



**Southbourne
Tennis Club**

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**MINUTES OF THE 58th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
The Club and Company**

Held in the Club House on Monday 4th April 2022 and chaired by the Chairperson David Bull.

The Chairperson welcomed all attending.

Present: David Bull took the chair and 3 other Club Directors and 12 other members were present. Additionally, there were 5 proxy vote forms provided, including from Colin Gilbey (Director).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were given from Keith Mitchell, Gaby Viljoen, Susie and John Grainger, Ros Goodhead, Kelvin Medley-Jones, Carol Dickie and Colin Gilbey.

2. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 18th OCTOBER 2021.

The minutes for the 2021 AGM had been available on the club website for a number of weeks. These were unanimously agreed by the meeting.

3. TO RECEIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

Officers reports had been available for a good period of time prior to the meeting, on the club website.

Chairperson

David Bull went through his report and thanked everyone for their understanding in what has been a difficult year.

David reiterated that the committee still require help with various jobs, both committee and non-committee.

Paul Woods and Mike Hargreaves both gave their thanks for the car park and the general condition of the club plot in general.

Treasurer

Carolyn Day presented the Treasurers report and explained the club's financial situation.

There were no questions raised.



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Head Coach

Dave Sanger ran through his report.

There were no questions raised.

Membership Secretary

David Bull stood in for Colin Gilbey who was absent from the meeting (Bad cold).

David Bull talked the meeting through Colin Gilbey's information which showed 6 new members in the last 4 days since we have re-started our (up to) 14 months for the price of 12 promotion.

Paul Woods asked a question about how many Country members we have, and DB answered that this is currently 10, but expected to reduce to 5 with the new criteria for this.

There were no further questions.

Match Secretary and Safeguarding Officer

Celia Barron talked the meeting through her review. There were no questions.

4. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st March 2021.

The accounts were proposed by Carolyn Day and seconded by David Bull. A vote was held to agree the accounts, and these were overwhelmingly agreed.

5. Membership fees/ court booking rules and non-member court fees.

DB Talked the meeting through the proposed fee structure for the next membership year – talking through each membership section, explaining the thinking behind the figures.

In particular the increase to the over 65's was explained as this has been part of a year on year exercise.

Pay and Play – we have just had two bumper years with Covid driving the demand for tennis courts. Pay and Play has recently been increased from £8 per hour to £10 per hour uniform rate for all hours.

A couple of questions were raised by Peter Richardson, about Pay and Play, and Rachel Best (Gift Aid) which were answered by DB.

DB Proposed the fee changes, all the committee seconded these. They were unanimously agreed.



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6. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PLAN

DB talked the meeting through the update of the business plan which has occurred. This was well received.

Sarah Stout asked a question about whether we have considered Solar Panels for the club and it was agreed we would revise the plan and take a look at these.

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

In line with the club memorandum and articles of association, Carolyn Day and Colin Gilbey stood down from their positions. Both re-stood for election, unopposed and were proposed by David Bull and seconded by Daniel Light.

The meeting voted, and they were unanimously re-appointed as club treasurer and membership secretary.

8. COMMITTEE VACANCIES

DB explained that we are looking for help in various ways, which do not have to necessarily be committee positions. We need help especially with social events and fund raising.

Jan Goldsmith offered to help with Social Events and a discussion was had about arranging some social events around the tennis we are able to offer on the club TV.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Rachel Best commented that too many courts are booked and not used. DB replied that we are aware this happens and to seek ways to minimise it. Additionally, would it be possible for Finals Day to have a club session – i.e. not use all courts all day for finals day. DB also explained that club championships will be extended this year – to allow more time for games to be played, and that timings for each round will be enforced more heavily to ensure only finals are played on finals day – which should therefore allow a club session to run in the morning.

Alison Lockyear asked for clarification of the Sunday morning session times and DB confirmed how this is working. A follow up question about whether we could bring back the peg system was asked. DB and CB and the other meeting attendees provided a lot of input, and there was a feeling that the peg board system would be welcomed back.

Graham Lockyer suggested a system using an Easel where it (Peg board) could perhaps go outside.

Alison Lockyear also asked if we could have a replacement table tennis net. (DB will look into).

Peter Richardson asked a question about whether we had considered taking court 3 out of action occasionally as it is more heavily used and wears faster. New court surfaces were briefly flirted with and the meeting agreed to wait and see what happens.

Dispensing Machine – a question was asked about whether we could have a dispensing machine. DS answered that unfortunately it encourages burglary as there would be money on site. It was tried before but always proved difficult.



