

# Wickham Community Tennis Club

**Minutes of a meeting held at 6.00pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at Knowle Village Hall.**

**Present:** Adrian Keen, Simon Barry, Thérèse Evans (Parish Council representative), Robert Goulson, Sue North, Sam Marston, Richard Watson,

1. To receive apologies for absence **Sue Roger-Jones (Parish Council representative)** Alan Ediss,
2. **Membership Review** – We now have 264 members [generating £7200] including approx. 88 juniors. Since last year we have lost 114 members, but gained 95 new ones.  
26 former members of Bishops Waltham Tennis Club have joined Wickham. [We have a total of 38 members from B.W.]
3. **B.W. courts** – concern over the surface and possible dangers but B.W.P.C. would need to see increased court usage before allocating funds for a re-furbishment. However they have agreed to de-mossing and cleaning of the courts, and a re-paint is scheduled for 2015.  
Richard agreed to contact B.W.P.C. about the court surface, possible liability, and the need to work towards a re-furbishment.  
Some concern was expressed over whether the P.C. has public liability insurance covering the tennis courts and whether this applies during coach-led activities.  
  
Club program at B.W. – After 5 weeks Fraser has approx. 10 children attending Sunday morning sessions. Adrian would like to see some adult beginner sessions, coach-led. Ideally he would like an additional 2 hours of adult activities and 1 extra hour of children's tennis on evenings / weekends. [preferably at a complementary time to the Wickham options]  
Coaching options to be discussed initially with Chris, and options to be sought.  
Fraser's Sunday sessions to continue subject to support.
4. **Coach Liaison** – it was agreed that Sam is best placed to take this role and she will discuss development of the coaching options with Chris, and feedback to the Committee. It was agreed that Chris should be invited to report to Committee meetings.
5. **Communication** – newsletters have been emailed to members but several people were not on Richard's contacts list – Sam/Richard to investigate/update lists. Sam will try to incorporate information about the Ladies and mixed II teams in the next Adult letter as the other teams were featured in the first newsletter.

Sam to continue updating website and noticeboard [schedule to be updated on a clear timetable please]. Sam to be paid for this work.

6. Some members have been upset by the **Wykeham House bookings**, and it was agreed that next year communication needs to be better, and that we should consider raising the fees.

7. **Open day** – Sun 13<sup>th</sup> July – [there is a fixture which will need to be re-arranged / the Open day changed...] Adrian and Richard to co-ordinate this with help from others [Sue and Therese unavailable].

Open Day to include a short EGM [**did we decide that this is no longer necessary???**] An EGM would require all members to be notified in advance.

8. **Coaching program** – Chris' report was well-received.  
The possibility of a match-focused session, perhaps on a Tuesday evening for 1 hour incorporating some drills was raised. £3/session. Tuesday evening regulars to be approached by Simon?  
To be discussed with Ian, Michelle and Lyse and then Sam will discuss with Chris if appropriate.
9. **Chris' fees** - following his request for a raise to £26/hour.  
This generated a lengthy discussion as the level of cost needs to be sustainable in terms of income generated vs expenditure. It was agreed that the increased fees would be paid subject to review on 31/12/2014, but with several caveats:
- There will be no head coach fees levied on top of fees to other coaches.
  - Income generated must cover the cost of the coach's fees in order for this to be sustainable.
  - It is necessary for the income to cover the cost of hiring the Knowle facility as well as the coach fee, [where appropriate].
  - Private coaching on Wickham Courts – this will be discussed in future as a fee to coaches operating on Club courts may be appropriate where coaching involves non-members.
10. **Beer festival money** £2500– thanks to Sabrina and her husband, and to Simon for helping at the beer festival. Money to go in to new Pavilion fund. Therese felt that the Parish Council would be supporting this actively and moving forward with it within the next year.

**Next meeting 2pm Monday 22nd September at Knowle Village Hall –  
Sam -please can you book the Hall?**

Meeting closed 8.00pm