

**Colston LTC 126th Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, 7th March 2023, 8pm, Colston Tennis Club**



<p>Present: Gareth Tridgell (Chairman) Colleen Stack Ann Cadogan Emma Horner Emily Townsend Richard Tucker Barry Heath Chris hand Sue Tucker Chris Goldingham Mike Jenkins Ben Morley</p>	<p>Al Cordingly Gavin Stevens Richard Collins</p> <p>Apologies: James Tyler Hamish Coull Anna Coull Ray Gibbons James Crutcher Judy Scotcher Jane Cole</p>
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Gareth welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting.

1. **Present/Apologies:**

See above.

2. **Minutes of last AGM (15th Feb 2022):**

The minutes were adopted as a true record of the meeting, proposed by Alan Cordingley, seconded by Ben Morley.

3. **Matters arising:**

Club deeds:

Work was restarted on this, but it transpired the costs had more than doubled from £750 plus VAT to over £2k plus VAT. We have been exploring more reasonable options and Chris G has kindly taken the lead on this Land Registry application.

CG/GT/JT

4. **Chairman's report:**

In his sixth address as Chairman:

Club House and Grounds

You will all have noticed that the club house in which we now sit has been transformed this year. This has been at minimal cost but huge effort from Chris Foreshow and Alan Cordingley. They have worked on a tiny budget- reusing old materials, seeking out bargains and using money raised from the club night BBQ and bar, to achieve the result you see now. In recognition of this the committee has awarded Alan a new award- The Freedom of Colston. This means he will pay no subs at all in the 2023/24 season. (Chris Foreshow is already a life member).

Team Tennis

Competitively, all the Colston teams have had a good year and I won't steal the captain's thunder by revealing just how well some have done beyond saying that the return of the Men's B team under Dick Collins was a triumph and I'm delighted that Mike Jenkins took up the reins for the winter and has continued in the same vein. James Crutcher did a similarly brilliant job with the mixed team and has now handed that on to Richie Tucker.

After Emma Horner sterling work as Ladies captain and then staying to caretake the role I am delighted that Emily Townsend had now formally taken over as ladies captain in addition to her role as welfare officer.

Participation:

The club tournament in September was a wonderful day of tennis in the new format devised by Chris Hand. Please make it a priority for your diaries in 2023. With Chris's format there is no need to find a partner and with seeded pairings all have a chance to win.

The relaunched summer singles competition was a great success for the men with the championship won by Ali Eykyn and the plate competition by Sam Warwick. The ladies only had two entrants and Nikki Lofthouse beat Emily Townsend in the only match to claim the title. It would be great to have some more ladies this year.

Club night goes from strength to strength and even during some very cold winter evenings we have had folk waiting on the side lines to play. The Foreshow BBQ supplemented with Al Cordingley's fish suppers continue to be a big draw.

Monday night social tennis led by Emma also continues to thrive.

Sunday club morning had a few faltering attempts to get going but it appears that there is insufficient demand- however if anyone wants to lead this please shout.

Finances:

Our finances continue to look the best they have for a decade with our membership up and with the resulting increase in subs we have not felt the loss of fundraising. The new courts look as good as ever and the work on the lights, agreed at the last AGM, allowed us to have 4 courts lit for the winter. Some of the bulbs have gone but as lighter nights arrive we won't address this until the autumn when we will evaluate our finances to see what progress we can make on LEDs. But with increasing costs and the need to rebuild our reserves the committee have reviewed the membership fees which have remained unchanged since 2017!!

The cost of electricity, as we all know, has rocketed so LEDs are even more attractive, and this does mean an increase in the lighting subsidy is also needed.

And Finally

Thank you to all the committee who make this club run, without such selfless service we would be in a real mess.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

See Appendix A for the Annual Report Summary.

Main issues are repaying loans and building sinking fund- repaying loans is priority.

Baz and Al questioned cost of groundsman for 21/22- Colleen will review.

New stone slabs have solved issue of mud to the clubhouse short term. Plan is to do a new path after loans repaid and review of finances.

