

**Highbury Tennis Club**  
**Minutes of AGM held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017**  
**Held at 66 Aberdeen Road, N5 2XB**

Present: Phillip Wigan, Wendy Proudfoot, Caroline Griffiths, Yvonne Bennett, Sarah Mulligan, Roseanna Pollen, Jenny James, Megg Nicol, Alex Hicks, Mitch Sedgwick, Alan Rickett, Barbara Reissner

Apologies: Jen Hills, Caroline Davidson, Will Porter, Ruth Barrett, Henry Horton, Paul Knipe

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Approval of minutes of EGM held on 18/10/16 (RP proposed, AR seconded, approved unanimously)
3. Treasurer's report – copies of report distributed for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. CG pointed out highlights including the fact that the doubling of the membership sub to £20 has boosted our profit significantly. Success of the summer tournament emphasised. Thanks expressed to CG for her detailed and accurate presentation of club's financial situation. The annual accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> march 2017 were approved (JJ proposed, RP seconded, approved unanimously).
4. Election of committee members – JH resigned, Richard Oakley not standing for re-election. All other standing committee members re-elected - Phillip Wigan, Wendy Proudfoot, Caroline Griffiths, Sarah Mulligan, Roseanna Pollen, Jenny James, Alan Rickett, Henry Horton, Paul Knipe. Alex Hicks stood for election and was elected - (JJ proposed, RP seconded, passed unanimously).
5. Islington Tennis Development Group – committee discussed our role in this group.
6. Coach's Report - WP reported (a) that recently things have gone quiet about the proposed resurfacing of courts 9-11, though Islington Council is delighted with revenues from courts 1-8 so hopeful of progress (b) average of two new enquiries to club per week, redistributed to club captains (c) recent posting of a team photo on social media attracted 830 "likes" (d) lock needed for Recycling Balls Bucket so it can be outside and more accessible, she will pursue this (e) email dispute arose with GLL as WP was offering Beginners and Improvers 6-week courses. GLL (James Mott) states they have exclusivity on courses. WP reported that there is some tension surrounding this whole issue.
7. Captain's Reports - The meeting heard reports from captains of the previous summer's successes. The following teams attained promotion: Men's AEGON, M1, M2, W1, W2, W3. Meanwhile, M3, W4 and W5 had very solid seasons and hope to achieve promotion next summer.
8. Club Membership – Net increase of 4 (129 members, 57 men, 72 ladies); 89% of ladies played in this year's summer league, 57% of men; discussion on how to best assign players to correct team to maximise their opportunities to be picked for matches.
9. Redrafting Club Constitution – redrafting of clauses 5.2, 5.5, 6.1 and 8. Amended constitution available on club website. (Nominated CG, seconded RP, passed unanimously)
10. AOB – AR stated that there is demand to start a men's 4<sup>th</sup> team at some point in near future. WP suggested that any new team should play their home matches away because of pressure on court bookings.