

**Minutes of the Buxton Tennis Club Pre-agm Committee Meeting:  
6.00pm, 9th Feb, 2023**

**Apologies:** CR, SG

**Present:** AR, AT, KT, DO, CT, CB, ST

- 1.0** The chair thanked KT for hosting the meeting and explained that the primary business of the meeting was to agree recommendations to be put to the club's forthcoming agm.
- 2.0** The annual accounts produced by DO and audited by AT were circulated. The healthy financial position was noted, particularly pleasing being the transfer to reserves such that the club should be in a position to resurface the courts when this becomes necessary.
- 3.0** There was considerable discussion of the recommendations with respect to the 2023 subscription level. AR suggested a small rise – perhaps 5% - arguing regular marginal increases were less likely to deter membership than occasional big adjustments. AT put the case for no increase, suggesting that the cost-of-living squeeze was hitting members. In the end it was agreed that the matter should be resolved at the agm. However, it was suggested that the student rate be applied to all young people aged 23 or less; this in respect of their economic position and the club's current poor recruitment of younger adults.
- 4.0** Nominations for club officials and committee membership for 2023 were discussed. DO and AR agreed to go forward as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. AT agreed to continue as Membership Secretary, but suggested that someone else take over responsibility for liaising with the coach over beginners' coaching. (This being a very useful recruitment avenue.) CT offered to develop this role if she were provided with a brief for the job. ST suggested that new blood should be recruited for the chair's position and AR agreed to explore this.

- 5.0** There was discussion of the entry of teams into the Sheffield league, in the light of the club's failure to field a team for several winter league matches, leading to our withdrawal from the competition. It was agreed that women's and men's summer league teams should continue. However, it was noted that the high division of the men's team meant that this team depended on a small number of good players. ST suggested that given the club's meagre playing resources, team captains should make a particular effort to build pools of committed players to enable us to field teams as difficult circumstances arise.
- 6.0** It was felt that more effort should be put into running tournaments and social events in 2023. AT reported that two new members, with experience at their previous club, had offered to re-start the Monday evening play sessions at the start of the new season. This seemed a useful beginning.
- 7.0** CB suggested that the Cavendish Golf Club could offer a superior venue for the forthcoming agm –with opportunities to eat and drink - and offered to arrange this. CB suggested that a more attractive location might raise agm turnout above our usual level. KT offered to write an invitation for AT to circulate to all members.

The meeting concluded at 7.20.

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