Have looked at section 106 for grants but not viable.

Proposing £30/ person for lights and extra £20 for family subs (=£205) to be in line with other clubs.

CS

n/a **Safeguarding Report**

All of the committee have watched the LTA training video.

Policies up to date.

No issues this year.

6. **Team Captain's Reports**

Men's A Team: Finished 2nd in division 6 of the summer league to give them promotion! Currently 4th in division 2 of the winter league.

Men's B Team: Won the summer league with lots of new players, captained by Dick. Won the winter league with new captain Mike.

Ladies: Promoted in the summer to division 6. New captain Emily for the winter and will likely finish 4th in division 4 with one match left to play. Welcomed new players but will always welcome more.

Mixed: Summer promotion finishing 2nd. New captain Ritchie – lots of men willing to play need more ladies to get involved.

7. **Social Events/Tournaments/Fundraising**

A date for this year's club tournament was agreed for the 10th September 2023. Last year's tournament was a great success in the new format – see Chairman report.

Ladies Charity tournament scheduled for 8th Sept 2023.

8. **Clubhouse & Grounds**

Report provided by Barry:

NB: Items in bold may require update/discussion/decision.

Done:

1 Mowing of grass last summer carried out by 'Colston Working Party' (Hamish, Ben, Chris F, Al C, Dick and Baz) saving £800 p.a. (Ben has already done the first cut this year).

2 Chris F and Al C coordinated and completed clubhouse exterior restoration (repainting, enclosing veranda, fixing heaters and outside lights etc) and laid temporary slab path from club to court gate.

3 Group also did weed spraying, strimming and general grounds maintenance. The lock-up is now also fully functional and secure.

4 Welcome: John Warwick to the Working Party.

5 Donations of a new fridge, a cooker, tables, chairs and kitchenware have added to our ability to provide social functions/catering and chef Chris's barbecues have been an appreciated and welcome new funding stream.

6 Gav and Hamish planted a Beech hedge to the right of the drive, but the dry, hot summer meant that many saplings could not get established.

7 The new 4 court lighting arrangements have been completed, although there are two lights not working now. Overloading of the electrical capacity has occurred but seems to be manageable with care.

8 There was a water pipe burst in gents' toilet, but the Al & co. sorted it.

9 Courts 1 to 4 kept clear of leaves and debris during winter thanks to 2 working leaf blowers/collectors.

10 Rear of doubles court now cleared of wet leaves and 1st of 2 moss killer sprays applied.

Ongoing:

11 *Ongoing work includes replacing temporary slab path from clubhouse with permanent path (Spring '23) then relaying the slab path from the car park to the

courts. Any spare hard core will be used to fill pot holes in car park and drive.

12 New toilet seat needed for the gents' toilet.

13 Prepare doubles courts for the new season.

14 *Prepare picnic area near to the fire pit and garden area around the fig tree.

15 *Tidy and reorganise storage area behind clubhouse to facilitate access to wood and other useful materials.

Looking Ahead

- Club 'clear up day' proposed for Sunday the 16th, 23rd or 30th of April. (Possible jobs for the day marked with *)
- *Above day should include decluttering the men's changing room, deep clean of kitchen & appliances and general clean of the clubhouse. Also 'treating' outside wooden furniture and servicing net winding mechanisms etc.
- Plan and start interior decorating/refurbishment.
- Weed spraying around inside of court fences and around the grounds.
- Re-edge car park, finish filling pot holes (including entrance) and level/infill surface of drive.
- *More tree surgery and bush/shrub pruning/maintenance.
- Maintenance required on notice board near floodlight cabinet.
- Consider replacing two non-working floodlights (with LED units or taken from remaining poles with two working lights?)
- Gents' toilet cistern is slow to fill. May need overhaul or replacement.

Needed: (excess to requirements?)

