

# Wickham Community Tennis Club

Minutes of a committee meeting held at 4.30pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at Knowle Village Hall.

**Present:** Simon Barry Chairman, Nicki Oliver Secretary, Alan Ediss Treasurer, Thérèse Evans [Parish Council representative], Robert Goulson, Sue North, Nick Watson.

1. To receive apologies for absence **Active Academy Head Coach Chris Hull, Sue Roger-Jones [Parish Council representative]**
2. To receive declarations of interest on agenda items **None.**
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015 **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 **See attached report.**
    - 4.1.2 To review club and team programme **Coached sessions are being provided in accordance with demand which is working well but may be leaving a minority who feel their needs are not being met. The Committee is open to feedback from members.**
  - 4.2 To receive update on Club accounts January – June 2015

Class	Net Income	Net Expenditure
1 Subscriptions	5,380.00	
3 Pay and play	32.00	
4 AA court hire	408.00	
5 Match fees	9.00	
A Coaching		66.00-
B KCBA hall hire		22.50-
D Club administration		133.75-
H Court equipment		277.23-
I Accountant		270.00-
J Bishops Waltham Cub closing payment		350.00-
K Misc exp		80.00-
0 Bank balance at beginning of year	11,409.91	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>17,238.91</b>	<b>1,199.48-</b>
Cash Flow	16,039.43	
Cash Flow / Income %	93.04	

4.3 To receive update on agreed business plan proposals for 2015/16:

- Fund/subsidise coaching at Wickham CE Primary £600: **See the Coach's report. Disappointing lack of action and response from the school. Three children signed up but the school does not appear to be supporting the scheme. Club needs to include them in the coaching programme if possible. Sue Roger-Jones to be asked find out names and to promote the scholarship scheme in her role as governor.**
- Provide adult tennis activities / open days / competitions £500:  
Senior tennis opportunity – **new beginners session due to start following Sam Marston's successful grant application. Request for visits from JEM Tennis for teams and improvers, possibly on a Tuesday evening to revitalise the improvers' club session.**  
Tennis Foundation sessions for Hampshire Autism / LTA disability network – **Chris Hull. Ongoing.**
- Provide junior competitions / open days £300:  
Quorn LTA Parent & Child tournament 2<sup>nd</sup> May at Knowle – feedback  
Great British Tennis Weekend 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> May & 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> June - feedback  
Link with Fareham Leisure Centre. **Active Academy ran the Quorn tournament at Swanmore College, a very successful event. The GBTW's drew lots of visitors and new members have come forward. The earlier weekend was more popular.**
- Contribute £3,600 towards sinking fund for courts and floodlights – **agreed to transfer.**
- Increase adult and junior participation in competitive tennis – feedback from teams. **Junior and adult teams running well. More help needed with junior teams next season.**
- Promote club at local events: Taste of Wickham Festival **Street tennis volunteers needed.**
- Achieve Tennismark **Ongoing.**

New club accommodation – Nick/Nicki **Options for temporary or rented accommodation to be researched to meet the Club's immediate need.**

4.4 To receive update on membership **There are currently 195 members of which 121 are juniors.**

4.5 Communications from members

Court maintenance – Alan **Courts due to be repainted next year.**

Adult coaching – Sue **Looking to set up some JEM tennis sessions for improvers.**

Meeting closed 6.30pm

## **Report from Chris Hull Active Academy**

### **Junior Competition.**

We are very proud of our Juniors who are participating in the Ageon competition this year. Excellent pictures and match updates have been made available on the Facebook page managed by Active Academy. This is the first experience for the juniors with external formal competition. To encourage our juniors to compete in the future we entered three mini red teams and an orange and green squads. We use an inclusive approach rather than only selecting better players.

Coach Sam has put in a huge amount of time a energy and commitment to make this all possible. This is new experience for parents as well as players and Sam has done a fantastic job to make this happen. We would look to encourage some parents to take up the roles of team captains in future years to lighten the load of co-ordination.

### **Junior Programme.**

Sessions are still going well with a recent upsurge in our youngest "Mini Tots" session. Due mainly to the first Great British Tennis weekend response. The Sat Teen session has now been split into two groups as numbers are strong and we felt there was need to differentiate abilities. This approach has only just been started and we will review in July to assess the programme for September.

### **Adults.**

The numbers attending Hannah's 8.30 Sat session have been low so this session has been stopped. This also allowed the additional Teen session to be introduced. Thurs Eve Cardio Tennis and Improvers continue to hold up and attract new members. Tues/Fri weekday sessions are held as individual/shared lesson and if a reasonable group is available as was the case last Friday a group session is run. Sat Cardio continues - although not a large group does attract parents to have some time on-court. Some juniors also join this session.

### **Adult Beginner / Return to Tennis sessions.**

Whilst the club was not successful in its funding request to the GBSeniors/LTA scheme a successful application was made via Sam on behalf of Knowle Village Hall. Assuming the committee is happy for sessions to be run at the main courts it would be better to run the courses at Wickham. We have been canvassing parents of the juniors as well as recent visitors and already have 10/11 names interested. Active Academy has also received a small grant from GBSeniors to run sessions at the Cams Hill School which we can then feed new players into Wickham.

### **Great British Tennis weekend.**

First weekend was well attended (for example 16 visitors at Knowle). Response to the second recent weekend was much lower mainly to be due to many other clubs running events and the summer season of general activities being well underway. Everyone who did apply online has been contacted and encouraged to join sessions.

### **Wickham School.**

The school decided to not accept the clubs excellent offer of scholarship places /free coaching. We understand only three children applied. A very significant investment in time was made to discuss the plans with the school including several meetings . The club was replying on the school to identify children and speak with parents and promote the opportunity. A parent / member of our club recently commented they had not read about the Tennis offer in any of the recent newsletters?

### **Hampshire Autism**

Autistic Adult sessions at Fareham Leisure Centre. I recently completed 6 Tennis sessions for this group. This was a very challenging but rewarding experience. The group that runs the regular sessions have asked how to obtain the inclusive Tennis equipment pack to continue to use Tennis within their sessions. I am in contact with the Tennis Foundation to see if I can source one of the Inclusive packs for the group, Cost is £100.

### **Miss Hits**

We now have a member of the team qualified to deliver the Judy Murray inspired "Miss Hits" girls only (8 and under) programme. Sam had a great time recently on her course working with Judy. An initial course is underway at Wykeham house school and we will learn and run further courses. This is an indoor session so likely to be at Knowle.

### **Summer term coaching**

The club have asked Active Academy to run some 1 hour junior sessions . Could we ask that the club confirm how many and which days so we can quickly ask the coaching team for their availability. The summer camp dates are in process of being organised. Can we please also ask how these will be advertised by the club.

Wykeham house boys received three hours of coaching from Sam at the courts recently. We are encouraging anyone who wishes to join up.