



TRING TENNIS CLUB

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th November 2008.

Present: Martin Allen, Kirstie Campbell, Sheena Cogger, Pat Collins, Barbara Davies, Nigel Kippax, Ken Tavener, Breda Tunnell, Len Tunnell, Julie Turner, Anne Wollacott.

1. Apologies

1. Received from Peter Dickenson, Julie Hoskins, Sarah Painter Debbie Hobday,

2. Approval of minutes of previous meetings held 8th September 2008 & 13th October 2008

- Approved.

3. Matters Arising

- None.

4. Treasurer's Report

- KT presented the accounts for 2007/2008, which reflect a downturn in income from subscriptions and interest and an increase in maintenance costs due to the improvements being made. A deficit is predicted for 2008/9 due to the planned improvements in and around the clubhouse and a drop in interest income. In view of the deficit predicted for 2008/9 the committee will propose an increase in subscriptions by £8.00 per full member for 2009/10 (pro rata for all other members) at the AGM.

- Current Balances are healthy.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

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

- The category of membership for 18-21 will be withdrawn for 2009/10.

6. Maintenance/Courts

- LT confirmed that he will be receiving quotes for and information about 3 types of courts
 - Hard
 - Carpet
 - Poraflex.

These alternatives will be presented at the AGM. *LT to action.*

- Courts 3&4 have been moss treated. LT proposed that this should be done on all 6 courts annually as this helps to preserve the surface. This might change should courts 5 & 6 have a different surface. Committee agreed to this. *LT to action*

- Fencing needs urgent attention. It was proposed that the trees behind all 6 courts butting onto cricket club be removed as they present a problem to maintain and trim and their roots damage the courts. There would then be an opportunity to have screening and obtain sponsorship on this from local businesses. *LT/MA to investigate.*

- LT confirmed a log of all maintenance carried out is kept.

7. Clubmark.

- The following were adopted as Club Policy by a unanimous vote.

- Guidelines for Child Protection
- Code of Conduct for people working with children
- Tennis Clubmark Child Protection Policy
- Tennis Clubmark Guide to Safer Recruitment
- Tennis Clubmark Policy on use of images of children & young people
- LTA guidelines for travelling & staying away
- Adoption of Trip & Activity consent form

- KC & AW volunteered to take part in next Club for all+workshop

- Clubmark should be ready to be submitted by Jan 2009.

8. Coaching/Juniors

- BD advised all coaching going smoothly but not much response had been received from the Adult Coaching initiative.

9. Christmas Party
 - KC proposed that due to a lack of response to the Christmas Party she and the other organisers proposed to change it to a Burns Nights party on Friday 23rd January. *KC to coordinate. JT to send out email.*
 - It was agreed to do this and combine it with the AGM.
10. Long term Development opportunities for club.
 - Council Plans outlined to committee. *No action at this time.*
11. Court Surfaces
 - Discussed under item 6.
12. 2009 Committee posts
 - LT, PD, SC & KT advised they will not be standing for re election. The committee need to actively seek new members for the coming year since the offices of Treasurer, Mens Captain, Fixtures Secretary and Groundsman will all fall vacant.
13. Tournament proposals
 - Not discussed both PD & SC absent.
14. Tring Sports Forum.
 - Andy Criddle has been appointed Vice Chairman of TSF and can no longer represent Tennis Club. NK volunteered to take this on pro tem.
15. AOB
 - MA advised the new shower had been installed in the Ladies changing room.
16. Next Meeting will be the AGM on Friday 23rd January at 7pm in the Clubhouse.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.