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Coffee Machine – A question was asked whether we could re-look at the coffee machine situation and DB agreed to obtain the previous info from Peter Storr.

10. DATE, TIME, AND VENUE OF NEXT AGM

A Monday in April or 2023 – TBC nearer the time.

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Daniel Light, Secretary

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Dated

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David Bull, Signed as a true record by the Chairperson

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Dated



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**a) Chairperson
Southbourne Tennis Club**

**Chairman's Report to the 2022
AGM**

Although our last AGM was only 6 months ago progress has continued to be made across a wide range of projects around the club

The main improvement project was the surfacing of the car park adjacent to courts 5 & 6. Unfortunately, this took much longer than we had anticipated and caused more disruption than we had hoped for. The completion of the car park left us with a soft soil border that caused many members an issue when accessing equipment in the boot of their car. We are very grateful to Colin Reeves our maintenance man who came up with an ingenious solution which he implemented recently. I hope that you will agree that the finished article is very good.

Another improvement was the replacement of the exterior lights with new LED units. This should improve the safety of members moving around the club on dark winter nights. In addition, there was the installation of lighting on the mini-tennis court/practice wall. This will allow the court/wall to be used in the winter evenings.

After a great deal of pestering BCP council have finally cut back the trees that were overhanging courts 5 & 6. This should reduce the amount of leaf debris that accumulates on the courts in the autumn.

We have had major issues with the heating in the club house. These have now been resolved and will hopefully minimise our expense on gas during the 2022/23 winter when we anticipate gas prices to be significantly higher than at present.

We finally held our first social event in 18 months. The STC Christmas Party held at the Norfolk Royale in Bournemouth was attended by nearly 70 members and guests and, from the feedback we received, was very much enjoyed by attendees.

The winter team tennis season has been the first one completed fully for 18 months. Many of the teams have enjoyed success and will be promoted to higher leagues for the 2022/23 winter season.

Finally, the club conducted a members' survey during December of last year. We would like to thank all those that responded and gave us some ideas on how to improve the club. Although we cannot follow through on all the ideas, we have put some of the longer-term items in the updated Business Development plan with some of the short-term ideas being implemented as and when we can.

So, what is planned for the next 12 months?

The main project that we are planning is the court 1-3 resurfacing. It is likely that this will be carried during the week beginning 25th April subject to good weather. Again, this will be very disruptive for approximately one week but we need to invest in our infrastructure to provide the facilities our members deserve.

We will also be replacing our outdoor furniture to enable us to socialise in a pleasant environment subject to sufficient finances being in place.

Social events are proving to be problematic going forward. Although we have received some offers of help to run certain social events, we really need some individuals to lead these events on our behalf as the committee



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members are too busy and don't have the additional capacity to lead these social activities. We will continue to look for individuals or small teams to help us rejuvenate our social activities at the club.

I would like to thank the committee, coaching staff and volunteers for helping to make Southbourne Tennis Club a great place to play sport.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM and on court during

2022. David

Chairman, Southbourne Tennis Club



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b) Treasurer

TREASURERS REPORT for AGM

Accounts for the 9 Months to 31/12/21

Income and Expenditure

The Accounts for the 9 months show a net deficit of £4,820 compared to a surplus of £25,403 for the previous year. This is partly due to grants received from BCP last year of £10k being used to offset reduced membership fees this period. In addition repairs and maintenance costs were high this period due to the tarmacing of the car park.

Other operating income reflects grants received in the period:

£5k towards the replacement of the floodlights

£8k additional grant from BCP used to help reduce the cost of the car park.

£1k for the Festival Coast Live with additional coaching sessions last summer.

Other charges are high due to high maintenance costs (£19k cost of tarmacing the car park, £1.6k to replace clubhouse furniture) and high sundry expenses including costs of the new defibrillator, tree surgeon etc.

Balance Sheet

The increase in fixed Assets reflects the cost of the new floodlights £41k which are being depreciated over 10 years.

The reduction in current assets reflects the reduced deposit account with the net cost of the floodlights being taken from the Sinking Fund which is £50k at the end of the period.

The increase in creditors is due to membership fees only being included for 9 months with the balance held over to next year.

Budget for 2022

The budgeted net income for 2022 is £18.5k less £45k spend on replacing court surfaces on courts 1-3 giving a net outflow of £26.4k. The sinking fund at the end of the year is expected to be £19k



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Future forecasts show this will be tight if costs increase and other unexpected costs arise.



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c) Head Coach

Head Coach Report 2022

Since April last year we have seen a steady rise in tennis and particularly players on the coaching programme. We appreciate all the support from the club and the regular tennis players who are still keeping up with their lessons.

