Faringdon Tennis Club Committee Meeting Minutes

Venue, date and time: Clubhouse, Tue 6 Dec 2016, 7.00pm

Those present: Susanna, Mark, Alan, Juliane, Sjoerd, Steve Perry, Mark

Thomas

Apologies: Kate, Steve Pugh, Sam, Matt

	Items Discussed	Actions
	Minutes of previous meeting – signed	Mark
Financial	Our current financial position is a net balance of £25,658.67	Steve
Diary Dates and Social Events for 2017	Sun 22 Jan 10.30-12.30 - Aussie Open Social Sat night in Feb, tbc – Delta evening (Alan to confirm a date) Sun 5 Mar – 10.30-12.30 Ladies/Girls Social Tue 28 Mar – 6.30-8.30pm – Social – Easter Theme Sat 22 April – 4-6pm New Season Social – cricket pavilion May – Sep – Club Tournament Championships Tue 9 May – 6.30-8.30pm – Tennis + Wimbledon Draw Tue 13 June – 6.30-8.30pm – P+P Tue 11 July – 6.30-8.30pm – Summer Slam Social Sat 9 Sep – 1pm – Club Championships Final Sun 29 Oct – 10.30-12.30 – Monster Smash, Halloween Susanna to apply for 4 LTA Benenden themed events.	Juls/ Alan Susanna Steve Pugh
Tennis Courts/ Club House	Floodlights: We are progressing with the plan for lights on all 4 courts, and will be applying for planning permission in preparation for this, and possibly also an LTA grant. Drainage on path to the courts is to be improved. Sj is on the case. Alan to replace net strap on Ct 2 and new net fixtures on all 4 courts Far fewer worms this winter, let's hope that's the end of them! Sj confirmed that salt and brushes could be used to clear ice off the courts to enable play The committee are remaining open to looking at different court surfaces for the future, as there have been reports of slipping on the painted surface in the wet. The perfect surface does not exist but Sj will keep researching!	Sj/Mark Alan
Team Kit	Rather than doing a bulk order for the club, it's been decided that individuals can get their preferred piece of kit embroidered with the club logo for £5 per item by a local Faringdon lady. Sj to send out the information.	Sj

Mark would like to enter Men's D team for next winter season. He feels there is sufficient interest for this.	
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Mark has also applied for 'Tennis for Kids', which offers 10 funded places for children aged 5-8 yrs. He would like to offer this opportunity to local children.	
He would also like to enter some junior teams into Aegon Tennis tournaments, which are teams of 2-4 players, of certain age groups who play against local Oxfordshire clubs, both singles and doubles. Children without a competition ranking, are entered as 10.2 players and will play against children of similar abilities.	
We also talked about having some friendly matches between local clubs.	
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Sj is very keen to progress the Folly Sports Park as a whole and the plan for a children's playground adjacent to the skate park is in progress. We would encourage any opportunity to enter into joint events with rugby and cricket, and hope for more and more cross over between the clubs in the future.	
It was suggested that a Table Tennis Club would be a good idea for an additional sport, as there is not one in Faringdon. There used to be one but the closest is now in Buckland. Perhaps the cricket club would be prepared to rent out their club mid week during the evenings, with 3-4 tables set up.	
All committee meetings will be Tuesdays at the clubhouse at 7pm. Feb 7 June 6 Sep 5 Friday 22 Sep – AGM and Quiz Dec 5	Mark
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Signed by:	Dated:
	Mark Mobey (Chairman)