**Styal Tennis Club**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting - 10th October 2016**

1. **Apologies**

Jane Cowan & Pam Clements

10 members attended

1. **Matters arising from minutes of last meeting**

No matters arising

1. **Chairman’s report (John Tomlinson)**

The past 12 months have gone very quickly and it has been quite a straightforward season. Many thanks go to Steve Booth & Doug Adams for being the Club’s handymen and looking after the hut, the courts and surrounding areas. It has been a tough year for the men’s team which unfortunately has been relegated – but many thanks to Roy Owen as it has been very difficult getting a men’s team together. Thanks to the Whitehead family for the catering for these matches. Thanks to the ladies for catering at the American Tournaments. The Winter League has been successful and The Club has been promoted to the 10th division – thanks to Dave & Roy for arranging the fixtures. This coming winter season will be harder as Handforth Ladies are not joining us as they are entering their own team. Thanks to Jan for stepping in as Club Secretary when Karen resigned 12 months ago – and thanks to Helen for taking over going forward.

1. **Treasurer’s report (Doug Adams)**

Electronic copy of balance sheet kept on file & attached to email. The balance sheet is down £336 on 2015 due mainly to membership numbers. The roof was renewed at £700 but we received a grant from Styal Council for £500. There was a slight shortfall on the costs of the tennis balls so members need to make sure that they pay for playing home matches. The Treasurer urged caution when discussions take place over any potential increase in subs as we do not want to lose any more players.

1. **Membership Secretary’s report (Chris Jackson)**

Membership numbers are down on last year as we have lost a couple of single players + 2 families which does have a big impact. Current membership is 25 seniors, 8 juniors and 1 student. The Club did very well on allocation of Wimbledon tickets. Thanks to Jackie Poyser for setting up the Club’s WhatsApp, this has been a great success. Chris did not support a fee increase this year.

1. **Club Captain’s report (Roy Owen)**

The summer season has been very testing as the Club lost all 10 matches. We would have needed to win a minimum of 3 matches to stay in the same division and there was very tough competition. Thanks to John, Mark & Dave for catering at the matches. In the winter season, Dave confirmed that the Club started off losing 8-0 then won every other match but one. The new division 10 is tougher and it will be difficult without Handforth Ladies. Steve Booth will speak to Rita & Maria to see if they would join us. The aim for this year is to stay up in this division.

1. **Subscriptions**

Whilst we have historically been cheaper than local clubs, a recent review confirmed that we are now on a par and need to be careful going forward. Steve is looking into the feasibility of having the front of the hut replaced – this will be the main expense for the next 12 months, along with a consideration for the painting and jet washing of the courts. There were strong, mixed views on whether to increase subs but it was proposed (Doug Adams) and seconded (Jan Legg) that there was a small increase across most prices. Seniors £112, juniors remain @ £48, Winter £50, Students £61, 1 parent 1 child £145, 1 parent 2 children £182, family £243. It was agreed by everyone present that the Club would offer 50% reduction on fees for the first 12 months for all newcomers. The way this is advertised and promoted is to be discussed in early 2017 to try and bring people in for the start of the season.

1. **Election of Chairman**

Doug Adams proposed and Sandra Adams seconded that John Tomlinson remain as Chairman

**9. Election of Committee**

The committee was re-elected en bloc, apart from Helen Clark who is the new Club Secretary

1. **Presentation of President’s Cup**

John presented the President’s Cup to Pam Clements for her time and effort dedicated to the Club. Everyone agreed it was well deserved.

1. **Presentation of Club Competition Trophies**

The Chairman presented the trophies: some matches had not yet been completed

* Ladies Singles – incomplete
* Ladies Doubles – Jackie Poyser & Helen Clark
* Men’s Singles – Lee Booth
* Men’s Doubles – Ray Graves & Tim Whitehead
* Men’s Singles Handicap – Lee Booth
* Mixed Doubles – Helen Clark & Roy Owen
* Ken Davis Trophy – Steve Booth

1. **Any Other Business**

The next Committee meeting was set for Thursday 12th January 2017 @ 51 Stanneylands Drive @ 8pm. The Chairman thanked all for their attendance and declared the meeting close.

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