

Faringdon Tennis Club A.G.M. 2014

Friday 19th September, 7-8pm.

Present: 26 members:

Sjoerd Vogt, Susanna Hunt, Mark, Tess and Guy Mobey, Alan Elbourn, Juliane Spiers, Anne and Andy Sawyer, Mike and Helen Iremonger, Andrew Ainslie, Dave and Caroline Weston, Tracey Collen, Bob Morrison, Dave Kimber, Pauline and Alan Waywell, Steve Pugh, Graham and Carolyn Murphy Hand, Sam Bannister, Kate Haysman, Mary Mountford Lister, Andy Hayter

Apologies:

Steve Perry, Judy Scotcher, Kate Trivedi, Dave Crawley, Paul and Roma Silver, Adrian Noke, Sue Thrower, Dave Tutt, Margaret Lawson, Maureen Hobart, Alison Scott.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the 2013 AGM had been circulated, taken as read and signed as a correct record.

Financial Statement – explained by Sjoerd on behalf of Steve Perry:

The accounts were circulated and a record is attached.

It was noted that the club now has 176 members, therefore increased revenue for the club.

Sjoerd also thanked Steve for the huge amount of work he has done on the accounts this year.

Match Secretary Report:

Summer and Winter Secretary: Anne Sawyer

Anne read her report. Please see the website for more details.

Last winter our Ladies B team got promotion to Division 2 and our Mixed Team are guaranteed promotion this summer and may win the Division, depending on the result of their final match next weekend.

All other teams remained in their current division, so a pretty successful year all round.

It was noted that now we have more courts, we may wish to enter another team for next season. If we wish to have an additional team in the summer, we would need to apply in November.

To enter a team in the Swindon and District mid week evening league, which runs from May-July, we would need to apply in Feb.

Coaching Reports:

Junior Coaching

Alan Elbourn's report is on website

Adult and Teenager Coaching

Susanna Hunt's report is on website

Alan explained that Faringdon tennis club has leapt from the 19th century at Southampton St, bypassed the 20th century and gone headlong into the 21st century at Folly Sports Park with one of only 10 purpose built mini red zones in the country and the only one in Oxfordshire.

Alan talked about the WOW factor of the courts when people first see them.

Mini Courts for Mini People with Big Personalities! Alan was presented by Sjoerd with a plaque renaming the Red Zone the 'Elbourn Arena'. Alan congratulated Guy Mobey, our most successful Junior member ever at Faringdon tennis club who won the Mixed Doubles at the Oxfordshire County Closed this year with Evie Phillips. He received a well deserved round of applause from all those present.

Susanna noted that with 3 coaches at the club, Alan, Matt and herself, they have tried to cover all areas of coaching from aged 3yrs – 73yrs and our coaching provision is well above what the LTA requires for a club of our size. Sjoerd noted that most clubs in the area only had 1 coach who was often spread across 2 clubs so Faringdon is well catered for.

Susanna talked about Alan's Red Zone for children up to 8 yrs and Rusty Rackets Session on Sunday evenings, Matt's boys squads and Performance 1:1 coaching and Susanna's adult sessions mid-week and girl's squads. If anyone feels there are gaps in the coaching provision, please let us know.

Clubmark: Mark Mobey

Mark explained that Clubmark is being renamed Tennis Mark and that we are currently awaiting new guidelines from the LTA.

Chairman's and Relocation Report – Sjoerd Vogt:

Sjoerd's read his report and it is also on the website. He thanked the many volunteers and people who gave freely of their time in order to help the club. He explained that many tennis clubs are losing members but that we are thriving with our highest number of members yet. We are aiming for 200. He explained how state of the art our clubhouse and floodlights are and also why we have a coloured asphalt surface instead of painted as the majority of clubs do.

We have a keyless system and code for all outdoor areas, ie. both court areas and outside toilet which will be issued to all members.

There will be a separate code for the clubhouse for full adult members only. In order to be issued with this code all adults will need to attend a brief induction with a committee member. The code cannot be passed on to others. This is for security and insurance purposes. A list of code holders will be posted up in the clubhouse.

Subscriptions for 2014

Anne Sawyer suggested that subscriptions be raised by just £5 per adult member to cover the cost of a cleaner for the new clubhouse. All members present were in favour.

Adult subscriptions will increase by £5 to £85 for an adult

Family Membership will increase by £10 to £175

All other forms of membership will remain the same at £20

(ie. Juniors, students, coaching only members, adults using red zone only).

Proposer: Kate Haysman

Seconder: Mark Mobey

AOB:

Guy Mobey suggested that in order to recruit more junior members, the club could do posters for the schools and he has kindly offered to do this. Also Alan plans to invite local schools up to play on the courts and give them information about joining.

Tess Mobey raised her concerns regarding parking on Sunday mornings when the rugby club fill all the spaces. We have a social tennis session on Sunday mornings and we have to expect that parking will be tricky at this particular time and will probably mean having to use Stanford Rd.

Andy Sawyer asked about Visitor fees not appearing on the accounts. A member can invite someone to play at the club up to 5 times as a visitor at no cost, but they must be signed in the Visitor Book for insurance purposes.

Thereafter it is expected that the player becomes a member.

Kate Haysman asked about £20 coaching only members who wish to play outside of coaching sessions. Those members would need to pay the difference and become full members.

Committee Election

The following committee members are all happy to continue for another year: Juliane Spiers, Alan Elbourn and Matt Williams.

Kate Trivedi is standing down from the committee and 2 new members are joining, Steve Pugh and Kate Haysman. Steve has offered to run some internal club tournaments which will be a very welcome addition.

Anne Sawyer, although not officially a committee member is still copied in on the minutes from the meetings and her valuable input is always welcome.

Proposer: Tess Mobey

Seconder: Helen Iremonger

Appointment of Officers:

Mark Mobey has kindly offered to become the new Chairman and Sjoerd will be standing down.

Susanna Hunt and Steve Perry will continue as Secretary and Treasurer.

The club would like to take the opportunity to thank Sjoerd for all his tireless work and dogged determination in relocating to Folly Sports Park which would not have been possible without him.

Chairman: Mark Mobey

Secretary: Susanna Hunt

Treasurer: Steve Perry

Proposer: Mary Mountford-Lister

Seconder: Juliane Spiers