

Faringdon Tennis Club

Committee Meeting Minutes



Venue, date and time: Tue 31 August 2021 at Clubhouse

Those present: Juliane Spiers, Susanna Hunt, Alan Elbourn, Steve Perry, Mark Mobey, Tom Francis

Apologies: Kate Haysman, Dave Crawley, Dave Tuck, Sam Bannister, Sjoerd Vogt

	Items Discussed	Actions
Financial Update	Steve will be presenting the financial update at the AGM on 24 Sep.	Steve P.
Club Championships	This is progressing well and on schedule for the Finals on Sat 18 Sep. Anne Sawyer will be providing refreshments on the day. Timings will be announced the week before. Thanks once more to Steve for his excellent organisation.	Steve W.
Floodlights	<p>The club wish to move forward with installing floodlights on Courts 3 and 4 in preparation for Sep 2022. The light switch will be in the clubhouse, with the ability to switch on either Ct 1 and 2 as a pair or Ct 3 and 4.</p> <p>The lights on Cts 1 and 2 which are damaged are still due to be replaced. Sj has chased the company, Abacus.</p>	
Membership	We have 325 members. This is the highest number the club have ever had.	
Subscriptions	<p>The club have not raised the cost of subscriptions since moving to Folly Sports Park 8 years ago.</p> <p>Our club remains one of the least expensive in Oxfordshire.</p> <p>The committee discussed raising subscriptions by £5-£10 per adult. This is a subject to be raised at the AGM.</p>	
Match Fees	<p>The Men's Captains met recently and discussed the fact that most captains end up out of pocket regarding match fees, as they don't always get paid by players. Match Fees are £2 per person (£8 per team), which covers the cost of match balls, which are then recycled and used at Social Tennis sessions.</p> <p>The Men's Captains have requested that Match Fees are waived. Juliane will raise this issue at the AGM.</p>	
Mens' Doubles Match – Bank Holiday Monday	<p>The Men's Monday Night A Team won their match to win their division. Andy Liddiard kindly opened the cricket bar for us.</p> <p>There were approx. 40 spectators.</p> <p>Juls to thank Andy, as he waived the hire charge.</p>	Juls
Tennis Teas	<p>The Oxfordshire LTA have asked all the league teams to say if they would like to return to offering full teas or whether they would prefer to just offer tea and biscuits. We are still waiting to hear their final decision.</p> <p>For mid-week matches which begin in the morning it makes more sense to offer sandwiches and cake as it's lunchtime</p>	

	<p>when the match is over. For weekend matches, beginning at 1pm, it makes more sense to just offer tea and biscuits.</p>	
Access to Clubhouse	<p>Could Sj please send an email to members to explain that the clubhouse is now open.</p>	
LTA Mini Tennis Rebrand	<p>The LTA has rebranded its' Junior Tennis Programme. Instead of Mini Tennis Red, Orange and Green, all those stages are to be called 'Youth Start'. The yellow ball programme (aged 11-18 yrs) is called LTA Youth. The Tots (aged 3-5 yrs) is Blue Ball.</p>	
Adrian Noke	<p>Adrian is no longer going to be playing competitive tennis due to a knee injury, but he has agreed to continue as Match Secretary for a couple more years. Mark Mobey would like the club to recognise the work he has done for the club as both captain and match secretary.</p>	Mark
Safeguarding Officer	<p>Juliane is our Safeguarding/Welfare Officer, but she is going to be away quite a lot over the coming year, so Alan has offered to do the on-line course too. Susanna to speak to Malcolm Gee as another potential contact for this role. The LTA are also requesting Tennis Club Committee members all take a course. Juliane is to look further into this.</p>	Juls Susanna Alan
AGM Fri 24 Sep	<p>AGM Reports will need to be complete Mon 13 Sep, so Sjoerd can put them on the website for members to read prior to the AGM. Chairman's Report – Juliane Financial Report – Steve Perry Match Secretary Report – Adrian Noke Coaching Reports – Tom and Dave Ladies Coaching – Susanna</p> <p>Juliane has been Chair for 3 years and will be stepping down in September. Mark Mobey has offered to be Chairman once again, unless anyone else would like to volunteer. It will be put to the vote at the AGM.</p>	Juls Steve Adrian Tom and Dave Susanna
Coaching and Summer Camps	<p>Paul Butcher, Max Mobey and James Bannister ran the two weeks of summer camps, 15-20 children attended. The next one will be October half term. The Wednesday evening sessions (4-6pm) are full, with 12 players attending each of the two hours, run by Tom and Max. Fridays are quieter, run by Paul and Dave, with Max Mobey and Luke Thomas attending the Performance Session. Paul Butcher would like to run a couple more hours of coaching on another evening. Mark Mobey suggested alternating the teams, so each team has an hour's coaching per month.</p>	Tom

Faringdon Junior School	<p>It is still proving difficult to access FJS. We need to approach Darren Kenyon and Joe Moore again, especially as Joe Moore is now more involved playing at the club. Shellingford School has been really receptive to coaching.</p> <p>Tom explained that the schools are being offered a £250 voucher for tennis equipment and coaching and even seem reluctant to take that up.</p>	
New Committee Role	Mark Mobey is to talk to Carolyn Murphy regarding her being the link for the ladies teams and setting up coaching/match practices, in the same way that Mark does for the Men.	Mark
Mens' Teams	Max Mobey has taken over from Adrian as Men's A Team Captain. Joe Moore is captain of the Monday Night Team and Mark is going to ask Tom Puffitt to captain the NCL Team, who play in the summer only and are a combination of singles and doubles.	
Court Painting	Courts 3 and 4 are to be repainted, probably w/c 6 Sep. Once the date is confirmed, members will be advised. The courts will be out of use for 2-3 days.	Sj
Sudbury House Hotel Aug 22 nd Afternoon Tea	<p>60 people attended and the sun shone, so we sat outside in the hotel gardens. The venue was lovely, but the service from Sudbury was poor.</p> <p>We would possibly consider hosting the event there again, but we would also like to forge links with the cricket club and use their pavilion and their bar, with Anne doing the catering, as we have done in the past.</p>	Susanna and Juls
Website	Guy Mobey has offered to revamp the Front Page of our website to make it easier to navigate with drop down menus. Mark Mobey to speak to Sjoerd, who maintains and updates our website.	Mark, Guy, Sj
Tennis Kit with Club Logo	Mark Mobey would like to update our Tennis T shirts and hoodies. Steve Perry to speak to his neighbour, who does signage and possibly kit too.	Mark Steve
Sat 25 Sep Rugby Social Event	The rugby club are holding a Social Event on Sat 25 Sep (1.30-7pm) and have asked the tennis club to have a stall at the event to promote the club (Contact is Dave Chuck-Norris). Alan suggested setting up a couple of zignets for children to play. Susanna to ask Sam and Kate if they would be happy to do the stall. Juls and Susanna could take over after their tennis match.	Susanna

