



Wargrave Tennis Club

Minutes of AGM 7-28th November 2024_{v2}

Online Members Survey Voting + Meeting Wargrave Cricket Club



1. Members Meeting 28th November

The Chair (Michael Simpson) welcomed all to the meeting that started at 7.30pm. He thanked all members for their excellent engagement / feedback in the 2024 AGM process, that ran from 7-28 November, with feedback and votes from 144 members (125 were adult members / 60% of total adult members).

Present at Members Meeting: Michael Simpson (Chair), Richard Vertigan (Treasurer), Clare Belton (Club Secretary), Liz Tripp (Ladies Captain), Wendy Franklin (Membership Secretary), Ollie Brown (Head Coaches) plus members Chris Belton, Annie Moore, John Edgell, Eilish MacBean, Mark Nockles, and Andy Meader (Chair of Wargrave Cricket Club).

2. AGM Committee Report

The full AGM Committee Report was presented to all members via email and posted in the clubhouse on the 7th November. It provides an overview of the progress of the Club over the past 12 months and sets out the proposed plans for the year ahead. [The full report is available via this link on the Club's website.](#)

3. AGM Treasurers Report

The Treasurer's Reports and Financial Accounts were posted in the Clubhouse and presented to all members via email on the 7th November. [The full report and accounts are available on the Club's website.](#)

4. AGM Motions and Members Survey

Michael shared the results from the AGM online voting, including the results to votes on three motions. He thank all members for taking part and noted that the response was 20% higher than 2023 as the survey has been open for an extra 7 days versus 2023. The full results from the AGM survey, together with individual comments from members, is [available to read on the Club's website using this link.](#)

Results of the three AGM motions (with voting from 123 adults / 59% adult membership):

- 99% in favour of the new committee appointments ([see names on our website](#)).
- 91% in favour of proposal to increase 2025/26 fees by 2%-3% from April 1st 2025 so that fee rates keeps up with the general rate of inflation.
- 99% in favour of the change in [our Club constitution](#) to amend the Club's official name.

Membership Satisfaction Voting:

- 94% enjoy being members of the Club (up from 90% in 2023)
- 95% feel the committee are doing a good job (up from 80%)
- 86% of those who have had coaching like the coaching that is offered (up from 70%)
- 90% agree the Club has good facilities (up from 89%)
- 97% would recommend the Club to a friend (up from 91%)

Feedback on Artificial Clay Courts and Padel

- 58% prefer playing on the new clay courts, 35% neutral and 7% disagree
- 79% feel the clay courts are better in cold and wet conditions, 19% neutral and 2% disagree
- 64% feel the clay courts are better on joints, 33% neutral and 3% disagree
- 72% would like two more artificial clay courts in 2025, 22% neutral and 5% disagree
- 68% are interested in potential plans for a padel court in 2025, 18% neutral and 14% against.

Actions

1. Update the change to the Club constitution and amend policy documents with the new name.
2. Committee to activate the 2-3% fee increases from April 2025.
3. Committee to review all members AGM feedback and comments ahead of next committee meeting.
4. Prepare plans for an EGM in January to consider proposed plans for 2 further clay courts and the potential installation of a single padel court from April 2025.

5. Meeting Discussion and Any Other Business

The following items were discussed by the 11 members who were present at the meeting:

- a. Eilish Macbean asked whether we should have a formal meeting for the AGM as well as the survey. MS explained that a constitutional change was approved by members in 2023, to formally endorse the use of online voting for AGMs and EGMs. This change was made to significantly increase membership participation in how the Club is run, with a minimum voting threshold now set at 30% of all adult members (currently 60) versus a threshold of just 10 members in the earlier constitution.
- b. Annie Moore asked about the plans re regular maintenance of the Club for weed killing, moss killing and removal of leaves. MS explained that a more formal plan was being developed by our new maintenance manager, Dale Williams.
- c. No questions re the treasurers report. Richard thanked Jon Edgell for his help and assistance, together with his thanks to John Churchhouse.
- d. Ollie raised issue of radiator in clubhouse.
- e. Mark Nockles highlighted the popularity of Padel amongst younger members and also many people who live in Wargrave who are not members of the Club. He said that he had a group of 40 parents who regularly play. There was general agreement that introducing a PADEL court would be very popular and a great way of growing membership, especially if the Club were only charging £10-£20 an hour versus the £40-£70 charged by commercial PADEL operators. There was general discussion about the financial benefits to the Club from one court and it was explained that the investment would be self-funding, including a loan (if required) from one of our members.
- f. Chris Belton requested that IF the members approve the proposed plans for 2 further clay and one padel court, could the Club make more effort to enhance the conditions of court 7,5 and 6. And also to see if members could have more access to book courts 5 and 6 e.g. for box league games during the week in the afternoons (when they are allocated for non-member public bookings).
- g. Jon Edgell formally thanked the committee for all their hard work over the past 12 months.

Actions:

1. DW to pull together formal plan for weed killing, moss treatment and leaves removal. To include the use of outside contractors and creation of a volunteer team for a regular rota of tasks
2. RV to investigate solution for clubhouse radiator (now completed).
3. As part of potential plans for 2 further clay courts and 1 padel court, to investigate steps to improve the overall maintenance of the remaining hard courts e.g. more regular moss treatment, more regular leaf removal. And in addition, to review court bookings / court usage to increase allocation of courts 5 and 6 when the courts are needed to accommodate demand for league matches and Club tournaments e.g. internal box league.

6. Dates for 2025 AGM / AGM Process

No dates were set for the 2025 AGM, but it is assumed we will have similar dates and follow a similar process to this year (and in line with amendments to the constitution agreed in 2023).

Action:

Committee to confirm dates for 2025 AGM date at their next meeting on 10th December.

The meeting started at 7.30pm and ended at 8.45pm