

Faringdon Tennis Club

Committee Meeting Minutes



Venue, date and time: Susanna's House, Tues 3 June 2014, 8.00pm
 Those present: Susanna, Sjoerd, Mark, Steve, Juliane, Alan
 Apologies: Kate and Matt

	Items Discussed	Actions
	Minutes of previous meeting – signed	Sjoerd
Financial	Main Account £30,117.57 Junior Acct: 436.11	Steve
Maintenance	We feel the current clubhouse and courts can just about survive until July without further work!	Alan
Relocation	The contractors should be starting this Thursday and it will take them approximately 6 weeks. Then three weeks curing; then line painting. There has been an ongoing debate about painted v non painted courts. After extensive research we have decided to go with non painted – particularly as the maintenance costs are so high for painted. However aesthetically the painted courts are preferable, therefore we are also exploring a coloured asphalt option. The final touches are being made to the clubhouse, with Anne having done an excellent job.	Sjoerd
Coaching	Mark and Alan mentioned that their tournament numbers were low but apparently this is the case all over Oxford. They feel that the Mini Red numbers will improve once we have the designated Mini Red zone and they will aim to keep the tournaments more local and light-hearted. Faringdon tournaments already have a good reputation for being welcoming and generous with their prizes! Alan suggested a 'Bangers and Mash' tournament (for example!) , once we have the cooking facilities at the new clubhouse. Men's Match Play on Wednesdays is proving popular with 10-12 men each week. Ladies A and B have 3 remaining practices on Fri 6 June, Mon 16 June and Wed 2 July, all 7-9pm. It was agreed that these Men and Ladies match practice sessions are very valuable, in addition to the social tennis sessions.	Alan, Matt, Susanna
Nomination of Captains	Mark spoke to the LTA to see if any clubs have a formal system for nominating captains and no club currently has, so we have decided to continue to nominate as we have done in the past. If we feel the need to adopt a more formal system in the future, we can review this.	Sj/Mark
Social Events	The Sportfest will now take place in 2015 as it is likely that the courts will not be ready in time for 3 Aug. The Wimbledon Draw was a great success up at the new clubhouse and Alan said how smooth the new LTA ballot system was. Tues 17 June and 15 July – 6pm Pimms and Prizes September – a date to be selected for the Grand Opening!	Alan/ Susanna/ Matt

	Winter – Floodlit tennis social evening with mulled wine.	
Membership	We have touching on 150 members and once we move, we anticipate that could increase to 200 members which would be an admirable target to reach, particularly when many Oxfordshire clubs are reporting a drop in their membership numbers	
Teams for Winter	3 Ladies and 2 Men's Teams have been entered for next winter	Anne
Netball	Juls and Susanna confirmed that only 1 netball court will be required. This will be on the first tennis court and the lines will be faintly painted, so the tennis courts lines have priority. The court will be hired Oct-Mar, 6.30-7.30pm at a cost of £10 per hour. The adjacent floodlit tennis court will be available to be played on during this hour. This will allow Matt to coach from 4-6.30pm and then again from 7.30pm on Thursday evenings during the winter.	
Publicity Officer	We need a person responsible for our publicity – particularly the monthly Folly articles – following the Cricket and rugby models. Susanna to approach Caroline Weston.	Susanna
Meetings	Meetings for 2014, all 8pm at the new clubhouse: Tues 9 Sep (changed from 2 nd Sept) Fri 19 Sep - AGM Tues 2 Dec	

Signed by: Sjoerd Vogt (Chairman) Dated: