

Wickham Community Tennis Club

Minutes of the fifth Annual General Meeting held at 7pm on Wednesday 24th February 2016 at the Old House Hotel, Wickham.

Present:

Simon Barry [Chairman], Nicki Oliver [Secretary], Alan Ediss [Treasurer], Sue North, Nick Watson, Therese Evans [Parish Council Representative], Sue Roger-Jones [Parish Council Representative]

Members: Emma Barry, Mary Humby, Adrian Keen, Jane Kemm, Heather Oswald, Richard Stone, Linda Warren, Michael Warren

Active Academy Head Coach Chris Hull, Sam Marston

Agenda

1. To receive apologies for absence Robert Goulson [Match Secretary], Maggie Allan, Paul Bedford, Alex Bulmer, Mark Collins, Peter Eades, Janet Eades, Fribbance family, Anne Gosney, Sabrina Gwynn, Lyse Lymeaux Heather Maidment, Laurie Rickwood, Nigel Tulk, Shirley Wood
2. To approve the minutes of the fourth AGM held on 9th February 2015 **Minutes approved.**
3. To receive the annual report for 2015 from the outgoing officers **Annual report made available to all members prior to the AGM.**
4. To receive independently inspected accounts for 2015 **Draft accounts received and approved for publication.**
5. Proposal that the following 2016/17 subscriptions should be charged with discounts for payment before the end of March 2016, no increase on last year
 1. Adult single membership £55 before 31st March, £65 thereafter
 2. Household (includes all adults, students and juniors at the address) £80 before 31st March, £100 thereafter
 3. Junior single membership £20 (no discounts)
 4. Student single membership £25 (no discounts)

2016/17 Subscription proposals agreed.

6. Proposal for the Club to carry out /prioritise the following in 2015/16:
 - Clean and repaint the courts – request to Wickham Parish Council
 - Fundraise and install a club house
 - Agree adult teams for 2016 & attendance at the P&D league AGM and fixtures meeting on 10th March
 - Review court hire fees charged to coaches
 - Review pay and play hire fees
 - Review club contribution towards junior Christmas parties
 - Fund/subsidise coaching at Wickham CE Primary £600
 - Provide adult tennis activities / open days /competitions £500
 - Provide junior competitions / open days £300
 - Contribute £3,600 towards sinking fund for courts and floodlights
 - Increase adult and junior participation in competitive tennis
 - Promote club at local events
 - Maintain Tennismark standards

Above priorities agreed and will be actioned by the new committee subject to the notes overleaf.

Courts will be cleaned and repainted this year.

Input is needed from members to determine the requirements of the new club house. Maintenance and running costs for the club need to be considered.

1 ladies, 1 mens and 2 mixed teams have been entered into the summer leagues.

The new committee will review the court hire fees charged to coaches.

Junior Christmas parties funded by the club in future to involve the wider membership not just children on the coaching programme.

The club needs to be more involved in the community, ideas include the coaches visiting the Youth Clubs at Wickham & Knowle, and a Fit4Felix fundraiser. It was agreed that the street tennis at the Taste of Wickham Festival is good promotion for the club and should continue and be developed. Volunteers needed for this year's Taste of Wickham 11th September 2016.

The club should continue to explore providing tennis for disabled people.

More coaching for team players was requested.

The club needs to update its strategy.

The club notice board also needs updating.

Requests from members not attending the meeting include providing a windbreak and considering subscription reductions for summer only membership.

The Chairman thanked the team captains Maggie Allen, Adam Moore and Nick Watson and added particular thanks to retiring captain Lyse Lemieux who has led the development team from its inception.

7. To receive a report on coaching plans from Active Academy Head Coach, Chris Hull Update included in annual report and the priorities agreed above.

After running the club's coaching programme for three years there are an increasing number of yellow ball players.

Junior teams are being organised for this year's Ageon leagues.

Three junior leaders have been trained this year, thanks to all the volunteers who help out.

Thank you to the club for supporting the junior sessions and also for sponsoring the Christmas events.

8. To elect the committee for 2016/17:

- Chairman **Simon Barry** elected.
- Treasurer **Alan Ediss** elected.
- Secretary **Emma Barry** elected.
- Members **Robert Goulson, Sue North and Nick Watson** elected.

9. To receive questions from members all included above.

Meeting closed 8.30pm