



TRING TENNIS CLUB

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th September 2008.

Present: Martin Allen, Kirstie Campbell, Pat Collins, Barbara Davies, Peter Dickenson, Julie Hoskins, Nigel Kippax, Sarah Painter, Ken Tavener, Breda Tunnell, Julie Turner, Anne Wollacott.

1. Apologies

- 1. Received from Ann Wollacott, Len Tunnell, Sheena Cogger

2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held 16th June 2008

- Approved.

3. Matters Arising

- List of FAQs still to be added to Website. *NK/MA to action.*

4. Treasurer's Report

- Current Balances are healthy
- **CASC:** KT presented the gains to club of becoming a CASC, including mandatory rate relief and exemption from Capital Gains Tax, and the disadvantages no opportunity to de-register, potential loss of control of club membership, tax penalties in the future. In view of the small financial gain and the potential drawbacks the committee voted this was not to be pursued at the present time.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

- Overall the membership remains about the same as last year, although the number of Full members is slightly down.

6. Maintenance/Courts

- Courts 1&2 have now been resurfaced and are awaiting repainting. This is dependent on the weather but should hopefully be back in action by the end of September.
- PC presented the results of the vote from members on changing the surface of courts 5 & 6: 32 voted for no change; 6 had no view; 26 voted for AGC; 7 for clay; 6 for Acrylic; 1 for other. As this represented 39 in total wanting a different surface the committee voted to get more detailed costs of different surfaces, their maintenance and renewal costs to present at the AGM for a final vote. *PD & LT to action. Also to ask Danny Proud for input.*
- Council Courts: *NK & Andy Criddle to discuss the future of these courts and how we might work with Tring council*

7. Clubmark

- Again no progress here due to lack of time. JT requested assistance and the following people will now take over responsibility for the following sections: SP . Action Planning in conjunction with Maintenance Sub Committee; NK,KT & Amanda Hopgood- Constitution & Club Management; JT,BD,PC & Viv Bryan, Child Protection, Policies & Membership. A deadline of November 2008 was set for completion of these sections. *JT to ensure aforementioned have sections of manual required.*

8. British Tennis Membership.

- LTA instructions for Ballot in 2009 clear. Only BT members Junior & Senior will be allowed to enter the ballot. The allocation will be based on BTM as at 30 November 2008. All members of BT on date of draw will be entered assuming they are still Tring LTC members on that date. *JT to send emails reminding people to join and out a poster up for November deadline. PC will add a note concerning BTM to application form.*

9. Coaching/Juniors

- BD advised the following Juniors have been granted Senior Status Amie Moores; Jamie Welsh & Matthew Rutt. *PC/JT to action.*
- BD presented the funding proposal from the coaching staff for the juniors for the coming year. This was approved unanimously.
- It was proposed that some changes be made to coaching practice/court allocation to allow more adult coaching, for teams and other interested adults. In addition to allow non members to attend coaching subject to an extra fee being paid. This was met with enthusiasm by the committee and Barbara confirmed the coaches would be interested in this new initiative. *NK & BD to take further.*

10. **Code of Conduct & Court Etiquette**

- The proposed Code of Conduct was circulated to committee for approval. It was agreed it should be adopted with minor amendments and it was stressed this is a gentle reminder to all in the club about behaviour and consideration for others. *JT to email out, display in club. NK to put on website.*

11. Christmas Party.

- A pub meal was decided on as a change from the disco. *KC & AW to arrange. JT to help with posters/emails.*

12. AOB

- TSF Sports Taster Day. Special thanks to PC, BD and Sam Thorley. Also Ollie O Gorman & Billy Jeffrey who helped Barbara. A successful day enjoyed by all and 1 new member possibly 2.
- Fencing & gate by court 5 needs attention. *LT & MA to action.*
- Possibility of 4+line on baseline discussed for courts 1&2. *LT to request.*
- Tournament 2008. to be reviewed, suggestions for change/improvements to be given to *SP, PD & SC to action and report back in November.*
- PC to no longer wishes to continue as captain of Vets teams for summer 2009. *PC SP to action.*
- The cricket club have indicated that a request to extend the existing lease or obtain a new lease would be welcomed. *NK & KT to investigate further.*

13. Next Meeting will be Tuesday 18th November at JH house.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 938pm.