

RYE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Minutes of the 94th Annual General Meeting of the

Rye Lawn Tennis Club

Held at the Clubhouse, 115 Military Road, Rye

On Saturday 27th September 2025 at 6.30pm

1. **THE MINUTES** of the previous AGM held on Saturday 28th September 2024 were taken as read and agreed as a correct and proper record.

2. Report from the Chair of the Executive Committee, Amanda Hoffman

- A. Thanked all members for supporting the Club.
- B. Highlighted that the Club is run by volunteers.
- C. Objectives for the last year were achieved. These were:
 - Turn a deficit into a sustainable ongoing profit
 - Increase membership by 10% across both padel and tennis.
- D. Thanked our sponsors for their ongoing support of the Club.
- E. Thanked the army of volunteers who support the Club.
- F. Thanked Adam, Denys and Sharon for their hard work.
- G. Made call to arms for further volunteers to help in the running of the Club.

3. Report from the Treasurer, David Nelson

- A. Accounts of the company for the year to 31st March 2025 had been approved by the Board.
- B. They had received an unqualified (clean) audit report.
- C. The deficit for the previous year had been extinguished and, through a series of initiatives and team effort, a surplus of some £87k (£ 98k before depreciation) had been generated. He drew attention, via a screen presentation, to:
 - the growth in members in padel and tennis
 - more activity and revenue from the tournaments
 - more fundraising and social events, leading to a boost in revenue
 - sponsorship income (usefully from 3-year contracts).Reserves were therefore being rebuilt.
- D. The position in relation to CASC was reported on including the proposal to form a trading subsidiary.
- E. The Treasurer responded to various questions from the floor.

4. Update on Planning Issues for the New Field

Jonny Dunn, who is currently helping with our plans for the Poole Field, showed those present some draft early stage plans.

5. Elect As Necessary Members of the Executive Committee

Georgina Holt has been elected on to the Executive Committee.

6. Vote Of Thanks

Robert Dolman thanked in particular Amanda Hoffman for her tremendous work chairing the Executive Committee and David Nelson for his vital help with our finances, as well all the other members who have helped and supported the Club in all sorts of different ways.

7. Any Other Business

- JEJ reminded those present that the Club's 16th Opera Concert will take place on 29th November and not many tickets are now left.
- One of our Table Tennis tables was reported to be in poor and dangerous state of repair and could it be replaced?
- In answer to another question, Jonny Dunn confirmed that part of the intrinsic ethos of our Club is our grass courts, which are fundamental also to our Annual Tournaments.