

Wickham Community Tennis Club

Minutes of a meeting held at 7pm Wednesday 13th April at Wickham Community Centre

1. To receive apologies for absence
Therese Evans, Alan Eddis, Chris Hull, Sam Kingdon-Marston
2. To receive declarations of interest on agenda items
None received
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9/3/16
1 item amended – Sam Kingdon-Marston is given Complimentary membership as opposed to Honorary as stated
4. To present agreed requirements for Club house
See attached spreadsheet which will be forwarded to Nicki Oliver, Parish Clerk detailing agreed required/nice to have options for future facility. It was also agreed to remove the need for permanent outside seating, first aid supplies (these we will provide ourselves in the future) and storage for table and chairs. PC advised the new facility is likely to take the form of a ‘pod’ added on to existing recreation facility but that this would be for the sole use of the tennis club and will include a disabled toilet.
5. To consider the following agenda items:
 - 5.1 to review and receive updates on club activities
 - discuss and establish new club objectives
committee members will be invited to submit ideas via email for vote at next meeting
 - update on club notice board/progress of calendar of events
Emma/Simon to chase up for some help on calendar presentation from Knowle Community Centre
 - review requirement and receive update on response regarding formal coaching programme for team players
decision was to ‘shelve’ coaching programme for now as response from team members was ambivalent and it is recognised that Swanmore is capturing those who want training. The situation will be reviewed in the future
 - club involvement in community
Kim to hold taster session in response to request from Waltham Chase Brownies.
Knowle Youth Club – Emma trying to finalise arrangements for taster session in conjunction with AA
Wickham Youth Club – no response to invite. Emma to follow up
Rally for Felix – 1st bookings have been made. Club was offered a stall at BW carnival but would prefer to generate volunteers for the rally and Taste of Wickham Festival later in summer.

- Report on progression of court cleaning/repainting
Contractor appointed. 1 weeks closure of courts required – club to advise PC of appropriate time after end June. Reported that some of the ties on the fence near the light switch box have popped and will require attention. Net has also been replaced recently. Simon has subsequently contacted the Parish Clerk and advised last week of July as first available opportunity.

- Receive update on need for volunteers
Kim Ford approached already. Simon to progress this further in more formal manner

It was identified we need some IT/website/social media management help – membership to be asked for skill set (Nick's questionnaire?)

- Receive update on windbreak from PC
Requests for windbreak have been declined again. The PC feels the park space needs to remain visibly open.

- Update regarding brown sign for tennis club
Winchester City Council want to keep signage to a minimum and have suggested that it would be more appropriate that the club identifies itself some other way. Request for club sign on new 'pod' added to list presented to PC for clubhouse requirements. Emma to investigate possibility of banner on tennis court fence.

- Discuss BW/Active Academy relationship with regards to WCTC
WCTC to have full disclosure of Wickham members who use BW so we can review and monitor the situation; coaching by AA to be offered at both venues available for the same cost to members of each club. Conflict of interest noted as BW membership costs less than WCTC but acknowledgement of Chris's impact on the current membership numbers at WCTC. Wickham is running out of capacity on evenings and weekends so BW may help release this pressure. Concern raised by PC re Chris's access to our Clubspark page – reassurance given that membership list can be viewed, no access to details possible. Simon to contact Chris to establish informal agreement that WCTC expect anyone attending Wickham/Knowle for coaching to be members of Wickham. To be reviewed in 3 months to assess impact. Also AA to be asked that we are made aware of any posts regarding WCTC before they go live

5.2 to receive update on club accounts

£16622.08

- Update on court hire fee
Electricity costs in excess of £900. Not unaffordable but Simon to explore quote for LED lights. No change on fee but to be revisited in Autumn when lights in use more often. After subsequent meeting with LTA, Simon reports that installation of LEDs would be prohibitively expensive.

5.3 to receive update on club membership approx. 150 members already renewed. 120 still to renew but these are mostly junior memberships – no incentive to renew early. Some conversions to family memberships noted rather than junior renewals.

- Clubspark

Service provision cost 1-2% - no concern

5.4 communications from members

- court etiquette

Coaches have been asked to ensure courts are ready for next user. Improvement reported.

Members involved and team captains have been asked to respect other people's court usage.

- Social media abuse/honorary membership revocation

Alan Ediss to speak to Adrian Keen to resolve. Proof of social media abuse discussed and will not be tolerated. Honorary members should be seen to act appropriately and not bring WCTC into disrepute. No further action at this time but constitution does allow for revocation of membership if deemed necessary in future.

5.5 AOB

- Sue to create weekly timetable
- Temporary arrangement been made to move some matches to BW to free up court space on weekends
- LTA initiatives taken up by WCTC include summer membership and tennis for kids (3 courses funded by LTA delivered by AA aimed at children who have never played tennis before – one of these is specifically targeted at Wickham Primary School.) Other initiatives available include 'tennis Tuesdays' aimed at getting ladies back into tennis and 'advantage tennis' aimed at attracting men into tennis again/for the first time. These may be considered for inclusion in WCTC's programme at a later date.

Meeting closed 8:30pm