

## Blackmore Tennis Club AGM

Date: Tuesday 22nd Feb 2022 20:30 at Blackmore Sports and Social Club

### Agenda

Welcome and Apologies

- 1) Approve Minutes of 2020/21 AGM
- 2) Chairman's Report
- 3) Treasurer's Report
- 4) Election of Committee
- 5) Proposals - Membership rates for 2022-Membership Secretary
- 6) AOB

Thank you all for coming try and make this short and sweet.

Apologies :- Bill, Sam and Kate

2022-23 has been a much more normal year for the Club as we said goodbye to the pandemic. The club has functioned well over the year. We have continued to field 4 teams; 2 mens teams, a ladies and a mixed team. Coaching numbers have remained robust and social play a couple of times a week continues.

Membership levels have remained pretty constant so we still only have approx 30 Full members.

Having made some improvements over the last couple of years including new nets, windbreaks, cleaning machine and mat & lights the attention this year turned to the courts.

We continued to suffer from court contamination which could mean large silt deposits after heavy rain and the "Blackmore Bump" seemed to be getting worse. After investigation it became apparent the bump was being caused by root damage from the large tree behind the club house. The Village Hall committee kindly organised the removal of the tree but we were still left with the damage to deal with as Court No1 was becoming almost unplayable. The Committee sourced 3 quotes from specialist companies to deal with both the root damage and the court contamination. We settled on a quote from **Sovereign Sports** who did an excellent job. They have rectified the issues on Court 1, addressed some subsidence on Court 2 and given the courts a thorough deep clean. They have also agreed to do a further clean, at no extra cost, when the weather improves with a special machine that lifts everything out of the pile, sorts and cleans and then returns the clean sand to the courts. We will also look to have them clean & maintain the courts on a more regular basis. Although the courts are much improved the cost was significant and took a large chunk out of our sinking fund.

The Committee has recognised that we need to look ahead at the possibility of 2 new courts in approx 5 years time when the current courts reach the end of their lifetime. With this in mind we will look to form a fundraising sub-Committee and would welcome any volunteers who would like help raise funds that will go towards new courts. 2 new courts will cost circa £100K but we would hopefully be able to secure some funding that might cover half of this cost. We will also look to obtain permission from the Village Hall Committee to fence the Tennis Hut in and provide a better viewing area with a lowered fence overlooking the courts and a secure area that would now include the Tennis Hut. Initial enquires for this proposal have been positive.

The Committee have kept membership fees competitive this year with a full Adult membership only costing £160 if paid by the end of this month!

Teams :- Mens1 – have played the winter in Stock Winter League Division 5 which has been tough so results have been mixed and I think we are mid to bottom of the table.

mens 2 - nothing from Mixed or Ladies ?? Captains here?

Going forward :- Court surface - Sovereign sports for quarterly visits and continue to do our own maintenance

Look to get the Grand Slams played again – starting with Wimbledon – any Volunteers?

Hand over for treasurers report of audited accounts