

# TRING TENNIS CLUB



## Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th November at 8pm

**Present:** Pat Collins, Barbara Davies, Peter Dickenson, Sarah Painter, Julie Hoskins, Nigel Kippax, Ken Tavener, Breda Tunnell, Julie Turner, and Kate Bowyer

### 1. Apologies

- Received from, Len Tunnell Kirstie Campbell, Sheena Cogger, June Mordey

### 2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> September 07

- Approved.

### 3. Matters Arising

- Item 14; PD/SP advised Slazenger balls to be used for all matches. *KT to action.*

### 4. Treasurer's Report

- KT presented the accounts for 2006/7 which reflect a healthy balance; these will be taken forward to AGM and auditor.
- In view of healthy funds no increase in subscriptions is proposed for 2008.
- The cricket club proposed a rent increase to take effect from 1/12/2007. KT advised that under the terms of the lease 6 months notice had to be given. The committee agreed that the additional £100.00 should be paid as a goodwill gesture but that this should be accompanied by a letter drawing the cricket club's attention to terms of lease for future reference. *KT to action.*
- KT checking on insurance quotes.
- NK to bill for website cost and chase sponsor's contributions.

### 5. Membership Secretary's report

- Full members 160; Midweek 29; Intermediate 17; Student/Uni 8; 18/21 5; Country 2; Social 11; Life Members 10 including 5 players; VPs 8; Juniors 165 and under 10, 74 ; total 479.
- Intermediate members to be liable for late payment penalty of £10.00 to bring them in line with other memberships.

### 6. Coaching

- Debbie Hobday is returning after Christmas.
- Good results from junior teams with 2 winning their divisions in the NJCL. *BD to attend meeting to collect trophy and NK to put on website.*

### 7. Clubmark

- JT ran through the Clubmark scheme and summarised requirements. Work to begin on this after Christmas. The proposed constitution has been given to KT, Amanda Hopgood and NK for them to look at and advise of any changes needed to be made. Main change likely to be Equal Opportunity clause.

### 8. British Tennis Membership

- JT outlined this scheme and that the club have a target membership and if we come top in our group the club will receive a grant of £300. It was highlighted that membership is free for 1 year and in order to be eligible for Wimbledon Tickets club members must be members of British Tennis before the ballot date.
- The committee agreed to promote membership to members and highlight the Wimbledon draw requirements and possible grant to the club despite reservations about both the future cost of the scheme to members and the implications of the change to the Wimbledon Ballot procedure.
- Members not on email to be contacted by letter. *JT/PC to action.*

### 9. Feedback

- Little response had been forthcoming from members on either court surfaces or tournament 2008 so the committee decided to seek feedback on court surfaces by way of the renewal letter sent out in March, on the website and a notice in the clubhouse. This would then be looked at again.
- Tournament 2008 be run in the current format. Members would be asked to vote on the format for the 3<sup>rd</sup> set on the tournament entry forms.
- Additional tournaments to be considered for the calendar of events to include vets tournament, tennis club vs. cricket club and a fancy dress tournament.

### 10. Funding & Wish list

- JT reported that Andy Criddle advised we had been unsuccessful in obtaining any funding in the last round of applications but that it was well worth continuing and having a list of projects we would like to undertake. To this end it was proposed a sub committee be set up to discuss and research this. *Sub-committee of AC, NK & BD formed.*
- Members again to be asked for anything they would like to see done.

#### 11. **Teams**

- PC had proposed a 3<sup>rd</sup> vets team in the summer due to the numbers wishing to play. SP had spoken to SC who had expressed some concern over court space on summer evenings. PC to attend AGM of ADL to propose that different day be adopted, for example Sunday mornings. *PC/SC to liaise and report back.*

#### 12. **AOB**

- The cleaning of the clubhouse remains an issue. A list of things we would like the cleaner to do to be drawn up and this to be discussed with the cleaner to see if it is possible within the time she has. *PC/KB to action and report back. All to monitor cleanliness.*
- Christmas party not gone well. Will go ahead this year but we need to consider something different for 2008.
- Apologies received from the Cricket Club over the early stopping of play on 3<sup>rd</sup> November due to fireworks celebration. Earlier notice to be given next year and committee to ensure members advised.

#### 13. **AGM/2008 Committee**

- Date set for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 8pm.
- Committee members wishing to retire to advise NK and any suggestions/volunteers to be advised also.
- JT advised all notifications where possible would be sent by email after Christmas with the remainder being sent out in the conventional way.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.