

## Minutes of Oban Tennis & Squash Club AGM

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Present: Lynda Oxland, Colin Main, Jackie Kersley, Nick Wesley, Billy Thomson, Kenny Drummond, Tony Kersley, Paul Kersley, Linda Fraser, Eoghan Swann, Colin MacNiven, Alasdair Imrie, Stuart MacGregor, Dave Bleazard, Keith Oversby, Andrew Graham, Kevin Keen, Gregor Brydon, Grant Addison, David Lamb, Gavin McLucas

Minutes: Lesley Fraser

### **Minutes of 2016 AGM**

No matters arose from the 2016 minutes and they were approved.

### **Chairman's Report**

Lynda opened the meeting with a brief update on the club as a whole with both tennis and squash continuing to thrive. The tennis season was affected last year by the court upgrade works and the poor weather. The new courts are very good but there are still some issues to be resolved before the warranty runs out in June.

West Highland Tennis week was a huge success again especially as it was played on the new courts.

The Tennis Academy on Sunday mornings is proving to be very popular with around 50 children attending the last block of coaching.

Junior Squash Coaching on Saturday mornings is also doing very well with new children joining throughout the term.

Lynda thanked the volunteer tennis and squash coaches for their continued commitment.

Online bookings for squash courts is going well and we are hoping to include tennis, competitions and leagues. We are also planning to set up a club website which will have links to tennis and squash events and leagues.

Lynda also thanked everyone for attending the meeting and their continued support of the committee she also introduced Nick who will give an update on the tennis court development and Atlantis plans.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Colin presented the accounts for year ending December 2016 showing a net loss of £674. Subscriptions were up on last year with £9600 being paid to Atlantis. The £1000 donation received by the club for the tennis court upgrade was transferred to Atlantis.

Colin suggested a separate set of accounts be set up for subscriptions. Nick and Lesley to discuss and implement this. He also suggested that Keith and Lesley submit their analysis of coaching income to him quarterly.

### **Tennis Report**

Alasdair read the tennis report which started off by saying how good the courts are with the new floodlights. Once the levels on courts and drainage is sorted they will be perfect. Thanks to all who helped get the new courts.

Last year's tennis season was badly affected by the poor weather in July and August however, the courts were used throughout the winter.

West Highland Tennis Week was a great success with local, national and international players participating. Ewan McIntosh was the winner of the men's competition and has since gone on to win an ATP Challenger event in Australia. The tennis academy for under 10's continues to be very successful and is now led by volunteer coaches when previously we paid for coaches from Glasgow.

Lynda has organised an LTA coach training course for May and June which will increase the number of coaches.

Atlantis have recently appointed Ben Pollock to help develop tennis and he has been meeting with Lynda and Eoghan regularly. We have coaches going out to primary schools and tennis continues to be part of the Oban High School curriculum. In June we are delivering coaching sessions to 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year high school pupils with a view to having an after school club.

We have introduced a Tuesday night session for adult games and also leagues have been set up by Eoghan. Tuesday and Thursday day time sessions have continued throughout the winter.

There is now a tennis event diary which will be updated on the noticeboards, Facebook and eventually the club website. Our first event is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May which is a "Free to Play" day for public and for members a Dochie Memorial Cup has been organised by Ron Cordeiro on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>. Squash players have been invited to come along and play on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> where there will be coaches on hand to give tips. All this is part of the official opening week for the courts.

## **Squash Report**

Oban Tennis & Squash Club Annual Awards Dinner will be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at the Royal Hotel.

It has been another busy year for squash with the annual trips to Edinburgh for Octoberfest and the Edinburgh Open at Edinburgh Sports Club. There are 2 new competitions to add to the calendar this year, a mini mixed league team which includes players from Fort William and is sponsored by Glensanda and Donald MacLean and a club handicap competition.

McQueens have continued their support of the ladies club by buying new hoodies and Allan McKechnie from Rutherfords Hairdressers have sponsored us again this year.

The club are hoping that Simon Boughton will return again this year to do another coaching weekend along with a visit from a rep from Eye Racket for a demo and some games.

The junior coaching is going from strength to strength, thanks to our volunteer coaches Peter, Lesley, Kenny and also Ruth who helps out when she can. Lesley, Peter and Keith visited the high school for a four week block of coaching which was a huge success. A separate report from Lesley on junior squash development was circulated.

Ladies night, club night and the leagues are still very popular with Colin and Peter giving up their time to provide coaching for the ladies.

Thanks go to Nick at Atlantis for providing the courts for free when we are holding competitions.

