

MEDBOURNE TENNIS CLUB

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2022

AGM

Despite the circumstances in the past two years, the club remains in a healthy position in terms of finances, membership numbers, facilities and a sound committee:

1. Finances are stable & there has been an increased surplus this year despite the reduction in membership fees given last year in light of lost play due to Covid.
2. Membership has increased by 6 in the last year with a total of 209 paid members. It was agreed that membership fees for 2022/23 should revert back to what they were prior to last year's reduction – details can be found later in this Newsletter.
3. The courts have been well used and the ball machine is in demand.
4. Coaching is up and running again and thanks go to R2R, Paul & Mike. The committee would welcome feedback from members as to what coaching provision they would like.
5. All 2021 league teams played well and will stay in their respective divisions next season – well done & thanks to all for their time and commitment. It is particularly pleasing to note that several league clubs have commented how friendly the club is and they enjoy playing our teams. The club has registered one men's, two ladies and one mixed team in the 2022 summer league and one ladies team in the winter league.
6. The club would very much like to build attendance at Club Night (Thursday) and it is hoped that an event will be held at the start of the new season to encourage new members and ensure all members get an opportunity to meet.

Elections of officers were agreed and are as follows: -

Chair – Helen Liggins (no nominations at the AGM but agreed at the committee meeting on 8th Feb)

Secretary – Helen Bradshaw

Treasurer – Rob Price

Committee members:

Clare Cunningham-Hill – Membership secretary & website management

Richard Garner – Media & coaching contact

Helen Liggins – Match secretary

Chloe Waller – Shadow welfare officer

Paul Coyle – Repairs and maintenance

Other roles held by members not on the committee:

Jane Boulter – Welfare Officer

Fleur Clarke – Liaison with The Sports Club

Contact details for the committee and other roles can be found on the website and the noticeboard.

In the president's address, Helen Roberts welcomed members to the 48th AGM of Medbourne Tennis Club and thanked the committee for keeping the club well-organised and working within the changing LTA rulings. Helen noted how encouraged she is by the large & growing membership of the club.

Richard Garner proposed a vote of thanks to Jane Boulter & Mary Chapman, who have stepped down from the committee this year, for the great job they have done and the support they have given to the club. It was noted that Jane has served on the committee for a number of years. Their contribution will be missed.

Membership fees for 2022/23

Renewal fees:

Adult: £95.00 (£10.00 deduction if paid before 31st March = £85.00)

Family: £160.00 (£10.00 deduction if paid before 31st March = £150.00)

Country: £45.00

Junior 12-18: £30.00

Junior U11: £25.00

Message from Helen Liggins, our new chair:-

I would like to reiterate Richard Garner's message of thanks to Jane & Mary, both of whom have made many positive contributions to the club and I know will continue to be active members and a support as I take on this new role as chair.

Thanks also to those continuing on the committee this year – your time, commitment and hard work is hugely appreciated and very important in ensuring Medbourne Tennis Club continues to thrive.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our two new committee members, Chloe Waller & Paul Coyle. Both have already kindly agreed to take on roles and I know that they will be valued committee members.

If any member would like more information on the committee's work for the club and is interested in joining the committee please do not hesitate to contact any one of us.

I feel very fortunate to be a member of Medbourne Tennis Club – we are a small & friendly club with great facilities. As a committee we strive to maintain and improve the club and we will welcome and consider any suggestions from members.

I wish you all a healthy 2022 and hope to see you enjoying tennis at the club.

