

Barnet Lawn Tennis Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 27th September 2009

1. Apologies for Absence

The Stewart family, Mike O'Connell, Greg Krausher, Albert Durbal, Adele Vanderkar, Lorraine and Andy Barnet.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved by Martin Dawson and seconded by Tony Brown.

3. Chair's Report

BLTC continues to be a thriving club, due to the hard work of the committee & coaching team & many other members who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Thank you to everyone one of them. In particular, Jackie thanked Judy Williamson for her supremely efficient job as Membership Secretary, Dave Ford as Treasurer, Bob Price as Maintenance man & Mike Gregory who, besides running our website, is always behind the scenes helping out in one way or another.

We always need new people to come forward & offer their support – any offers will be gratefully received!

During the year we have been working towards achieving Clubmark accreditation – this is a recognition of excellence from the LTA for our coaching programme & other standards they set, to demonstrate we are a professional, well run club. John & Jackie submitted the club's application on Friday – Jackie thanked John particularly for his input – there is still a little work to be done but we are hopeful we will be granted Clubmark status soon.

As part of this, we have to show that we both inform & consult with you – our members. We have a range of ways we keep you all up to date with what is happening....newsletters & e-news produced by John, posters updated on our notice boards, & our brilliant website maintained by Mike G, who also manages the text information. You will now find some feedback forms on our shelves which we hope you will find time to complete now & again. In particular we would like ideas for improving social tennis opportunities for new members, any new ideas for social events, & ways of increasing junior participation in our Bank Holiday Junior events.

Yet again our tennis programme has been very successful, with a large number of members participating in both social & more formal tournaments. It's great that we have continued our charity events – last weekend Greg K, with your help raised another £200 for the North London Hospice, which he is hoping Lloyds will match. Thanks to the Kraushar family & those of you who attended.

Our tennis club captains John, Albert & Suzanne & all their team captains have also had another good year & Jackie thanked them for all their hard work in arranging the fixtures, getting the players for teams & inputting the results.

We've held a range of social events – new & old. Profits have been healthy, allowing refurbishment of the bar to take place. Thanks to Anthony King for co-ordinating all the work. David Huang has done an excellent job. Thanks also to Anthony's dad, Graham for his work on the electrics. Thanks too to John Ridley who spends a lot of time keeping the bar stocked throughout the year.

This year we have looked at ways of improving links with schools, the community & other clubs in Barnet. We are now part of the Barnet Tennis Partnership Group – one initiative involved us making our club available for the finals of an inter- schools competition, which proved very successful.

Developing our juniors is a vital part of keeping the club thriving & John & Doug have brought in several exciting changes this year to their coaching structure with the introduction of their academy, as well as performance squads. They have succeeded in encouraging a large number of the juniors to compete (successfully) in tournaments outside the club. They have also managed to get a sponsorship deal for club kit which you will start to see our juniors wearing.

Jackie thanked all of the committee once again for doing such a great job. Sadly we are saying goodbye to a number of people, Albert Durbal, Greg Kraushar, and our Social "Tsar" - Mike O Connell, who has been an enthusiastic, hardworking member for a number of years & deserves a rest! We are saying goodbye to Sheila too, who has done a superb job of getting the minutes typed & out after every meeting.

Jackie is delighted that so many others feel able to stay on for another year.

We still have some vacancies & we would ask that if anyone feels they can offer some of their time, they come & talk to one of us after the meeting.

4. Development Update

There has been no major expenditure on our facilities this year, other than the bar refurbishment, as we have had to build up our reserves.

We introduced court signs to reinforce our rules regarding junior court usage. We are looking to pad our floodlight posts as a safety measure.

Our next major project is to install floodlights on Court 1. We've had the site visit from the LTA consultant & are now looking to apply for planning permission. If there is anyone with planning experience willing to oversee this project, we would be grateful for help.

As far as premises, the clubhouse is in need of fairly extensive repair to the floor, which we hope to get underway soon.

5. Finance Report

The audited accounts for the year ending April 2009 were presented for review.

The main highlights are

Overall it has been a good year financially for the club.

- We generated a surplus that has been deposited into the sinking fund for future club development.
- Overall membership income increased compared to 2008
- The bar continues to generate important income
- Some minor changes in the ways items were recorded and reported
 - Club coach contract increased to £3,200 per annum to include items previously billed separately. Overall this change is neutral
 - Wimbledon tickets (circa £3,000) removed from income and expenditure (this explains the reduction in 'other income' and also the reduced LTA subscriptions item)

LTA Loan Repayments

The club made loan repayments of £4,200 during the year. This relates to the repayment of the long term interest free loan from the LTA for Courts 1-4 (£4,200) pa.

Club Development

The second and final payment (£27,512) for the resurfacing of courts 5-8 was paid in June 2009. Total cost of courts was £48,582 including scorers and ground works.