This year we have tried to continue to sustain most of our Disability Tennis Programme and community Tennis Programme. This has continued to give the opportunity to people who may not been able to access the sport. Southbourne Tennis Club is still a leader in disability tennis in the county and the country.

We have been part of the LTA Tennis Start programme giving around 30 new children a chance to play tennis for the first time and 12 new adults. New walking tennis session added for Adults.

We have also been part of a BCP Initiative to get more people active and giving an opportunity to have a go at tennis. We hosted 2 demo days, one at Christchurch Quay and one at Churchill Gardens which were both a massive success and lots of people playing tennis.

We also had a demo coaching day for members last August with Bright Ideas Tennis charity who came along with Danny Sapsford and Lucy Shuker (Silver medallist at the Tokyo Paralympics). This was a great success.

A big thanks to Zoltan Horvath, Matt Sanger, Ray Burningham, Liana Hodgson, Sarah Males, Emily Parady, Tom Birch, Mat Brown who all help with the coaching, running tournaments and the disability programme at the club. More volunteers are always welcome.

This report details more news from the rest of the year.

Junior Club Sessions

Saturday Morning 10-11am & Monday Night 6-7pm

Aims of session:

To keep children active for 1hours. Improve knowledge and skills of tennis.

Objectives:

The sessions are run offering fun competition and fun games making the sessions fun and challenging. There has been a high of about 20 children turning up on Monday evenings. Ultimately juniors will be able to progress from the Improvers group to the Intermediate group, from the Intermediates into Junior Teams, from Junior Teams into Senior Club Sessions (with approval from Coaches and Committee), from Senior Club session to play in Senior Matches for the club.

Adult Groups

These groups are based around standard. These are open to all members to help improve their tennis skills and knowledge.



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There are currently around 55 adults taking part in these groups ranging from beginners, improver to advanced and from 18 – 90. Also, cardio tennis has around 8 adults taking part.

Aims:

Improve standard of adults, Improvement of knowledge of performance factors. which involves technique, tactics, mental and physical parts of tennis.

To improve competition in club. Improves standard of tennis being played and will lead to more players involved in the club and coaching programme.

Objectives:

Help players improve technique, tactics, mental and physical parts of tennis. Progress players into club sessions, into teams and into club tournament.

There has been a steady increase of adults playing more regularly and enjoying their tennis.

Junior Squads

These groups are based around standard and age. These are open to all junior members to help improve their tennis skills and knowledge. Each group will on average have no more than 8 children per coach.

There are currently around 40 children taking part in these squads ranging from junior improver to junior performance.

Aims:

Improve standard of children aiming at Club to County standard if not higher.

To improve general competition in club. Improves standard of tennis being played and will lead to more performance players involved in the club coaching programme.

Objectives:

Improvement of knowledge of performance factors which involves technique, tactics, mental and physical parts of tennis. Players progress into junior teams and ultimately into Senior Club play and teams.

U10 Youth Tennis Programme

Starting with numbers; Youth **Tennis Term Club Membership for all Under 10's is included in coaching course fee &** Total numbers for the year for Mini Tennis Members was 120.

We have been hard at work increasing the number of children under 10 participating in Club coaching sessions and in Mini tennis events. This has also aided in strengthening our links with St Katherine's School, St Peters Primary School. We have over 40 players in our school's programme.

Competition Programme

We run a comprehensive competition programme as part of the LTA schedule and the club's programme. Adult Box leagues have been popular using the Scala App system.



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Also friendly matches have been arranged for ages 6-14 years old against other clubs.

[Disability Tennis Programme](#)

The disability work is going well. We were chosen to do an interview on BBC South Today and appeared as a case study on the LTA website.

Starting with numbers; Total number playing over a month is now 109 - 48 adults / 61 children.

This breaks down to;

Impairment specific groups;

14 adult / 8 children physical/wheelchair players, (1 adult transplant player, 6 walking tennis, 7 Adult wheelchair players, 2 Junior wheelchair players, 6 wheelchair players from Victoria Centre.

20 Adult / 48 children Learning disability players, (2 adult learning disability mainstream, 18 people for our P&P LD session, and 28 from Linwood Schools and 8 with SCARF children's group. DS Active Children's Session added with 8 attending, 8 players with Lifeskills Autism Portfield School, 4 children Learning disabilities)

10 Adult Mental disabilities, (Boscombe Day centre 4 players, Stourcliffe Home 3 players, 3 adult mental dis/dementia)

3 children Visually impaired players.

2 Adult / 2 children deaf players

Developments using funding from LTA;

[Girls Tennis Programme](#)

We have a girl only sessions on a Friday at 5pm for girls ages 10 and over, we have a regular number of between 10 – 16 girls attending.

