

Wickham Community Tennis Club

Minutes of a meeting held at 10am on Wednesday 14th June 2013 at Warwick House.

Present: Adrian Baskerville (Chairman), Adrian Keen (Treasurer), Nicki Oliver (Secretary), Simon Barry, Alan Ediss, Therese Evans (Parish Council Representative), Eon Furnell, Robert Goulson, Sue North

1. To receive apologies for absence **Sue Roger-Jones (Parish Council Representative)**
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 24th April 2013 **Minutes approved.**
4. To consider the following agenda items
 - 4.1 To review coaching and club programme including teams
 - 4.1.1 Update on agreement for coaching contract for Chris Hull **Contract agreed and signed.**
 - 4.1.2 To receive report on coaching programme, school visits and Children's Centre sessions from Chris Hull **Coach's report attached. Some potential changes to the programme were discussed but it was agreed to maintain the current programme for now.**
 - 4.1.3 To consider request for two courts for the club session on Tuesday mornings **Request declined as numbers attending insufficient at present.**
 - 4.1.4 To receive update on visits by Wykeham House School **Visits are going well, currently in week 2 of the 5 week booking.**
 - 4.1.5 To receive feedback from 'Free Friday Tennis' **These evenings are proving successful with potential new members trying out the sessions.**
 - 4.1.6 To discuss request to borrow temporary net from Botley PC **It was agreed not to proceed with this as the net is too cumbersome for temporary use.**
 - 4.1.7 To consider providing club branded sportswear for members to buy **Simon to research further.**
 - 4.2 To receive update on plans for Clubmark presentation on 15th June. **Zoe Bambridge to visit Wickham and Knowle with the plaque for photos for the press release which the LTA will arrange.**
 - 4.3 To receive update on Club accounts **Bank balance at the end of April £12,463. Grants to be applied for from WCC and Cash4Clubs for Level 1 coaching and Zig nets. Action Nicki**

4.4 To receive update on membership **Current membership 224 of which 64 are juniors.**

Meeting closed 12.15pm

Coach report June 2013

Red/Orange/Green and Teen sessions continue to be well attended. As we offer pay and play (rather than term commitment and play we do find numbers vary week to week) but we have had some very well attended 6-8 yr sessions and Catherine's Wickham court sessions have been progressing well. The numbers are most variable in the 4 and under sessions and I do wonder if we should look at pricing on these younger sessions and now engage with local nurseries. (This had been de-prioritised to focus on Wickham school activity recently). Sat Adult and Teen Mix in has not had players attend so will now give us room to expand either adult or Junior activity.

Adult Sessions.

Numbers building (with the good weather) for Thursday Eve - last Thurs being a record of 14 for cardio and again 14 for improvers. When asked the group said it was better to keep an open session at the moment rather than overly restricting numbers/levels. (We had a straw poll at the session). Something to review especially if good weather continues. Minority wanted to restrict numbers to 8.

Sat am cardio tennis at Knowle continues to attract Mums and Dads from our Mini Juniors - great to see we have new players emerging from this session.

School Activity.

Numbers are still low (4) for the after school club but we are hopeful our new curriculum hours session will boost numbers as time goes by. We have now done 3 days of school hours sessions with classes from years 1-4 enjoying their sessions. Teacher support is good. I am awaiting permission to circulate photos from this weeks session where we celebrated LTA National Mini Tennis Week. Next action to get agreement from Maria on the timings/hours for the Terms activity for September which will be funded by the school rather than club.

Teachers Fitness. 6-10 staff have been regularly attending this session and it was fantastic to see they enjoyed their first Cardio Tennis session on the courts last Thursday eve. Feedback was positive and staff ask for this to alternate with their circuit training dependant on weather conditions. Pictures are available via WW Facebook page.

Tues eve trial - organised mix-in. Excellent feedback from David's session. As already reported we need to be careful with members to ensure this is not known/or seen as a coaching session. To protect the club and David. David is not yet LTA qualified or insured to run coaching solo.

Other areas

Fun Competition invite. We have been asked to put a team of novice adult and junior team players to enter a four team fun competitive play session with Steep (Scorpions), Thornden (Tornados) & Havant (Aces). This year held at Thornden club on sun 30th June. Kim Ford has kindly agreed to be our team captain and Harvey will also join. There is a cost on £20/player to cover T-Shirts, buffet lunch and organisation.

Two adults and 6 juniors will hopefully have a fun day learning to compete in a fun environment.

Meon Hotel/Golf I have been very recently approached by Meon Valley Golf/Hotel to support some Tennis Activation activity on their newly re-painted/refurbished 3 outside courts. I have had an initial meeting and feel this may be a good future connection with Wickham Community Tennis as may give us some additional court capacity for team/squad days. Initial activity will likely be some cardio tennis and group sessions for their members and be scheduled to not conflict with Wickham Tennis programme activity. If this proves successful I would welcome suggestions on further link up activity and perhaps a joint meeting.

Summer Camp. Camps took place again over half term (2 dates younger and 1 for older juniors) Dates and an advert are just about to be released for Summer Hols. I have identified 8 days that we will run junior sessions over the holiday. Approx 2 per week (apart from 2 weeks I am away) again Knowle Hall will be used for younger juniors ensuring Weather proof activity. (Hall funded by coach)

Chris Hull