

Minutes of the Tennis AGM 2015

7pm on Thursday the 5th March 2015 in the function room

- 1. Opening , welcome and apologies** **Acting Chair Graham**

In Attendance:

Kevin Sutton, Mark Stallabrass, Rob Butler, Mike Watling, David Howell, Tip Flory, Anne Sheldon, Viv Wilkinson, Fiona Heaton, Peter Arnott, Julie Arnot, James Biancu, Neville Reeder, Keith Palmer, Chris Daynes, Pascale Cadier, Graham Fretwell

Apologies from: Karen Watling, Brenda Cowley, Wendy Palmer, Pippa Sheldrake, Hugo Langton

- 2. Minutes of 2014 AGM and actions and matters arising** **All**

GF suggested we all take a moment to remember Elena Balthacha..a good friend of the Club

GF highlighted the New Club Coach Toby Bawden who was completing a level 4 coaching course this evening.

GF highlighted courts 4-6 and what was happening with the resurfacing and Airdome build works.

GF talked about preparation for Club Champs

- 3. Chairmans Report and Review of the past year** **Graham**

Chair passed from Paul to Graham. GF talked of all the work that Paul has achieved and offered a big thank you to him.

Tennis numbers are 490

Nature of membership is changing. There are more junior players and as a result a smaller yield. Club Play continues well....but had room to cater for larger numbers

GF mentioned the root problem with court 2. ..for which remedies were being investigated

Indoor Court staining was mentioned and an action plan to minimize that should be introduced. James B responded for the club that it would be resolved with the new cleaning contractors and regime being introduced in the summer term

Side netting is being looked at also as a part of an improved maintenance program

GF showed an example of the bubble with a brochure.

GF thanked CD for the well thought out coaching program.

GF talked about the club league program.

It was suggested that the Tennis committee members needed to meet regularly and to increase the frequency of meetings, in view of the increased ambition and workloads

4. Coaching report

Chris Daynes

CD highlighted the main points from his written report

DH mentioned tennis could be put on the web for upcoming tennis events

Action for GF to improve communication and marketing of all events

5. Club Captains reports

Tip and Graham

GF highlighted the club captain's written report

TF gave information on results from the matches

GF went through the latest league tables and offered a written report to view.

GF thanked the captains for the fixture making

It was highlighted by Mark, for the club to actively support and to give some priority to clubplay sessions and the indoor court bookings needed for that.

GF agreed to action by confirming priorities to Teresa about this situation.

It was mentioned that we must reiterate you must be a peak member to play for team matches. The Assembled Tennis AGM concurred with that and made it a decision.

6. Nominations and election of officers and Tennis committee members for 2015

Chairman GF is elected by unanimous vote

Vice Chair KP is elected

Treasurer MW is elected

Comms Secretary Pippa Sheldrake is elected

Mens Captain RB is elected PA seconded

Ladies Captain TF is elected PA seconded

Election of Committee. Mark Stallabross Anne Sheldon Dave Howell Viv Wikinson GF proposed Paul Sheldrake to be an honorary member of the committee.

7. Aims and objectives for Tennis for the next year

Increase participation in tennis in all forms and ages

Grow adult and family tennis members and numbers
More links with schools
Parks tennis program
Grow own in house adult ,club and tennis development programs
Obtain the necessary finances and build the bubble at approx 110K cost
GF discussed options to source money
Ambitions were very well received by the floor and the committee.

8. Playing Facilities update

GF had already dealt with this effectively under agenda items 2 and 3 above

9. New Club Tennis Development programme

GF read through the written report regarding the proposed ISC Club Programme

10. Any Other Business

It was suggested from the floor, if you book a court and you do not use it on 2 occasions then bookings rights should be taken away online
Action point to more rigorously enforce a 'No-show' rule and a penalty.

KP raised the point about the club champs and that they are not being well supported. KS talked about the questionnaire that went out regarding the champs. Various comments made about apathy towards it and the fact that the club is big and many players are already at playing capacity.
Also talked about the fact that it may be held at the wrong time or go on too long.

It was suggested that the Tennis section of the Club is not sociable enough.

DH suggested some potential social activity and dates before the Floodlit League begins that could encourage greater member meeting and tennis participation opportunities

11. Open Forum

All

GF talked about tennis court colors. Blue or green was popular with a green surround.

Meeting was closed at 9.11pm