[Funding support for Disability and Community funds](#)

- Primrose Fund £1500 towards our wheelchair, day centre and DS Active sessions.
- Local giving £500
- Fundraising £500

David Sanger

Head Tennis Coach



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d) Vice Chairperson

Unfortunately, there is no Vice Chair, and therefore no report.



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e) **Membership Secretary**

Membership Secretary's AGM Report April 2022

1. Membership Numbers

Overall membership is currently as follows:

Membership Group	Paid 21/22 Members as at 280222	New Members in March	Paid 21/22 Members as at 310322
Adult	113	Emer O'Donovan, Samantha Webb (special offer)	115
Country	10		10
Family	12		12
Over 65's	68		68
Students	5		5
Juniors	50		50
Girls Friday Club	15	Grace Parsons	16
Totals	273		276

This is approaching the highest number of members we have had in recent times (282 in 2015/16). At this time last year we had 250 members.

The age profile has also changed, with the Over 65 group remaining at a stable number, and the Adult group growing measurably.

2. The April Special Offer (14 months for 12 months fee) is now active for new members. Last year we attracted 34 new members during April and May. However, last year it coincided with the end of a lockdown period.
3. Country Membership – for some time the eligibility rules were hazy or sometime compromised. The committee decided to clarify the eligibility criteria for this category, and wrote to all Country members in November last year. The rules are now (a) live further than 25 miles from the club and (b) play less than 26 weeks in any membership year.



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Some existing members very graciously chose to move across the Adult membership immediately, which was very kind of them.

4. We also had this year 5 or 6 short term memberships, mainly students who were going to University in September, but also a couple of Adults who were in the area for 6 months only. Not something we plan to extend or facilitate, but did create a win/win situation for us all.
5. Age Profile – we have 7 or 8 members moving from Adult to the Over 65 group in the June, in fact some of them should be there already! There have been recent years where we have had no members aged between 20 and 40. I'm pleased to say that currently we have 4 members in the 20-30 age bracket, and 20 members in the 30-40 age bracket.
6. Membership Survey – we had a response from 35 members, which was really quite good, and are grateful for the feedback, some of which we have actioned already. Key suggestions or requests were
 - a. More social events
 - b. Better pathway for beginners
 - c. Longer club sessions/more courts
 - d. Better court etiquette
 - e. Get rid of the mosquitos!!!
7. All new members talk about the friendliness and inclusivity of the existing members. Our members are our most effective marketing tool.
8. Special thanks to Kirsty Holmes who maintains the list of members who wish to share their phone numbers with others, and updates it and gets it put up on the website. Kirsty has done this for some time now, but I have never formally registered my thanks, or told anyone!



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f) **Match Secretary**

Match Secretary Report – AGM 2022

Match Secretary Report for AGM 2022

Winter 2021-22 positions

Mens 1 Div 2 – Won the division by winning 6 out of 7 matches. Promoted to Div 1

Mens 2 Div 3 - 5th in division

Mens 45s Div 1 - 3rd in division

Thanks to Pat Brown who has captained both mens 1 & mens 45s this season and done a great job. Also thanks to Owain - captain Mens 2

Ladies 1 – Div 1 – Dorset League winners winning all their matches 4-0 except 1 (3-1)

Ladies 2 – Div 2 – Division winners winning all matches (5 of their 7 matches 4-0). Promoted to Div 1

Ladies 3 – Div 2 - 2nd in division but cant be promoted as 2 Southbourne teams already in Div 1 for next winter

Ladies 40s – only 3 teams entered but team won League after 4 (home & away) matches

Thanks to Cleo (Ladies 1) Sarah (Ladies 2) & Lena (Ladies 3) for their hard work and fantastic results.

Mixed 1 – Div 2 – Almost definitely will win Division. Promoted to Division 1

Mixed 2 – Div 3 – 2nd in division. Promoted to Div 2

Mixed 3 – Div 6 - 4th in division

Thanks to Kirsty (Mixed 1), Lloyd (Mixed 2) & Dan (mixed 3) for their hard work

The increase in our membership since last Spring has meant that most of our teams have seen an increase in the size of their squads which has been great news.

Summer 2022

10 teams entered for Dorset league & 2 in Hants & IOW

No Ladies 40s league as not enough teams entered so we now have a ladies over 60s team which will play daytime matches.

Lloyd is taking over as captain of Mens 1 & Lena will be captain of



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g) Social Secretary

Social Secretary Report – AGM 2022

Unfortunately, there is no Social Secretary and therefore no report.