

# Faringdon Tennis Club

## Committee Meeting Minutes



Venue, date and time: Susanna's House, Tues 29 May 2012, 8.00pm  
 Those present: Susanna, Sjoerd, Alan, Anne, Juliane, Don, Mark  
 Apologies: Steve and Lin

	Items Discussed	Actions
	Minutes of previous meeting – signed	Sjoerd
Financial	Savings account £23,743 Current account £8,423, an increase due to new memberships	
Relocation	<p>Planning permission has now been granted – hurrah and thank you to Sjoerd &amp; Alan in particular for their work in securing that! A contract with Builders Ede needs to be finalised for the sale of Southampton St. They do not plan to build on the site for 2 yrs so we can remain playing there until the new facility is ready.</p> <p>We are now getting into the detail of specs and building regs Heads of Terms are being finalised</p> <p>Competitive tenders are being received from various suppliers. Professional court builders &amp; lighting contractors to be used.</p> <p>Site drainage is also a challenge because of the impervious clay layer, and detailed drainage specs were part of the planning application.</p> <p>We have attempted to secure additional funding from LTA for floodlights but not been successful.</p> <p>Following on from the EGM, Steve has progressed with Limited Company and CASC Status and will set up a separate bank account for the build and relocation. The 3 ex Trustees need to sign a document before handing over to the 3 new Directors</p> <p>Sj spoke about the possible opening in the future of Stanford Rd at the roundabout to allow direct access to the club from A420, rather than having to drive through Faringdon. The road would be blocked further up, to prevent too much traffic further up Stanford Rd. Only pedestrians and cyclists could access that route. This has been costed out by Highways at £80K .</p> <p>Courts and clubhouse will in theory progress in parallel and we will not relocate until both are ready. Builders Ede will be happy to have us as tenants (free) for as long as it takes.</p> <p>Anne mentioned talking to Jim Scott regarding the layout of the new kitchen in the clubhouse as that is his expertise.</p> <p>Court Usage:</p> <p>This will inevitably change when we move. We discussed the fact that members who are not involved in teams and also don't attend social tennis will be able to take advantage of the fact that there will be more court space available, to just play with friends.</p> <p>Currently all 3 courts are taken for Junior coaching Sat am and matches Sat and Sun pm. We plan to try to keep Sun pm always available for members to play. Only very occasionally will we double up and have potentially 2 home matches taking place at the same time, Sat pm.</p>	Sjoerd

	<p>We would like to have a Men's C Team and possibly a Ladies D team. We have never had the court space to do this before. We would also like to have 2 courts free on Sat mornings for parents to play whilst their children are playing.</p> <p>Mid week during the day, the coaching sessions will just take 3 courts, thus leaving a court free for members during the week too.</p> <p>Sj is hoping that the building of the courts will be finished by the end of 2012, but there is not a great rush as we can continue to play at Southampton St. We want to make sure things are done properly.</p>	
Junior News	<p>Mini Red was cancelled due to small numbers.</p> <p>Mini Orange – 12 entrants, very successful</p> <p>Mini Green – 10 June is next one – 5 entrants so far</p> <p>Alan is due to begin his teenagers from FCC on Mon 11 June, 3.30-4.30. Each Junior that attends, the club will receive £20 funding from the council</p> <p>Alan has started little ones, 9.30-10am, from 2-4 yrs and has had a great response. Photo due for the Folly.</p> <p>Susanna has started her netball girls coaching on Thurs 3.45-5.45pm and 24 girls (aged 11-16yrs) have signed up out of approx 40 netballers</p> <p>Juls/Susanna to take a photo for Folly &amp; do article.</p>	<p>Alan Mark</p> <p>Susanna</p>
Social Events	<p>Tues 19 June 6-9pm – Pimms &amp; Prizes: Social Tennis</p> <p>Tues 17 July 6-9pm – Pimms &amp; Prizes: Social Tennis</p> <p>Juls to do a poster for clubhouse and Pimms on the night.</p> <p>Paul will provide gazebo if required</p>	<p>Susanna Juliane Alan, Ann</p>
Membership	<p>We currently already have 2 more members than this time last year and there are still outstanding members yet to join.</p> <p>We worked through the outstanding list together and will remind those who have yet to rejoin</p>	Sj
Jaspers Hill Sun 8 July	<p>The Skateboard Park are having an Opening Ceremony to coincide with the Faringdon Festival which is taking place at Folly Park, rather than the centre of town</p> <p>There will be bands and activities from 10am-8pm and the Cricket Pavilion will be open and all sports involved in the Jaspers Hill Site will be represented</p> <p>Tennis will have zig nets from 11-4pm and hand fliers out</p>	
Maintenance	<p>Alan will fix guttering</p> <p>Mr Pugh to look at water leak. We are currently switching the water off each time.</p> <p>Nobody to mention 'relocation' near the old clubhouse in case it gets upset and falls apart!</p>	Alan
Folly Articles	<p>Articles are due in before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month</p> <p>June – Juls – photo of tennis girls + article</p> <p>July – Joe</p> <p>Aug – no-one allocated</p>	Sjoerd/ Susanna
Netball at Club	<p>We would like the netball club to join us up at Jaspers Hill and discussed drawing netball lines on the floodlit tennis courts.</p> <p>Anne and Don raised possible concerns about the lines being disruptive for players – if they are not exactly central.</p> <p>Shrivenham club have netball lines on their courts and if the lines are drawn sympathetically, with symmetry, then they cause minimal disruption. It was advised that for tennis</p>	

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	<p>matches, the other 2 courts, without netball lines would be used. The tennis club needs young girls to join and this would be a way of attracting the netball girls to join the tennis club. The netball courts would only be used one night a week (Thurs, 5-7pm) for training only as all matches are played at a central venue in Oxford. This would also provide revenue for the tennis club.</p>	
Flower Festival	<p>12 August, the club has an opportunity to enter the Flower Festival Competition with a flower display to represent the club. Sjoerd to speak to Maureen Hobart, Liz Kilpatrick and Pat Perkins to see if they wish to do something on the club's behalf</p>	Sjoerd
Next Meeting	<p>Wed 12 Sep, 8pm at Susanna's House AGM – Friday Sep 21<sup>st</sup></p>	

Signed by:

Dated:

Sjoerd Vogt (Chairman)

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