Lease

As reported in the 2008 AGM minutes, the extension to the lease with Barnet Council was agreed. This extends the clubs lease on the ground for 25 years from September 2007. As a consequence of this, there was an increase in rent to £5,000 per annum in year 1 (Sept 2008-Sept 2009).and to £7,500 in years 2-5 (Sept 2009- Sept 2013). In addition Barnet Council have added a

supplementary payment (circa £420 per annum) to cover additional insurance premiums.

Looking forward to 2010

The club is continuing to build up a reserve fund to finance further development and maintenance of existing facilities, the main items being future resurfacing of courts and replacement of floodlights. Surpluses for 2009 and the expected surplus for 2010 have been transferred to the development fund which now stands at circa £23,000

Thanks

Thanks to the all the committee members , tennis captains, for their support during the year. Also to Philip and Sylvia for their continued work throughout the year.

6. Membership

Membership remains healthy this year to the point that junior membership is currently full. We are not able to take any new junior members until renewal next year. This year we have 67 new members to the club fairly evenly spread over the various categories.

Total membership is 356 which coincidentally is the same number as at this time last year, although the proportions are slightly different.

Current membership comprises

	This Year	Last Year
Adults	153	165
Senior Citizens	20	14
Students	31	35
Junior	127	119
Social	23	21
Coaches	2	2

Revenue collected from membership is, according to my records, slightly up on last year. This year just short of £41000 (last year approx £39500)

7. Tennis Report

Men's

John Ridley thanked all the team captains and helpers, particularly Albert Durbal, Greg Krausher, Martin Dawson and Liam Power.

The men's teams have had 3 or 4 phenomenal years; this year has been more difficult.

Herts I Depends on the last match they may go down

Herts II	will be promoted
Herts III	will go down
Herts IV	will stay put
Herts V	will be promoted
Middx I	will stay – they only just missed promotion
Middx II	will be promoted
Middx III	will be promoted
Middx IV	will stay put

In the floodlight league the first team have won their division for the fourth year running and the third team will be promoted.
The club also did well in the National League and the winter singles.

Unfortunately it has sometimes been difficult to get a team as members have informed the captains late that they are unable to play. It would be appreciated if members could give fair notice in future if possible.

Ladies

Suzanne thanked all the ladies that have played and all the captains.

In the Winter Vets and Singles Leagues the teams came 2nd and will stay in their divisions.

In the Floodlight League the first team will be promoted and the second team will remain in their division.

Middx I	Mid division
Middx II	2 nd and will be promoted
Middx III	1 st by a large margin and will be promoted
Herts I	2 nd and will stay
Herts. II	5 th and will stay
Herts. III	6 th and will go down

Thanks go to Catherine Kenny- Tempest who has organised a number of daytime matches with some local clubs.

Juniors

16 & under 1st won their division
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All the other teams played well. John Hall thanked the team managers Sue Littleford, Tina Middleburgh, Sheila Rice, Gary Jupp, Isabelle Ridgewell and Caroline Lawson.

John is continuing to send in ratings for matches. If members do not have a rating they can apply through the British Tennis Membership website.

Luke Jupp is junior of the year. He won the Hazelwood junior open. Lots of other juniors are performing well and a growing number entering outside tournaments.

Coaching

This has been well attended. There are a few spaces in the adult groups. Men's and Ladies nights were reasonably well attended, however the social tennis has had a low attendance. Any ideas to improve this are welcome.

The club competitions have been very successful with a good number of entries in most categories.

The Singles league and Team tennis events were also successful.

John thanked Doug for his work in securing the sponsorship deal.

8. Social

We have had some new, some old events. Our Quiz Nights prove to be as popular as ever & there will be another one coming up soon – many thanks to Martin Dawson for his musical expertise. In February we had an unforgettable evening with Elvis, which we also hope to repeat again .

Our monthly social takeaway evenings built up a steady following & we will be re-starting those after Finals Day; watch out for the posters.

This year we tried something new replacing our Dinner & Dance with a Summer Cocktail event at the Club. Feedback has been mixed – let us know what you think....via the forms!

9. Election of New Committee

Most committee positions were filled and elected unopposed. The positions of Secretary and Social Secretary remain vacant. Sylvia Stewart remains as Club President.

Position	Name
Chair	Jackie Czuprynski
Vice Chair/ Child Protection	Martin Dawson
Treasurer	Dave Ford
Secretary	Vacant
Membership Secretary	Judy Williamson
Bar	Simon Amphlett & Anthony King
Social	Vacant
Ladies Captain	Suzanne Petrou

Men's Captain	John Ridley
Maintenance Secretary	Bob Price
Website Manager	Mike Gregory
Ordinary Member	Judith Dawson
Ordinary Member	Lorraine Barnet

10. Any Other Business

Martin Dawson on behalf of the club thanked Jackie for all her hard work over the year.