

VICTORIA PARK CLUB
143rd Annual General Meeting
23 February 2023 at 6 pm

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 142nd Annual General Meeting held on 17 February 2022
3. Matters Arising
4. Chair's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Bridge Chair's Report
7. Tennis Chair's Report
8. Proposed Changes to the Constitution (see Appendix 1 attached)
 - Part A: Proposed changes to Para 8 of the Constitution
 - Part B: A motion required under Para 12.1 of the Constitution
9. Nominations to the General Committee
10. Membership Categories and Subscription Rates for 2023 (see Appendix 2 attached)
11. Honorary Membership
 - No nominations for Honorary Life Membership
 - Nominations for Temporary Honorary Membership: Catriona Nicholls, Matt Olczak and Jon Rycroft
12. Any Other Business

Appendix 1 – Agenda Item 8

AGM motions relating to Constitutional matters:

Part A: Proposed changes to Para 8 of the Constitution

Part B: A motion required under Para 12.1 of the Constitution

Part A

Background: In its current form the Constitution stipulates (in Para 8) that overall Club matters be managed by the General Committee. It also specifies (in Para 8.2) that membership of this Committee is restricted to the Officers of the Club. This makes it impossible to draw in other Club members at times when this might be helpful. The proposed change of wording below is intended to allow the General Committee to co-opt other members to address such needs.

The proposed constitutional change (in *italics*):

8. The affairs of the Club in all matters which are not in these Rules reserved for the Club in General Meeting shall be managed by the General Committee of the Club or delegated by the General Committee to a Sub-Committee.

The General Committee may invite any other member of the Club to attend a Committee meeting so as to inform and update Committee members on the status of works planned or in progress. Such a member's attendance is in an advisory capacity and holds no voting rights.

The General Committee may from time to time co-opt such additional members as it deems necessary for the efficient running of the Club. Such co-opted members may attend Committee meetings and vote. Such membership shall lapse when it is determined by the Officers of the Club to no longer be required or at the next AGM.

The paragraph in **bold** is the existing entry in the Constitution. The two paragraphs in *italics* add the proposed changes.

Purpose of proposed change: To allow the Committee to sanction the attendance of members who are overseeing major Club projects and initiatives.

Part B:

Part B(i): Action required by Constitution

Background: The Constitution states that:

12.1 The General Committee may at its discretion add to or alter the classes of Membership if it deems it necessary. Such additions or alterations shall be submitted to the Membership for their approval or otherwise at the next Annual General Meeting.

During the last year the Committee added a new membership category: Family Tennis (Ukraine). For an annual subscription of £0, this offered full membership to a family hosted by an existing VP Club member under the Government's official Homes for Ukraine (HfU) scheme.

This addition now has to be submitted to the AGM.

Appendix 1 continued

If the addition is approved, then a second part of the motion becomes necessary: namely, approving the membership category for future use. This raises a potential problem. The HfU scheme looks likely to be terminated in the coming months, in which case existing Ukrainian families would no longer be eligible for this form of membership.

Part B(ii) of the motion

We therefore propose that the conditions for this membership category be altered such that the family hosted by the VP Club member must at one point have participated in the Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme. This would ensure that eligibility for existing Ukrainian Family members continues as long as they are staying in the home of the VP member.

Appendix 2 – Agenda Item 10

Victoria Park Club Membership Rates 2023

The Committee recognises that the current economic environment is putting increased financial pressure on households and, despite our costs increasing substantially year on year, that as a community club we must play our part to support our members.

It is therefore proposed that the cost of membership for both tennis and bridge members for 2023 will be maintained at the current membership rates.

Having had the previous two membership years without cost due to the impact of the Covid pandemic, in 2023 bridge members will once again be charged for their membership.

To further support members during these uncertain times, all existing members that renew before the 1st April 2023 will receive a 5% discount on their membership.

The table below summarises the 2023 membership rates with and without the renewal discount.

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	Full	With 5% discount for renewal before 1st April 2023
Adult Tennis	£144	£136.80
Limited Adult Tennis	£96	£91.20
Adult Tennis and Bridge	£160	£152
Limited Adult Tennis and Bridge	£112	£106.40
Family Tennis	£316	£300.20
Family Tennis (Ukraine)	£0	
Student Tennis	£74	£70.30
Junior Tennis	£74	£70.30
Young Junior Tennis	£37	£35.15
Bridge - Unrestricted	£63	£59.85
Associate Bridge	£34	£32.30
Associate Bridge and Adult tennis	£152	£144.40
Associate Bridge and Limited Adult tennis	£104	£98.80