

Wickham Community Tennis Club

Minutes of a meeting held at 10am on Wednesday 13th August 2013 at Wickham Centre

Present: Adrian Keen (Chairman/Treasurer), Nicki Oliver (Secretary), Simon Barry, Alan Ediss, Eason Furnell, Robert Goulson, Sue North

1. To receive apologies for absence **Adrian Baskerville, Therese Evans and Sue Roger-Jones (Parish Council Representatives)**
2. To receive declarations of interest on agenda items **Nicki declared an interest as Clerk to Wickham Parish Council, owners of the tennis courts.**
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2013 **Minutes approved.**
4. To consider the following agenda items
 - 4.1 To review club activities:
 - 4.1.1 To receive report on coaching programme, school visits and other sessions from Chris Hull **Report from Chris attached. Adrian K to speak to Chris to re-negotiate the administration fees. Club to fund 2 weeks of initial sessions at Droxford Junior School total cost £180, the school will fund further sessions. It was agreed to continue to support sessions at Wickham CE Primary School. The coaching programme begins again on 14th September.**
 - 4.1.2 To review club and team programme **Some minor changes to the Tuesday evening session were agreed. The Tuesday morning club session to be removed from the programme. Robert is willing to be the contact if members wish to continue playing with courts booked week by week.**
 - Three teams to be entered for the winter leagues: 1 ladies, two mixed and 1 men's.**
 - 4.1.3 To receive update on visits by Wykeham House School **The club has received £250 for use of the courts and 11 pupils have signed up for a year's free membership**
 - 4.1.4 To receive feedback from 'Free Friday Tennis' **These sessions have been well supported resulting in new members. It was agreed to consider a regular monthly open session, item to be included on the next agenda.**
 - 4.1.5 To consider providing club branded sportswear for members to buy **Simon showed some teeshirt samples and will clarify the cost of the clothing.**
 - 4.1.6 To consider club logo for team/club wear **It was agreed to keep the existing logo**

4.1.7 To discuss request for windbreaks **The club has asked the Parish Council for its views on windbreaks on two occasions and the request has been denied. Copies of most recent minutes on this link: [Recreation Committee 3rd July 2013](#)**

4.1.8 Proposal to hold a club competition **It was agreed to host a club competition on 7th September subject to numbers wishing to take part. Simon to lead.**

4.1.9 To consider request for assistance from Bishops Waltham Tennis Club **Refer to next meeting.**

4.1.10 County Councillor grant, expenditure and publicity **Cllr Patricia Stallard has made a grant of £700 to the club for the purchase of junior tennis equipment.**

4.1.11 To consider Beacon Status requirements **Refer to next meeting.**

4.2 To receive update on Club accounts **Balance at 1st August £11,290.06**

4.2.1 To sign accounts for 2012/13 **Accounts signed.**

4.2.2 To submit CASC application **Application will be submitted when signed accounts returned from the accountant.**

4.3 To receive update on membership

120 adults and 82 juniors of which 23 are 'minis' – under 9.

11 girls from Wykeham House have signed up for free membership

Meeting closed 12.30pm

Coach report August 2013

Brief report/update:

The junior programme will restart Sept 7th with only some minor tweaks to agree with Adrian for the Sat am session to fill the 9.30-10.30 hour (Just chatting this through with Catherine/Adrian but we may well add another orange session as numbers growing there or re-use that hour as volunteer hour)

Parent feedback remains positive and I am hopeful of good numbers starting again in September. More of the parents are now starting to play/join other sessions.

Summer Camp numbers so far are encouraging (maintaining contact with families) including meeting some new juniors which is a key objective for me - although proving challenging to get people to book ahead for the older session so it is a bit day at a time! Feedback on sessions so far is excellent and also meeting new parents who again we encourage to join us.

School activity:

Really great term of tennis at Wickham with good teacher feedback. I'm still (after many chases) waiting for Maria to let me know about Tues/Thurs term time activity for Sept (which is leaving it disappointingly late as I'm holding mine and Catherine's Tues and Thursday work diaries.) It will really affect us both if we get a no at this very late stage but I'm still hopeful.

Droxford head has agreed to fund 4 weeks of curriculum hrs tennis in Sept for years 3/4 of Friday ams. Adrian K has provisionally agreed to fund two initial weeks club funded prior to that so we will deliver 6 weeks total to 3 classes of 30+ a week there. Again as Wickham approx 100 children a week.

Botley C of E primary school deputy head has recently approached me (on back of work I do at Hampshire) and asked for a meeting in late Aug with ambition to start tennis at his school in some form. Again this could potentially be linked to Wickham If felt appropriate by the club.

We will approach other local schools dependant on response by Maria.

Adult sessions all seem resilient in good weather we are enjoying. And we hope Tuesday remains strong when the charging starts next week.

Bishops Waltham - already raised in separate email but I agree with Adrian Baskerville the club needs first to consider if it wants to grow / support wider facilities and where this fits in. Having said that unless a proactive plan is proposed to Bishops Waltham PC soon for a new/refreshed club to support the courts I suspect it will lose its dedicated tennis facility very quickly to other sports/uses.

Immediate actions on return:

Meet Botley Head.

Chase Wickham/Maria re Wickham.

Agree any changes to sept Prog.

Agree and order new junior kit from grants.

Discuss and agree fee/admin/coaching session fee charges with Adrian Keen - Adrian has recently proposed some or all of admin fee is removed but we have not yet had a good opportunity to agree this and impacts to head coach fees.

Arrange Nursery visits/advertising. A new campaign for Sept)

Very best,

Chris