

# Wickham Community Tennis Club

**Minutes of a meeting held at 10am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at Knowle Village Hall.**

**Present:** Adrian Baskerville (Chairman) Adrian Keen (Treasurer), Nicki Oliver (Secretary), Simon Barry, Alan Ediss, Therese Evans (Parish Council representative), Eeon Furnell.

1. To receive apologies for absence **Sue Roger-Jones (Parish Council Representative) Robert Goulson, Sue North.**
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 27<sup>th</sup> September 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 **About 30 children are taking part in the Saturday morning sessions at Knowle with 15 adults joining cardio. Adult and older junior sessions at the courts are also well attended. Evening sessions are doing well, there is some more capacity for the Wednesday evening cardio session. The Club's underwriting of coaching sessions is reducing significantly as numbers grow.**

**The outdoor Saturday morning sessions will probably stop for January and February, there is some flexibility.**

**Chris is delivering tennis during curriculum time at Wickham CE Primary funded by the school. The Club is funding the after school club which has grown slowly from 3-6 members. It was agreed to look at reducing the after school session cost from £3 to £2 after Christmas.**

**School visits are resulting in increased memberships. It was agreed to fund three taster sessions at local schools with a budget of £200 to the end of the year.**

4.1.2 To review club and team programme **It was agreed to add a team training session as a block booking on Sunday mornings when there are no matches. Four teams are playing in the winter leagues with matches taking place at the weekends.**

**Sam Marston to design some posters for Pages and elsewhere to promote the Club's activities. Budget of £100 agreed.**

4.1.3 Update on club branded sportswear for members **The Club's web page is now live and ready to accept orders. A link is available on the home page of the Club's website. Email to be sent to members to let them know about the new opportunities. Thanks to Simon for setting up.**

4.1.4 Update on the club's first competition **Simon organised the Club's first competition which took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. 16 members took part and all enjoyed the experience. Thanks to Simon for organising.**

4.1.5 To consider request for assistance from Bishops Waltham Tennis Club **Nothing further to report.**

4.1.6 Request for funding to pay for assistant coaches (review employment issues with payments made to coaches) **HMRC may consider coaches and assistant coaches to be employees. It was agreed that the Club should have a contract for services with each assistant coach to help clarify the position. Action Adrian B.**

4.1.7 To consider Beacon Status requirements **The Club meets the criteria and it was agreed to pursue the status.**

4.1.8 Request from a member for a practice wall **It was agreed to add the practice wall to a longer term wish list for the Club. A suitable location is needed together with funding.**

4.1.9 Proposals for a club Christmas party **It was agreed to hold a children's party on 7<sup>th</sup> December at Knowle Village Hall 1-3pm. Loopy Lutus to run the party at a cost of £160 plus hall hire of £20. Individual invitations to be given to children taking part in the coaching sessions. Further details to be agreed.**

4.2 To receive update on Club accounts **Balance at the end of October £10,502.**

4.3 To receive update on membership **Currently 278 members of which 99 are juniors.**

Next meeting to be held at the end of January, date to be confirmed.

Meeting closed 12 noon.