

Faringdon Tennis Club

Committee Meeting Minutes



Venue, date and time: Susanna's House, Tues 9 Sep 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	<p>Main Account £9,631</p> <p>A detailed account and balance sheet will be presented at the AGM</p> <p>Steve requested that Mark/Alan provide a record of ins/outs for the Junior Account too. Mark to do this.</p>	Steve/ Mark
Goodbye to Southampton St	Southampton St did survive until the end! Thank you to the old club for all the happy memories!	
Relocation / Codes	<p>The official relocation date is Sun 21 Sep.</p> <p>Coaching sessions have begun on the new courts this week and reaction to the new club has been very positive.</p> <p>Sj will issue:</p> <p>1) A code for the outside toilet and the courts to all members, including juniors. The outside toilet also gives players access to water, to fill up water bottles.</p> <p>2) A separate code for the clubhouse is to be issued to full adult members only and should not be passed on to others. Captains, committee members and those adults who require the code in order to access the floodlights, located in the clubhouse, will be given the code by the club. Being a Clubhouse Code holder also means that you are automatically put on the cleaning rota!</p> <p>Any £20 members over 16yrs (students in full time education) who wish to use the lights will need an adult with them to access the clubhouse or need to convert to £80 membership. All £20 members under 16 yrs must be accompanied by an adult when using the floodlights.</p> <p>A checklist will be posted up in the clubhouse to ensure that floodlights are switched off and the clubhouse is locked and secure at all times. This is the responsibility of all adult code holders.</p>	Sjoerd
Courts/Parking/ Surroundings/ Google Calendar	<p>The courts will be numbered 1-4, with No. 1 being the court closest to the clubhouse.</p> <p>Courts 3 and 4 will be used for matches on most Sat/Sun afternoons from 12.30-4.30pm and courts 1 + 2 will be available to book on Google Calendar. This means there will be casual play whilst matches are on.</p>	Sj/Alan

	<p>A sign is to be put on the outside toilet door, so it is clear which door it is (the left hand one of the 2 grey doors).</p> <p>The tennis balls are currently picking up colour from the court surface (a rich 'merlot' hue) but this will be short lived according to the contractors. The coaches are currently putting their balls in the washing machine which works well! It is worth doing as otherwise the balls are hard to see.</p> <p>There is currently a 'Trim Trail/Running' path which is approx a 1km circuit around the area. There are plans to connect this pathway to the new estate, so hopefully more members will walk/cycle to the club, rather than drive.</p> <p>2 narrow benches are to be located either side of the low fencing which divides Courts 1+2 from 3+4 so players on courts 2 and 3 have somewhere to put their belongings. Courts 1 and 4 have the benches in the dugouts.</p> <p>There are parking places available just in front of the skateboard park but if the gate is open you can park in front of the clubhouse. Sunday mornings will probably be the busiest due to rugby and it's quite possible that you may need to park up Stanford Rd on that day if all the spaces are full.</p> <p>Google Calendar will allow members to book one of 4 courts for an hour during the day and Cts 1+2 in the winter under the floodlights.</p> <p>The postcode for the tennis club is SN7 8BF but as it is so new some sat navs do not recognise it. The club is located on Stanford Rd which is off London St.</p> <p>Club Sessions, Match Practice Sessions and Coaching Sessions will all be booked on Google Calendar.</p> <p>Club Sessions for the coming winter will be: Tuesdays 7-8.30pm under floodlights – 2 courts Sundays 10.30-12.30 – all 4 courts</p> <p>Match Team Practices: Mondays 7-8.30pm – Ladies – 2 courts Wednesdays 7-8.30pm – Mens – 2 courts</p> <p>Netball: Thursdays 6.30-7.30pm – Ct 1+2 – Oct-Mar only</p> <p>Coaching: See website for overview of coaching session times and Google Calendar for specific days and times.</p>	
Coaching	<p>The Mini Red tournament at the new Red zone was so well received that another date has been booked on 27 Sep. Alan plans to have a Mini Red social session for children and their parents to play. Parents will just pay £20 membership to do this. Day and time tbc</p>	Alan, Matt, Susanna

	Alan also talked about a tournament at October half term. Details to follow	
Performance Juniors	<p>Alan would like to recognise those Junior players who are talented, competing at county level, have an LTA rating and count tennis as their number one sport (Guy and Max Mobey, Juliette Ainslie, Bertie Kiff) and invite them to play against each other.</p> <p>Matt is the Performance Coach and already does 1:1 sessions with most of the performance players.</p> <p>Alan wants to try to bring those players together, as tennis can be a very individual/lonely sport.</p> <p>There is a photo of Guy Mobey and Evie Phillips (from Faringdon but trains at Abingdon) on the noticeboard. They won the Oxfordshire County Mixed Doubles Championships.</p>	Alan/Matt
Head Account	Dave Shaw (club member who works for Head) and Alan are setting up a 'Head' account for the club which will give members discount on Head rackets, balls and clothing. Details to follow.	Alan/Dave Shaw
Social Events	<p>Tues 11 Nov: Floodlit Tennis and Mulled Wine: 7-8.30pm</p> <p>Sun 7 Dec 10.30-12.30 Tennis Social</p> <p>Dates to be booked on Google Calendar</p>	Susanna/ Juls Sj
Other Events Planned	<p>Open Evening for Other Clubs to view our floodlights in operation. Our club has the most modern state of the art LED lighting in the UK and tennis clubs up and down the country are keen to follow suit. We plan to invite other interested clubs to come and see them in operation, one evening in October, tbc.</p> <p>Thank You Evening: Sj suggested we host an evening to thank all those different parties that have made the new club possible. Date tbc.</p> <p>Spring 2015: Grand Opening with celebrity, possibly Judy Murray (currently busy on Strictly Come Dancing!). Date tbc</p>	Sj
Membership/ Subs	<p>We currently have 155 members, a record! We anticipate more.</p> <p>Although we encourage people to look on our website and print off their membership form, we also need to have copies at the clubhouse to hand out.</p> <p>It is proposed to keep subs the same as this year for 2015/2016. The year runs from May 1.</p> <p>Anyone joining part way through the year will be charged pro rata for full membership but the £20 membership is due any time of the year.</p>	Sj
Netball	<p>Juliane to input netball dates on Google Calendar (Court 1 and 2). Thursdays 6.30-7.30pm, Oct-Mar. It has been agreed for safety purposes that the adjacent court cannot be used for tennis during this hour.</p> <p>Netball bases to be stored in the clubhouse. Posts to be laid adjacent to the court netting on Ct 1.</p>	Juls
Folly Publicity Person	New member, Adrian Noke is our Publicity Member and he is liaising with captains/committee members to assist them to	Adrian Noke

