

Faringdon Tennis Club

Committee Meeting Minutes



Venue, date and time: Clubhouse, Tue 4 Dec 2018, 7.00pm
 Those present: Juliane Spiers, Kate Haysman, Mark Mobey, Sam Bannister, Sjoerd Vogt, Steve Perry, Susanna Hunt, Dave Crawley.
 Apologies: Matt Williams, Alan Elbourn

	Items Discussed	Actions
	Minutes of previous meeting and AGM – signed	Juls
Financial	Balance £42,890 (net of £2k owed to LTA) This is approx. £7k more than at the same time last year. We discussed the benefits of moving approx. 80% of funds in the current account into a savings account.	Steve
Diary Dates and Social Events for 2019	Below are suggested dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sat 2 Feb – Evening event in Faringdon, 8pm - Eg. Sadlers/Pump House - Sat 27 April – New Season Social, Cricket Pavilion, 4-6 - Tue 14 May – P+P, 6.30-8.30 - Tue 18 June – Pimms + Prizes, Tue 6.30-8.30pm - Tue 7 May Wimbledon Draw - Sat 7 Sep Club Tournament Finals - Fri 27 Sep AGM Quiz <p>Once dates are confirmed, Anne Sawyer to be advised regarding catering.</p>	Susanna/ Juls/Anne
Tennis Courts/ Club House	<p>Path – Ray Elbourn is currently doing the work and the pathway is much better. Stones to be delivered to cover the parking area which is very muddy too. Floodlights need further repair. Sj is dealing with that. Usage of 2 floodlit courts to be monitored, to see if we need to light Courts 3 and 4 too. Cricket and Rugby club wish to combine with the tennis club to apply for a Sport England Grant for a Trim Trail round the existing track. We are in favour of this, as long as none of the additions are directly behind the tennis courts, in the player's eyeline. Juliane is liaising on this.</p> <p>We have had a few icy days this winter. Steve is purchasing new 'soft bristled' brooms and table salt (to be stored in the dug-outs) for gently brushing the affected areas.</p> <p>Match Practice. Mark Mobey arranges pairings before the night, so players are less likely to dip out last minute. Ladies A and B have a WhatsApp group for arrangements.</p> <p>Mark Mobey mentioned about the new courts at David Lloyds Centre in Oxford 'rubberised tarmac'. He said the drainage, the grip and the 'give' (ie. easy on the joints) were all great. A consideration when we next resurface.</p>	Sj/Mark

	Also, Sjoerd, any chance of under-court heating to prevent the courts freezing over in the winter? What would the cost be?	
Coaching Juniors	<p>Juliane suggested a regular coaching meeting, led by Matt Williams, probably 4 times a year, to discuss the development of junior tennis at the club, going into schools, recruiting Mini Red players, who would then progress through the age groups. In Matt's coaching report for Juliane he plans to organise holiday clubs too.</p> <p>Matt currently has 4 girls and 23 boys in his groups, so more girls do need to be recruited.</p> <p>Susanna's current group of 7 girls, (School Yrs 9-11 ie. 13-16 yr olds) stops for Dec/Jan/Feb, the coldest months, but will resume in Mar. Susanna to advise the girls that they can continue during these months by joining Matt's groups.</p> <p>In March, Susanna would like to operate an additional girl's only group for FCC Yr 7 and Yr 8 girls (ie. 11-12 yr old girls)</p> <p>Juliane attended the Oxfordshire LTA Meeting recently and one of the main topics was insisting that all coaches were LTA Coaches, and not qualified via other providers. Matt, Alan and Susanna are all Licensed LTA Level 3 Coaches.</p> <p>Mark Mobey would like to increase junior competitive tennis at the club by entering some junior teams into the Aegon Leagues. There are leagues for each age group and approx.. 4 clubs in Oxfordshire enter teams, playing 4 matches over the summer. It requires 4 players, who play both singles and doubles.</p> <p>He would also like to host some local tournaments, especially Mini Red, as we are the only club in Oxfordshire with proper Mini Red courts.</p> <p>Marketing the club in the community. It was suggested that Rachel Kenyon would be the best contact at FCC.</p> <p>Mark Mobey to speak to Matt Williams' Dad (Alan) as he does marketing projects for FCC too.</p>	<p>Matt</p> <p>Susanna</p> <p>Mark M.</p> <p>Mark M.</p>
Alan Elbourn	<p>Juliane has put Alan forward for the LTA Lifetime Achievement Award, in view of his services to tennis in Faringdon.</p> <p>For future awards, we should plan to nominate in September</p> <p>In preparation for future ceremonies.</p>	Juls
Mark Thomas (Coach)	<p>Mark Thomas, who coached at Uffington and Lechlade and briefly at Faringdon, is extremely ill with cancer. Mark Mobey to keep us informed and he sees him weekly. The club would like to wish Mark Thomas all the very best.</p>	
Tom Wilsdon (Coach)	<p>Tom is a coach at other Oxfordshire clubs (not Faringdon) but hires the 2 floodlit courts during the winter from 4.30-6.30pm each Tuesday to coach children from Uffington. He pays a court hire fee and has joined the club as a member for insurance purposes. He does not do any other coaching at</p>	

	the club. Juliane to check with him about advertising on Facebook.	
Paul Miller (Tennis Assistant)	Paul Miller, a member at the club, is currently doing his Level 2 Coaching Assistant Award which allows him to assist Matt Williams. They seem to be happy working together. Mark Mobey voiced a concern that Paul had upset some of the adult members but Sam Bannister said her son enjoyed the sessions with Paul, as he is enthusiastic.	
Guy Mobey	Currently in the middle of his L3 Coaching Award (not LTA) Should be completed by Jan/Feb 2019.	
Committee Members	<p>One of the complaints of Oxfordshire clubs, which was discussed at the LTA Meeting Juliane attended, was the difficulty to recruit volunteers for the committee and whether they need incentives.</p> <p>We do give a reduction of £10 annually to our 3 officers: Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Committee Members do not receive any discount.</p> <p>Captains of summer teams receive a £5 reduction on their subs and captains of winter a £10 reduction. This includes captains of mid week leagues (inc. Silver Servers)</p> <p>Faringdon is lucky as it does have enough committee members.</p> <p>One tactic which Sj recommends is to give members a specific task, rather than ask them to be on the committee.</p> <p>Eg. Steve Wright and the organisation of the Club Tournament, which we are hoping he will be happy to do again.</p> <p>Adrian Nokes, Match Secretary and Press Officer</p> <p>Roger Starr - Maintenance</p> <p>Sam Bannister said she would be happy to help with social events, thank you Sam.</p>	<p>Steve W.</p> <p>Sam B</p>
Meetings-2019	<p>All committee meetings will be Tuesdays at the clubhouse 7pm</p> <p>5 Feb – dates for social events tbc</p> <p>11 June</p> <p>10 Sep</p> <p>Fri 27 Sep – AGM 7-8pm Quiz 8-10pm</p> <p>3 Dec</p>	Juls

Signed by:

Dated:
Juliane Spiers (Chairperson)