- Hardcore/gravel for pot holes and re-levelling drive.
- Unwanted interior and exterior rubbish bins for kitchen and car park.
- 2 more weather proof benches for the courts.
- 'Push' petrol mower for use around the clubhouse and picnic area.
- Carpet/floor covering for kitchen and rest of clubhouse.
- Net to replace the worst of the two on the doubles court. (If anyone hears of one becoming available?)
- Spare paint suitable for clubhouse interior.
- Wood stain/preserver for picnic benches etc

9. **Courts access / Security**

Proposing 4 padlocks for 3 pair and singles court (possibly double too) with signs on gates- 3 reasons: membership, rabbits, safeguarding.
Will be reviewed in summer if lots of non-members seen using courts.

AOB

Website raised – proposal for new/redesigned website. Mike to take a look.

MJ

10. **Election of Officers**

Under the terms of the Constitution, all existing members of the Committee resigned, the majority being re-elected, proposed by Chris Goldingham, seconded by Barry Heath.

The 2023 Committee is therefore:

Chairman:	Gareth Tridgell
Secretary:	James Tyler
Treasurer:	Colleen Stack
Accounts Reviewer:	Dick Collins
Match Secretary:	Ray Gibbons
Men's A Captain:	Gareth Tridgell
Men's B Captain:	Mike Jenkins
Ladies Captain:	Emily Townsend
Mixed Captain:	Ritchie Tucker
Coach / Social:	Chris Hand
Clubhouse & Grounds:	Barry Heath
Welfare Officer:	Emily Townsend

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

March 7th 2023

Appendix A Colston Lawn Tennis Club Accounts FY2021/22

Annual Report Summary

Receipts	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 (to date)
Subscription fees (incl. visitor fees)	13498.00	13622.29	62.00
Interest	0.70	0.00	
Club Tournaments	411.42	440.00	
Donations	600.00	0.00	
CASC	0.00	0.00	
Miscellaneous (incl. fees for ad hoc use of courts)	127.43	46.48	
Loans	6000.00	0.00	
Credit from Castle Water			500.00 (tbc)
Total Receipts	20637.55	14108.77	562.00
Debits			
Electricity	402.50	2129.89	
Water	253.48	50.92 ¹	54.93
Insurance	600.00	705.43	
League Entry Fees	35.00	75.00	
Affiliation Fees	720.00	720.00	
Groundsman	800.00	500.00	
Grounds expenses	8.10	1211.00 ²	
Plaques engraving	157.50	0.00	
Court renovation	15328.50	7153.50	
Court Painting ³	0.00	0.00	
Light repairs	0.00	3816.00	
Total Debits	18305.08	16361.74	54.93
Total Profits/Loss	2332.47	2252.97	

Account Statement

	FY2020/21	FY2021/22	FY2022/23 (to date)
Opening Balance	8978.91	11311.38	9058.41
Receipts	20637.55	14108.77	562.00
Debits	18305.08	16361.74	54.93
Year-end Balance	11311.38	9058.41	

¹ Reflects invoiced usage for FY21/22. Account in credit of £533.82 as of 07/2021. Fees paid for FY21/22 = £32.88 (note: Direct Debit began since Aug. 2022, £5/000; refund of £500 requested in October 2022.)

² Reimbursement to Chris Foresaw for materials for clubhouse

³ Fee from FY19/20 was £1194.00

Budget considerations		FY2021/22	FY2022/23
Liabilities owed ⁴		15969.48	
Debts paid ⁵		9969.48	
Outstanding Liabilities		6000.00	6000.00
Allocation to Sinking Fund			TBD
Land Registry			£1500 (tbc)
Path Repair			£1000 (est.)

Notes:

- New account opened with HSBC March 2022; opening balance was £10971.42
- Members agreed to terminate mowing contract as members volunteering to maintain lawn
- Approx. 50 members have paid for light fees this year

⁴ Reflects amount owed to Alan for costs incurred while account was closed, and loans granted FY2020/21 from Hamish, Gareth, Dick, Al Cordingley (£1500/each)

⁵ Reflects reimbursement to Alan Heath for costs paid while bank account was closed