

WELLS TOWN TENNIS CLUB

Minutes 24th April 2019 at 7.00pm in the Clubhouse.

Present: Paula Baldry, Kevin Wick, Tracey Griffin, Sara Hodges, Suzanne Stratton, Deborah Finkemeyer, Peter Foreman and Mike Walker.

Apologies: Bert

Minutes 24th March were passed and signed by Paula the new Chair.

Matters Arising:

All on the agenda.

1. Chair's Report.

- i) NLTA/NNDC, Paula reported back on the meeting held today at Cromer. The action plan was discussed and will be circulated when available. The monies available have been reduced from £220K to £170K, unsure still how this is to be spent, Cromer indoor courts going ahead, floodlights being considered and some monies for minor equipment/projects. The courts are to be assessed again, done within the last year. The results going to NNDC Cabinet by October.
- ii) A peg board system to be trialed. Previously circulated, each member to have a peg and placed on a line for picking. Paula to produce a simple crib-sheet. Decided that when busy at deuce to play sudden death.

2 Secretary's Report.

- i) Castle Acre match fixtures now sorted, a discussion about how to pick the team as we now have several eligible players, both women and men. The committee felt that the best team should be picked. Mike asked for some form of independent review, although captain difficult to be objective about picking self. Not resolved.
- ii) Store cupboard lock, Mike messed up the key safe, decided another to be purchased, Mike NOT to touch. Two new keys have been purchased, one for Paula and a spare.
- iii) Cromer tournament fixed and booked for the 18th August, cost about £140, Over 20 from Wells signed up, will get more from Massingham.
- iv) Massingham friendly, 21st July at 3pm, followed by fish and chips. Michael Martin to captain, others to be picked out of a hat as a few put names down.
- v) LTA visit re safe guarding, 11th June at 10am. Sub committee of Deborah, Paula, Kevin and Mike. To meet on Wednesday 15th May at 10am. Afterwards to send out the survey forms to all members. -Mike asked all to look at the data protection guidance previously circulated.
- vi) Kevin talked about the ladder; members are clearly finding the electronic system difficult. All committee members to have a go at joining, Kevin to

resend guidance. Paula mentioned that only being on-line could be discriminatory against those not being on-line. Kevin talked about the N.Elm system where they do a team ladder on a day, Saturday or Sunday. To be explored.

3. Treasurer's Report. (Tracey sent apologies)

- i) The finances are: current account £3,514 sinking fund £27,913.89 deposit account £1510.40 total £30514. Electricity charge to be increased 'climate levies'. Unsure exactly what this entails.
- ii) Memberships were now coming in for the new year, Tracey hadn't given up to date numbers, but forms were coming in.

4. Health and Safety -Standing Item.

- i) The courts had been regularly checked and reported on, the clubhouse cleaned and checked, PATesting complete. Tracey checks the first aid box; we need a system for reporting when item used, and the cold compress used. There are accident forms in the club house.

5 Court Maintenance.

- i) Peter has sprayed the courts weeds, suggested that we have a working party to complete weeding etc. No date arranged.
A paving slab needed for the entrance to the courts as a dip noted. Deborah has two slabs and Geoff F would help put them in place, Sara has the sand.
- ii) Discussed cleaning the courts, Peter said cost about £5K, two companies that he knows about but would explore others. Re-doing the courts would be about £30K.
- iii) Tracey to check how much new nets cost, believed about £100, an interim measure could be scrubbing the white tape.

6. Junior Programme

- i) The coaching with Becky to commence the 25th April. Paula has given Becky the registration form for all the children, Deborah to go up to the courts to see Becky. Cost £4 a session, £1 coming to the club, children to be encouraged to join. Mike had given Paula some old information, that after attending the coaching around 10 times they'd become a member. Deborah explained that when done this in the past it hadn't achieved the goal of more junior members. Agreed to try this again.
As regards the 'tennis for kids' initiative, Deborah believed that Becky was not running this but Mike under the impression that she was as he'd discussed, to check with Becky. In the programme the kids get a racquet, t-shirt and three balls.
- ii) *APHS are holding a tennis event Monday 29th April at 3.30 pm. Organised by Joe Wilding. Deborah and Kevin are going up to encourage contact with the school, Deborah taking membership forms.*

7. Social Events.

The events for the year organised

- i) Quiz 12th October in the WI hall, food to be agreed later
- ii) Paella at the club 30th June after tennis, cost to be decided.
- iii) Roast 17th November in WI hall 12md, cost to be decided.

Other events to be organised at next meeting, Mary B, Colin P.

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- i) Kevin asked for the club to pay for engraving of cups etc-agreed.
- ii) Deborah to meet with Kevin to discuss juniors.
- iii) To explore taking over the croquet grass area. Mike to ask Ralph who owns etc.
Also, to speak to Mark who is sorting out the courts at South Creake. Their open day is 26th May, just turn up.
- iv) Suzanne asked about the Wimbledon allocation, the club received 7 pairs, although aware that some had refused them
- v) Kevin asked for his name to be correctly recorded Wick not Wicks.

Date and Time of next meeting Wednesday 22nd May at 7pm in the Club house.