Jackie asked if Atlantis could upgrade the court lights to LED and possibly replace the heaters and also looking to purchase a new trophy cabinet for the lounge.

She thanked all the squash players for their continued support.

## **Atlantis Leisure General Manager Report**

Nick gave an update on the tennis court project. He advised that there is a £2 fee, the same as squash, for use of the floodlights.

In the Atlantis strategy the plan is to develop the remaining old tennis court in to a multi-use pitch which will include mini tennis. Expected estimates for this, including drainage, fencing and new carpet are in excess of £50,000.

Revive maintenance treatment has been carried out on the new courts to remove debris. This will be done annually with a view to 6 monthly. A new brush has been bought for sweeping the courts.

Atlantis will continue to provide staff i.e. Ben Pollock and Lesley Fraser to support tennis and squash development.

He gave a brief update on other plans for Atlantis in the coming year including new LED lighting throughout the centre, upgrade and insulate the pool roof and the plans for the 25 year anniversary of Atlantis Leisure. Also included are improving the under 3 soft play, toilets, changing areas, carpeted areas and the provision of outdoor seating.

Atlantis is currently working with Resource Efficient Scotland to access a £100,000 interest free loan and Carbon Trust for a grant to help fund the above projects.

## **Keith Oversby Coaching Report**

Keith informed the meeting that he is now in his 5<sup>th</sup> year of coaching and in the last year income has been just over £1400 with 119 participants.

His income report shows a grand total of £6218.50 being taken over the 5 year period, 50% of which goes to Atlantis Leisure and 50% to the club.

He has obtained a Grade 3 refereeing qualification and has now refereed over 60 matches at Masters and national competitions around Scotland along with our local club tournaments.

## **Subscriptions**

Nick advised that subscriptions would not increase this year and they can be paid in full or by direct debit at any time throughout the year. Atlantis will continue to offer a 25% discount off Atlantis memberships if you hold an OTSC membership.

The Club have requested that 10% of subscriptions go to the club. This will require Board approval and will be discussed at the next board meeting.

## **Election of Committee**

Chairman	Billy Thomson – proposed by Jackie Kersley, seconded by Mellisa Oatts
Secretary	Jackie Kersley – proposed by Lynda Oxland, seconded by Paul Kersley
Treasurer	Colin Main – proposed by Alasdair Imrie, seconded by Tony Kersley

It was proposed that there would be two separate sub committees for tennis and squash each with 3 members. Billy and Jackie will approach people to join the committees.

It was also suggested that the committee includes an IT person to manage the website etc. Keith asked why there was a need for separate committees and Jackie informed him that, historically, the two have worked separately so now this can be made official.

Billy gave thanks and paid tribute to Lynda Oxland for her years of commitment and hard work for the club.

## **AOCB**

Kevin is starting his Friday night sessions for adults again. They will be drop in sessions from 5-7pm, no booking is required and participants pay at Reception.

Colin MacNiven asked if members whose memberships expire are notified and Nick confirmed that Yvonne Robinson deals with this in the same way she does for Atlantis memberships.

Billy raised concerns about tennis and squash players claiming to be members when in fact they are not. He suggested a list is put on the notice board which is updated regularly and requested that these people are challenged if it is known they are not members. This list can be used to contact new members to arrange games and involve them in the club.

Stewart MacGregor queried the pricing structure for member/non-member prices and saying it was unfair. Nick advised that he will look at the pricing structure.

Alasdair Imrie wishes to look at the OHS programme for tennis and ideas for the future.

Kevin Keen requested the purchase of a new ball machine. Nick will look in to funding for this.

Keith Oversby asked if Atlantis receptionists could familiarise themselves with the procedure for new coaching applications. Nick will add this to the reception induction procedure.

Nick to look in to getting a Wi-Fi booster for the squash lounge as the signal is very poor.

Jackie Kersley commented on the issue with the flooding of the squash corridor and also asked if Atlantis could provide changing facilities and lockers for squash. Nick advised that this is a possibility but at present is way in the future.

Kevin Keen and Gregor Brydon are both available for 1 to 1 tennis coaching

Nick advised that guest cards for both tennis and squash members are available from May.

Lynda Oxland raised concerns about the cleanliness of the lounge kitchen and also about squash players not wearing non-marking shoes. She also commented that the door to Court 1 is still causing problems. She also advised that work will be carried out by D&K Lafferty to sort the drainage on to the tennis courts. This will commence in the next month and that the Atlantis Leisure Board of Directors have committed £3600 to pay for this.

Billy thanked all in attendance and closed the meeting.