

Highbury Tennis Club
Minutes of AGM held on 30 September 2020
via Zoom

1. Welcome and apologies.
2. There was much discussion about making tennis safe in light of Covid-19. The Courts had been assessed by the LTA and passed as safe. The Loos are under the management of the wider park who had confirmed that there was an enhanced cleaning programme, signage, guidance and social distance queuing system all of which had been approved by the Public Health team. The Club discussed and adopted a proactive approach of issuing guidance to players and to visiting teams. It was wonderful to be playing again, but we needed to stay sensible and protect each other.
3. Report from Club Coach and Captains.
 - (1) The mens' teams were doing very well with most groups being promoted.
 - (2) The womens' team had had a rather more mixed fortune but there was an influx of experienced club tennis players into Highbury.
 - (3) The mixed team non-vets were of an excellent quality but we are short of men and so have not been able to re-enter.
 - (4) The mixed vets were having lots of fun and had re-entered.
 - (5) There was a long list of people to thank for tireless work as captains, organisers and inspirers. The Club is very grateful to them all.
4. Membership of the Club was healthy with about 120 members. There was discussion about whether we should have an upper limit given the pressure on courts but it was agreed that we would review the position as and when we reached closer to 160 members.
5. There had been no complaints or issues regarding welfare or safeguarding issues.
6. Treasurers' Report: Finances were strong including of course that the Club had not had to subsidise summer league costs given Covid. It was agreed to keep the subscription fee at £20 a year and to subsidise the summer league court costs. The annual accounts for year ended March 2020 were approved.
7. The membership should be encouraged to recycle balls – 20p is received per ball!
8. Election of Committee Members. The following existing members were re-elected; Caroline Griffiths, Wendy Proudfoot, Sarah Mulligan, Poonam Lloyd Williams, Barbara Reissner, Eleanor Wilson, Caroline Davidson and Mitch Sedgwick. Adam Timmis and Alan Rickett have re-joined as committee members.