

Our club has always been grateful to the members in the past who have volunteered their time to run the club and to sit on the committee. Traditionally our committee has comprised of 13 members and 4 members this year indicated to us they could no longer spare the time to sit on the committee. They were in the main though still willing to continue to assist the club in the activities they currently do outside of the committee.

A few of us had a rethink about how best to manage the club going forward. We looked at what the club needs and mapped out the processes and concluded that the club activities could be more efficiently dealt with by a small management group comprising 5 roles. These positions would be Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 new roles, all of whom would work together to develop the club over the longer term and manage all the processes necessary to a club our size. These positions would be elected every year at the AGM

The current committee support this new approach and will continue to carry out all the necessary activities without needing to sit on a committee. We know this can work as we have an excellent Fixtures Secretary and website manager in Mike Piercy and Stephen Biggs is our Men's Captain and Wimbledon ballot officer, both of whom have done brilliant jobs and taken on key responsibilities without joining the committee.

We are always looking for more help – it takes a lot of effort to keep the club running smoothly and this changes all the time. This year we have to incorporate the new data protection legislation and ensure we have the correct accreditation for safeguarding . We also want to focus on fund raising and hope to get some volunteers perhaps with specific experience in this area.

There are some printouts which show draft plans for the new management structure and how it will work in practice

Happy now to hand over to you for any questions and then we would like to propose a vote to change our club rules as to whether this proposed committee structure is acceptable to the membership