

Faringdon Tennis Club A.G.M. 2016

Friday 23 September, 7-8pm.

Present: 17 members:

Sjoerd Vogt, Susanna Hunt, Mark, Tess, Guy and Max Mobey, Alan Elbourn, Juliane Spiers, Anne and Andy Sawyer, Kate Haysman, Dave Kimber

Apologies:

Sam Bannister, Matt Williams, The Iremongers, The Tutts, The Westons, Judy Scotcher, the Scotts, Steve Perry and Steve Pugh

Minutes:

The Minutes of the 2015 AGM had been circulated, taken as read and signed as a correct record.

Financial Statement –Steve Perry:

The balance sheet was circulated and a record is attached.

It was noted that the club now has 250 members, providing revenue for the club of approx £12k per year.

Money will be set aside to maintain the courts and eventually provide additional floodlights on Cts 3 and 4.

Match Secretary Report:

Summer and Winter Match Secretary: Anne Sawyer

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

Mark paid special tribute to Anne, as the departure of Paul Neighbour has meant the leagues have been particularly hard to organise and Anne has done a superb job.

Certificates/Trophies

The OLTA appear to be distributing certificates to clubs instead of trophies for winning the league and the club would like to revert to trophies (having just purchased a trophy cabinet!). Susanna is to email the league.

Coaching Reports:

Junior Coaching

Alan Elbourn's report is on website

Adult and Girls Coaching

Susanna Hunt's report is on website

New Coaches

In Matt's absence, it was explained that Matt is going into business with another coach, Mark Thomas, who is based at Uffington tennis club. He and Matt are proposing to increase the junior groups on offer and plan to fill the courts from 4-6pm on Mondays and Tuesdays. There is another coach, Tom Wilsdon, who has moved into Nursery View and is also keen to coach at the club. It was suggested that photos of these new coaches need to be put on the notice board at the clubhouse so they are recognisable to members.

Courts

It is 2 years since the courts were laid and 1 year since they were painted. It was noted that Cts 1 and 2 do not drain as quickly as Cts 3 and 4. Sj explained that due to the fretting problems on Cts 1 and 2, they had to be relaid and that the drainage should improve.

There have been reports of the courts being a bit slippery recently and the sinking fund is there to ensure proper maintenance of the courts.

Worms are still appearing on court after heavy downpours, and Alan said he would purchase extra dustpans and brushes to sweep them up.

The club is to apply for planning permission for floodlights on Cts 3 and 4, so there will eventually be 4 courts available during the evenings from Oct – Mar.

Booking Court Time

Sj will provide IT sessions for members to encourage them to book courts using the club system.

Chairman's Report – Mark Mobey:

Mark's report is available on the website.

Mark made special mention of the club tournament, in which approx 60 club members competed this year. Everyone agreed that Steve Pugh had done a fantastic job in terms of the organisation and especially in mixing the pairs up for the doubles (Mens, Ladies and Mixed) so that stronger players were drawn with weaker players to even abilities out. Getting members to sign up for the tournament at the April social event was a good plan. The tournament got members playing with people they wouldn't usually. Also, with approximately 50 people watching the event on Finals Day, it was a great social event.

Subscriptions for 2016

The subscriptions will remain the same for 2015.

AOB:

Sjoerd spoke about encouraging members to wear polo shirts with the club logo. Details are on the notice-board in the clubhouse and the membership has been emailed and a bulk order is going to be made.

Committee Election

The following committee members are all happy to continue for another year:

Sjoerd Vogt

Juliane Spiers

Alan Elbourn

Matt Williams

Steve Pugh

Kate Haysman

Sam Bannister also attends most committee meetings

Appointment of Officers:

All three officers are happy to continue in their roles:

Chairman: Mark Mobey

Secretary: Susanna Hunt

Treasurer: Steve Perry

Proposer: Juliane Spiers

Seconder: Kate Haysman