

Faringdon Tennis Club

Committee Meeting Minutes



Venue, date and time: Clubhouse, Tue 11 Feb 2020, 7.00pm

Those present: Juliane Spiers, Susanna Hunt, Alan Elbourn, Sjoerd Vogt, Sam Bannister, Steve Perry, Dave Tuck, Mark Mobey, Dave Crawley

Apologies: Kate Haysman, Tom Francis

	Items Discussed	Actions
	Minutes of previous meeting and AGM – signed	Juls
Financial	Current Account £28,984.11 Time Deposit £20,000	Steve
Diary Dates and Social Events for 2020	Sat 18 April - 10-12 – New Season Social at Pavilion Tue 5 May – 7pm – Wimbledon Draw Tue 12 May – P+P Tue 23 June – P+P Sat 19 Sep – Club Champs Final + evening social?	Susanna/ Juls/Anne
La Bobina	A social evening had been planned for La Bobina, but unfortunately we didn't reach the minimum number of 50 required. However we will plan something similar in the future without a minimum number requirement.	
Nets	Sj has had signs made, requesting players to lower the nets.	Sj
Signage	Unfortunately the large signs advertising the club have been damaged by the high winds. Dave is looking into alternative signage	Dave/Tom
Table Tennis	An outdoor concrete table tennis table has been erected next to our clubhouse for members use. Juls to purchase bats and outdoor table tennis balls (or golf balls can be used in windy conditions!) The plan is to remove the bike racks so the table can be put on the flat concrete under the waterproof roof cover and erect new bike racks around the corner of the clubhouse. Sj suggested these could be Faringdon themed.	Juls/Sj
Pavilion and Padel Court	The idea of a Pavilion adjacent to Court 1 is still on going. We also discussed the addition of a Padel Tennis court. Alan and Dave Tuck have both played the game and it is one of the fastest growing sports. Grants of £25k are available to build a court and Dave explained there is a version which can be built on an existing tennis court which means the tennis court is still playable. Further investigation is required. It would be a unique selling point for the club. Mark Mobey questioned how popular it would be, as there are no competitive Padel tennis leagues.	Juls

Safeguarding	<p>Dave Tuck mentioned that empty beer bottles have been found on a Sat. morning in the dugout of the mini red courts and this week there were broken bottles on the courts which needed to be cleared. Alan said he would police the area for the coming Friday evenings to see if he could have a word with the teenagers responsible.</p>	Alan
Coaching	<p>Dave Tuck explained that the juniors are continuing to thrive on Wed/Fri evening and the coaches are going to offer free tennis to the Primary schools, culminating in a free tennis camp at Easter to boost junior numbers. The U18 boys are competing well and Amelie Denham and Katy Jilbert would also like to compete for U18 girls.</p> <p>LTA sanctioned junior tournaments will be held at Faringdon, with 2 wildcard places for local Faringdon players.</p> <p>Adult Coaching is Friday afternoons, 2.30-3.30pm and the plan is to also offer weekend adult coaching.</p> <p>Paul Butcher will continue to work Saturday mornings with the juniors, covering for Dave Tuck until Easter.</p>	Dave/Tom Paul
Maintenance	<p>Outside loo needs repainting and the clubhouse requires a bit of TLC. Alan, Sj and Roger to make a list and Dave Crawley has offered to help. Anne Sawyer has the paint numbers for the clubhouse.</p> <p>Our tennis car park places are wet and muddy. Sj is to put shingle down to cover the area.</p> <p>Court 1 has a dark patch leading from the gate to the dugout, which can be slippery. Dave suggested jet washing it. Mark Mobey has offered to do that Saturday morning.</p> <p>Sliding door – Sj has offered to fix it, as he did last time.</p> <p>Alan has suggested putting carpet tiles down in the store cupboard as the green paint from the floor is coming away.</p> <p>The dishwasher is only large enough for the crockery from 1 team (ie. 8 people). When there are 2 matches, one team will need to wash up. Also, please check whether the dishwasher tablets need to be unwrapped first! Sam suggested Aldi's wrapper less ones.</p> <p>Also Mark suggested we check the salt/dishwasher fluid is topped up.</p>	Alan, Sj, Roger
Ball Machine	<p>A friend of Andrew Townsend is wanting to sell a ball machine to the club. Juls is going to find out the cost and whether it is rechargeable. Dave Tuck said if it is a good one it is worth buying, but that ball machines can be dangerous and should only be used when a coach is present. Alan mentioned that he has worked with ball machines at the Delta but they were always breaking down. They need to be kept dry too.</p>	Juls

