

Minutes of the 2016 Tennis AGM

6.30pm on Thursday the 10th March 2016

in the Function Room

1. Opening , welcome and apologies

Chair Graham

In Attendance:

Graham Fretwell, Rob Butler, Mike Watling, Tip Flory, Helen Davies, Sara Bryson, Jackie Quilley, Karen Watling James Biancu, Neville Reeder, Keith Palmer, Pascale Cadier, Tip Flory, Ray White, Steve Rowntree, Geoff Sheldrake, Pippa Sheldrake, Dick Partridge, Craig Clark, Wendy Hicks, Roger Garrod, Maggie Lipscombe, Sam Scowen

Apologies from: Brenda Cowley, Wendy Palmer, Julie Stockdale, Colin Gebhard, Kevin Sutton, Hugo Langton, Paul and Debbie Sheldrake

2. Minutes of 2015 AGM and actions and matters arising

1. Non- turn ups for indoor court bookings to be chased. SS will inform member. 4-7pm is peak court time, so no shows must be informed.
2. Needs to be more emphasis on signing in. maybe we look to having a keyboard in Indoor Centre or a board in reception that's easier to use.
3. Tournament took place with added event on the day.

The majority accepted the minutes of the 2015 AGM as correct

3. Chairman's Report and Review of the past year. Graham

Membership

The section is down on numbers from last year by 12.

The marketing group will continue investigate ways to recruit more members through activities, offers and events.

Also will promote the club through the community with pay and play.

Club play is an important pathway for new members. Organised Tuesday evenings are going especially well.

Court Facilities

11 courts all in good playing order.

Increased indoor facility to 6, for 6 months. Big thank you to Dave Howell, Andy Yorke, Keith Palmer for their input in this.

Bubble to be removed by April 1st and reinstated on 30th September. The indoor facilities are an important attraction for new members.

Steve Rowntree raised the issue of the astro courts being slippery. The general feeling of the meeting was that this was not a problem although more careful selection of footwear was suggested or the addition of sand to the surface could be considered.

Coaching

GF thanked SS and CD for their good work and the transition over the last year. The academy is full and has a high profile, with many outstanding juniors competing nationally.

Participation

Team Tennis is flourishing under TF and RB.

There are 16 Winter and Floodlit League teams and 11 Summer League teams with over 130 members competing against other clubs.

GF and the meeting thanked them for their hard work and all team captains.

3-5 Year plan is being updated. Its main aim is to increase participation in tennis.

The club is 1 of 8 enjoying a special relationship with the LTA regionally.

The club has launched Disability tennis and is using the Great British Tennis Weekend to promote itself also

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Financial results

The Tennis section results were outstanding for 2015 and a surplus of £40K was produced.

Many thanks to MW on the committee and Pascale, AY and Cheryl in the office for all their help.

2016 is the year to increase membership from 460 to 520.

4. Coaching report Sam Scowen

Adult Tennis

SS has taken on Tues 7-9pm club play and doubled the numbers. Important session for integration of new members.

His vision is to use all the courts for club play and tie in with the meal deal. A request has been made for online booking of club play so members can see if the session is viable.

TF and Marc Powell are running the Club National League teams.

Team tennis on Thursday pm is not supported sufficiently. Needs reappraisal

Inclusive cardio sessions are successful although Thursday 6.30-7.30 needs pushing for numbers.

Ladies Friday 9.30-11.30 are successful. Good for new members. Monthly tournament at the end of the month in this session is proving popular.

Key Events for 2016

Recruiting volunteers meeting 11th April 8pm

Tennis Free in Christchurch Park from April 30th

Great British Tennis Weekend May 14th, 15th.

Davis Cup in Christchurch Park May 21st.

Roland Garros May 22nd-June 5th, free play including equipment and membership offers.

Wimbledon June 27th-July 10th, as above.

Great British Tennis Weekend in Christchurch Park July 15th and 16th

Club Championship running July through September with a final and a big evening social event on Saturday 24th September

Volunteers are required for many events. Partially sighted group on Thursday 11.30-1pm, term time only, needs volunteers.

Junior Tennis

Outreach programme with Springfield Primary and at a satellite club at Northgate High School encouraging access to the club is running.

Academy and all club sessions will be bookable online. This should improve the communication and administration of the section.

All events will be online. This will enable follow ups.

Junior club night will be Friday 5-6.30pm. This is to enable juniors to enjoy the social aspect of the game.

Future Projects

To become a venue for national disability events.

Link ClubSpark to club website.

Tennis Xpress for squash and fitness members, to get them to try tennis.

Junior tennis teams

Tennis camps and competition days.

A satellite club at RHS.

Davis Cup legacy to enable 6 weeks of free tennis.

MW suggested that a parents committee is formed and the club holds a parents evening.

RB asked if section could run own BBQ on Friday for juniors.

5. Club Captains reports Tip and Rob

This year has gone relatively well with only 1 match cancelled through lack of personnel.

Rob was new to the job and thanked Tip for her help and input. Tip has resigned from the post and was thanked by everyone for her hard work.

A meeting will be called for all the Summer League captains. Good communications between captains is essential.

Possibility of using the dome for Floodlit matches next Autumn will be investigated by Graham as the Chairman

Team players need to be spotted and recruited constantly by all committee members.

WH suggested online team lists to enable captains to see who is playing when, with reserves.

JQ suggested that her online booking system for a tournament may be appropriate for this.

RB thanked all captains of all teams.

6. Nominations and election of officers and Tennis committee members for 2016

Chairman GF proposed by KP and seconded by JQ, unopposed.

Vice Chair KP elected

Treasurer MW elected

Minute Secretary Pippa Sheldrake elected

Mens Captain RB is elected

Ladies Captain Wendy Hicks, nominated by TF, seconded by PAS, and elected unopposed.

Election of Committee.. AY, VP SS TC and PS, honorary members. KS and CG remain. Ray White and Sara Bryson, voted onto the committee.

DH and JS have resigned, and leave with the TCs full appreciation and thanks

7. AOB

SB asked if we could have a mesh practice wall incorporated into the netting of one court. GF said it would be looked into.

Kathy Belton has offered to organize one of the weekend club play sessions.

SLTA AGM, open to all is being held at Fynn Valley Golf Club on March 17th.

On the agenda will be the subject of the BTM being charged for and Mike Downey CEO of the LTA will deliver the keynote address.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm....and further chat and discussion ensued in the bar until late