended, competitive and successful. Thanks to adult members who helped umpire: Pam, Triona and Roger which really helped.

Following the tournament, I started a supervised session for junior members which takes place on Wednesdays. This is well attended - there is a core group who attend every week.

Help is appreciated but not essential. I will continue with this through the winter if there is continued interest.

Today, I am standing as JO, a position I held 15 years ago. If elected, I will work closely with SW, our Head Coach and hold more tournaments, including our Junior Finals Day. If you look at the honours boards you will see that this has not been competed for some time. On that note, the club is buying a new Junior's trophy, in honour of Terry Stock.

Membership: currently there are 36 juniors, ranging from aged 5 to 17.

j) Social and Publicity (EM)

Report given at the meeting but not available here.

k) Coaching (SW - Head Coach)

Good afternoon, everyone. Here is an update from the Coaching side of the club:

1) Adult Coaching:

Tim Monday adult beginners/intermediates and team practice - Men's and now mixed

Stoke Poges Tennis Club members also benefit from members coaching rates at Chalfont St. Peter and Wraysbury Tennis Club if they would like lesson at either of these clubs.

2) Junior Development and Summer Camps

We ran a very popular and successful summer holiday camp with 20 children booked on over the course of the week

Saturday coaching running well with roughly 20 players receiving coaching each week between the ages of 5 to 16 years old.

We also run junior coaching sessions on Mondays for the 9 to 12-year-old age group and there are 8 players attending this class each week.

Our junior programme is very successful now and this has resulted in many new junior members to the club. Most of these juniors from Farnham Common Tennis Club followed me.

We still do not have a link with a local school however if we did, this would help the junior programme and membership further.

3) Committee

I'm pleased to see that we have so many 'do-ers' on the Stoke Poges Tennis Club committee and this really does make the difference between an average club and a proactive, engaging and community-based club. There are too many names to mention but you know who you are and the club members really appreciate the hours you all devote to this wonderful village tennis club.

Election of the Committee

Chairman	Roger Parkin	Re-elected
Treasurer	Triona Tierney	Re-elected
Secretary	Phil Nash	Newly elected
Safeguarding	Diana Seagrove	Re-elected
Ladies' captain	Diana Seagrove	Newly elected
Men's captain	Divinder Bains	Re-elected
Maintenance	Mark McMullon	Re-elected

Fixtures	Karen Perez	Re-elected
Juniors	Karen Perez	Re-elected
Publicity	Emma McMullon	Re-elected
Social	Emma McMullon	Re-elected
Website/Clubspark	Graham Roper	Newly elected
Membership	Anne Milne	Re-elected
Mid-week organiser	Charles Manga	Newly elected

Questions to the Committee from the floor

FD - asked about the ongoing problem with the water supply. MM said he would look into it

FD - said there was a problem receiving emails from the club. GR said that when members are added to ClubSpark they will automatically receive emails. GR offered to help anyone who was having ongoing problems with signing up for ClubSpark.

TT said she has tested some midweek members' email addresses, which has helped. Unfortunately, the emails are likely to go into Junk when they have an attachment.

FD - she has suggested before and is asking again if we can have a fun 'pot-luck' doubles competition. This was a popular idea.

CS informed the meeting that the Horticultural Society has the trophy that, in the past, the tennis club members used to compete for.

It was agreed that the club would do so again using FD's idea of a pot-luck partner doubles format. This will take place on 27th July 2024 with the trophy presentation taking place at 16:30 on the same day.

Any Other Business

Next year's AGM will be held on Sunday 6th October at 4pm

The meeting was closed at 17:19