

EARDISLEY TENNIS CLUB

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 17th. February 2010 at 8pm in the Clubhouse.

Present:

P. Lane, J. Jones, J. Parry, N. Bishop, A. Rees, S. Barnett, A. Griffiths, A. Ross, P. Bishop, S. Maynard, J. Williams, R. Evans, J. Reeves.

Apologies:

A. Grunsell, C. Davis, J. Johnson, B. Kinsey, R. Penson, M. Parker, M. Hawthorne, N. Harper, D. Bishop.

Minutes of last meeting:

The meeting approved the minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 23rd., February 2009.

Matters arising:

The chair reported that the delay to the colouring of the new court surfaces was due to a communications problem between Doe Sport and their sub-contractors. However, the courts had been painted and the finish was considered excellent.

Other matters discussed:

The chair requested that all members be made aware that chewing gum had been found on the courts. She asked all to be vigilant making sure that this messy abuse ceased.

Chair's Report

The chair reported that she was pleased with the progress of the club throughout the last year. The highlights were as follows:

- Membership numbers were up slightly, less juniors more adults,
- Two ladies and two men's teams fielded through the year,
- British Tennis membership up,
- Wimbledon allocation highest ever, (Thanks to Annie Rees who has offered to continue to manage this process for the club),
 - Clubmark accreditation achieved; a red letter day for the club,
 - Questionnaires had been circulated to members but, unfortunately, with little response/feedback,
 - New web promotional site, Places to Play, on the LTA web site, worth a visit to see the images and info,
 - Coaching continues under the guidance of Steve Barnett. Two juniors, Adam Bowen and Will Haines excelled in their age groups. Mini tennis continues under the care of Emma and Norma.
- We have had a recent Sport England successful grant application. £3,737 mainly to be spent on equipment with some allowance for coaching and promotional activities,
 - Fund raising bought two sun umbrellas,
 - The car park has been surfaced at a cost of £9,442. Slightly more than budgeted but extra drains were installed.

Rounding up Pat commented that we offered first class facilities for our members and that the club should be proud of its achievements.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer presented the meeting with a four year summary of income and expenditure for our club. The main points from these, when compared with the previous year, were:

- Subscription income similar to previous year, (Subs had not been increased since the start of the 2008 year),
 - Interest income much reduced due to the on going record low levels applied. We are not in a position to improve upon this and should expect these lower levels of earnings to continue,
 - Overall income has reduced mainly because of the impact of the reduced interest earnings,
 - Under the expenditure heading subs to the LTA had increased as anticipated. They will be slightly higher again in the next year,
 - The additional costs associated with providing the floodlighting, at no charge to members, amounted to around £350. This is less than the original forecast of £500. Our utilities expenditure should not increase in the foreseeable future,
 - Cost of balls has increased due to increased club night/Saturday morning activity,
 - Two extraordinary amounts were recorded against the cost of the car park surfacing and court painting,
 - The surplus of income over expenditure for the year amounted to £3,891.

Alastair concluded by expressing his opinion that the overall position was satisfactory. He did not envision any major expenditure in the near future. He commented that we could look forward to building, annually, on the cash in hand so that when required we had the reserves available for any major future expenditure.

S. Maynard proposed the adoption of the accounts, N. Bishop seconded with all others in agreement.

Match Report's

Simon Maynard reported on the various match results on behalf of all the team captains.

- Ladies A team came fourth in division with only 1.5 points between second, third & fourth,
- Ladies B team came third in division 8,
- Men's A team came top in division 7 and are now promoted to division 6,
- Men's B team missed promotion by one point, a great effort for the first year,
- ETC has also put up a team for the Whitecross winter league winning 5-0 in the 3 matches played so far, bad weather has interceded!
 - Men's winter league matches have also been affected but we've won the two we've played,
 - Emma & Jo will captain the ladies A & B respectively, Simon the men's A team and, hopefully, Mike Hawthorne the B team.

Simon also thanked Julian for organising the Whitecross and men's winter league team events.

Coaches Report

Our Tennis Hereford coach, Steve Barnett, presented a report to the meeting. The highlights were as follows:

- Steve considered there was "great enthusiasm" from all participants at coaching sessions at our club,
 - Summer term mini tennis numbers had been greatly increased; adult numbers steady,
 - Good attendance at the fun tournaments,
 - The weather has played a part in reducing recent activity. However, coaching had continued wherever possible with some help from members who cleared the snow!
 - Looking forward Steve hoped there would be more opportunities for coaching.

Steve also advised that there is a big drive to identify junior talent from DOB years 2003-2005. Any ETC candidates would help ensure that we raise awareness of our talent with H & W LTA and link us to a performance club. Participation opportunities will take place shortly at three nearby schools.

Committee

The chair advised that a note of resignation from the committee had been received from A. Grunsell. Pat also informed the meeting that she was also resigning from both the chair and committee membership from the date of this meeting. Three new committee members had joined through the year, P. Bishop, R. Evans, and J. Reeves.

The committee resigned en bloc. Re-election to the committee then took place as follows:

- Chair and Treasurer Alastair Ross
- Vice Chair and Secretary Peter Bishop
- Match Secretary Emma Bowen
- Committee members: Norma Bishop, Jo Jones, Annie Rees, Chris Davies, Richard Evans, Simon Maynard, John Reeves and Julian Williams.

(Other committee functions, such as the membership secretariat, will continue as before)

Subscriptions

A discussion about the subscription rates followed. It was agreed that there should be some increases and some put on hold as follows:

- Individual adult, From £70 To £75,
- Couple, From £125 To £130,
- Family From £150 To £160,
- Full time student, HELD at £25,
- Junior member, HELD at £20,
- Social member, HELD at £10.

These amendments to our subscription rates were proposed by J. Williams, and seconded by S. Maynard with all others in agreement.

Visitors Fees

A proposal to increase visitor's fees was put before the meeting and a discussion followed. **All committee members were urged to make sure that their or any other member's guests paid a visitors fee.** It was agreed that a higher profile, of the need to pay, was required. As a result of the discussions it was agreed that the visitor's fee would be increased, from the start of the new season on the first of April, from £3 per session to £4 for adults only. Children would remain at £1.

This amendment was proposed by A. Rees and seconded by P. Bishop with all others in agreement.

Club Night and Saturday Morning

A general discussion regarding club nights and any other informal session took place. As a result no changes were proposed therefore club night remains on Wednesdays at 6pm, Saturday morning from 10am and junior time is still on Fridays between 4.30pm – 6.30pm, (not 5pm – 7pm).

Any other business:

Alastair drew the meetings attention to our web site; this is maintained by member Stephen Parkinson. Alastair asked that any up dates or information to be posted on the web site should be forwarded directly to him and that he would then work with Stephen to make any amendments etc.

It was suggested that we make more of our web site and highlight the address on all communications and notices.

Andrew Griffiths, Tennis Hereford, brought a copy of a draft coaching contract to the meeting. The chair has taken this in hand and the contents and any required actions will be discussed at the next meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting Alastair made a presentation to Pat Lane. He thanked her for her support of our club over many years recently as chair and before that as secretary. She will be missed at the future committee meetings. Alastair also thanked Jo Jones for her secretarial services over the last two or three years.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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